

Cargo Traffic increased by 6% at Mersin Port... Denizhaber, 18.01.2010

Mersin Port as one of the most important port in the Eastern Mediterranean, cargo traffic has increased by 6% and reached to 19.4 million tons in the period of January-November, 2009 compared to the previous year.



According to information taken from Mersin Chamber of Shipping, loading has increased by 6% and reached to 8.3 million tons in this period while 6% increase realized at discharging that reached to 11.1 million tons. This is emphasized that mainly import but also export is effective in this increase. When analyzed the loading statistics, loading has increased by 45% and reached to 909.564 tons compared to the period of November, 2008. Additionally, when

examining the discharging statistics, there was 10% increase and reached to 978.561 tons. While stated that total cargo traffic increased by 24% on November and reached to 1.888.125 tons, especially increase of export and transit cargos is effective on this increase.

Despite the fact that export growth rate decelerated on the period of 2009, 7% increase was occurred and reached to 7.078.329 tons compared between Jan-Nov periods of 2008. Moreover, cement & general cargo & foodstuff that are important within the total export cargos. Increase of these export cargos was effective in this improvement. When examining the improvement of export from Mersin port on a monthly basis, there was an increase on October, 2009 and this increase continued on November, 2009. Additionally, 19% increase was realized and reached to 809 thousands tons on November compared to last month. In this improvement, increase on the export of mine & cement & cereals was effective.

With the increase under the influence of petroleum products, chemicals and cereals export realized from Mersin port in 11-months period of 2009, there was 9% increase and reached to 9.2 million tons, compared to the same period of the



previous year. Moreover, when analyzed the improvement of import monthly; this is emphasized that while increase realized on October, decrease realized on November. This decrease on import showed 20% decline on November compared to last month and decreased to 784 thousands tons. In this situation, cereals & general cargo % chemicals were effective on this decrease.

In the period of January-November 2009, domestic transportation increased by 1% and reached to 1.330.109 tons compared to the previous year. Petroleum products that have the share of 71% within the total domestic transportation, increased by 2% compared to last year. Cargo capacity of transit transportation decreased by 7% compared to last year. In this decrease, general cargo was effective. When evaluating the transit and domestic transportation monthly, increase was realized with the increase at petroleum products at domestic transportation. On the other hand, at transit transportation, after the important decline on October, decrease continued with the effects of decrease at general cargo and container cargos also on November. When analyzing the containers basis on TEU in 11-months period of 2009, 4% decrease was realized with especially the effects of discharging cargos compared to last year. While given information that 4059 vessels came to Mersin port for the operation, 5% increase was realized compared to the same period of 2008.