

Barcelona port's container traffic drops in 2023 first half

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Port of Barcelona

The port of Barcelona announced that container traffic declined by 11% to 1.6 million TEUs in the first half of the year.

Port Authority's general manager, José Alberto Carbonell, stated that 32.5 million tonnes of goods were moved, which is 10.6% less than in the same period in 2022, "due mainly to a drop in liquid bulk and transshipment containers."

"Dry bulk and cars are the positive side of this year's traffic, experiencing significant growth," noted José Alberto Carbonell.

Hinterland traffic, which includes export and import goods traffic, performed far better than overall traffic and remained at similar levels to 2022, with a movement of 17.6 million tonnes.

In terms of bulk commodities, liquid bulk transit was 6.7 million tonnes, translating to a 15.8% decline.

"The reasons for this decline lie in the drop in hydrocarbon traffic and LNG imports; in this latter case because storage tanks are very full and there is little demand due to the cooling of economic activity, the increasing use of renewables by the electricity sector and the unusually high winter temperatures," stated general manager of Port of Barcelona.