

Port Freight Statistics (last updated January 2025)

Categorisation Flowchart

For more details, please check the complete [notes and definitions](#).

What does the cargo look like?
How is the cargo carried on the ship?



Load on-Load off
Container

What is the size of the container?
*The cargo inside is not of interest here but its weight.
Do not include the weight of the container*

- 99 – Less than 20-foot containers.
- 31 – 20-foot containers.
- 32 – 40-foot containers.
- 33 – Freight containers between 20 and 40-foot in length.
- 34 – Freight containers over 40-foot in length.

Liquid Bulk

What is it?

- 11 – Liquefied gas, e.g. butane, propane and LNG .
- 12 – Crude oil. If weight is unavailable, 1 barrel of oil = 0.14 tonnes .
- 13 – Oil products (i.e. refined hydrocarbon products), including diesel, gasoil, aviation fuel, reformate, gas condensate and benzene heat cut.
- 19 – Other liquid bulk, **not related to petrochemicals** e.g. molasses, juices, ethanol, liquid fertiliser .

Dry Bulk

(can be scooped)

What is it?

- 21 – Ores and scrap, e.g. iron ores, metal scraps, rutile sand.
- 22 – Coal, coke, coke breeze and coke foundry **but not coal by-products (e.g. gypsum, fly ash and slag)**.
- 23 – Bulk agricultural products, e.g. grain, soya or tapioca. Only grains **but not fertiliser or processed, grains (rape or soya meal/pellets) or animal feeds**.
- 24 – Wood pellets, compressed biomass made from wood waste, for use as a renewable fuel source.
- 29 – Other dry bulk, e.g. coal by-products, ash, fertiliser products, cement, aggregates or wood chip **but not wood pulp or wood pellets**.

Roll-On Roll-Off

*(vehicle or other
container rolled onto
the vessel)*

Is it self-propelled?
Was it transported on the vessel by itself?

- 51 – Road goods vehicles with or without accompanying trailers, **not import/export motor vehicles**.
- 52 – Passenger cars, motorcycles with or without any accompanying trailers/caravans, **not import/export motor vehicles**.
- 53 – Passenger buses, which are not for trade.
- 54 – Import/export motor vehicles.
- 59 – Other mobile self-propelled units, e.g. a mobile crane that is being moved but not traded.

Only include the tonnage
of the cargo, not the
weight of the
vehicle/carrying unit.

Is it not self-propelled?

- 61 – Unaccompanied road goods trailers and semi-trailers.
- 62 – Unaccompanied caravans and other road, agricultural or industrial vehicles.
- 63 – Rail wagons, shipborne port-to-port trailers and shipborne barges. e.g. containers/cargo loaded onto MAFI’s or lash barges. One MAFI loaded with cargo is recorded as one unit and the weight is entered.
- 69 – Other mobile non self-propelled units, e.g. large industrial vehicles carrying goods which are pulled on to the vessel.

Other

(none of the above)

- 56 – Live animals on the hoof.
- 91 – Forestry products, including timber, paper and pulp (when shipped as break bulk).
- 92 – Iron and steel products, e.g. steel coils, uncoated metal pipes and strip but not manufactured products.
- 93 – Wind farm products, e.g. blades, tower sections for wind turbines, casings and cables.
- 99 – Other general cargo (none of the previous categories or less than 20-foot containers). This includes any goods that are transported in bags, barrels, on palettes, etc.

Common miscoding errors!

- **Check the content of the liquid bulk**, not everything is “other liquid bulk”.
- **Bulk agricultural products (23)** only include grains and not processed or fertilised.
- **Wood pulp is a forestry product (91)**, not a bulk agricultural products or other dry bulk.
- Similarly, wood chip is considered other dry bulk (29) and wood pellets is its own category (24).
- **Check if the iron and steel** is a product (92) or metal ore and/or scrap (21).
- **Any vehicle being shipped for trade is 54.**