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Abbrevia	itions	mln	Million
ARA	Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam range	M/T MT	Motor tanker Metric tons
b/d	Barrels per day	mtd	per ton fob delivered
BHP	Brake horsepower	mth	Month
bln	Billion	mtw	Per ton ex wharf
CBM	Cubic metres (also m ³)	n.a.	Not available
CEU	Car equivalent unit	NDRF	National Defence Reserve Fleet
cgt	Compensated gross tonnage	n.e.c.	Not elsewhere classified
cif	Cost, insurance, freight	neg.	Negligible
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	NIS no	Norwegian International Ship Register Number
CLIA	Cruise Lines International Association	nrt	Net register tonnage
COD	Country of Domicile	nt	Net tonnage
CPE	Centrally-planned Economies	NWE,NW	Northwest Europe
CPI	Consumer price index	o.a.	Over all
CRSL	Clarkson Research Services Limited	OBO	Ore/bulk/oil carrier
cST	Centi Stokes	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and
cu.m	Cubic metres (also m3)	OPEC	Development Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
DB	Double bottom	OR	Ordinary Register
DC	Developing Countries	P/C	Products carrier
DH	Double hull	r	Revised
DIS	Danish International Ship Register	ro/ro	Roll-on/roll-off
DME	Developed market economies	RT	Revenue ton
DS	Double sides	SAR	Special administration region
dwt	Deadweight tons	SBT	Ship segregated ballast tanks
d/y	Day/year	SDR SEA Europe	Special drawing rights Shipyards' & Maritime Equipment Association of
ECB	European Central Bank	SEA Europe	Europe
EMEs	Emerging Market Economies	SOx	sulfur oxides
EU	European Union	SSMR	ISL Shipping Statistics and Market Review
FY	Fiscal year	SSYB	ISL Shipping Statistics Yearbook
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	ST	Short ton
FEU	Forty feet equivalent unit	t TB	Ton/tonne
fio	Free in and out	ТС	Tug/barge Time charter
fob	Free on board	TEU	Twenty-foot equivalent unit
FT	Freight tons	ТКВ	Tanker barge
ft	Foot	ULCC	Ultra large crude carrier
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	USAC	United States Atlantic Coast
gt/grt	Gross tonnage	USGC	United States Gulf Coast
HP	Horsepower	USPC	United States Pacific Coast US Dollar
НТ	Harbour ton	USD/\$ VLCC	Very large crude carrier
ibf	Intermediate bunker fuel	VLOC	Very large ore carrier
IEA	International Energy Agency	WS	Worldscale
IMF	International Monetary Fund	wто	World Trade Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization	YR, YRS	Year, Years
in.	Inch		
ITF	International Transport Workers Federation	Symbols	
km	Kilometre		Data not available
loa	Length overall	-	Nil
lbs	Pounds	0/0.0	Less than half of unit employed
LDT	Light displacement tons	1995-2021	From 1995 to 2021 inclusive
LDC	Less Developed Countries	2002/03	Crop year, fiscal year etc., beginning
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas		in 2002 and terminating in 2003
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Billions mean	is a thousand million
LT	Long ton		is in tables do not necessarily add to totals because of
m	Metre	rounding	
mbd	Million barrel per day		
mdo	Marine diesel oil	For furt	her explanation (e.g. Glossary) please visit:
MED	Mediterranean	www.is	
MfA	Marine fishing area	I	

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ISL's Monthly Container Port Traffic Index is based on monthly container traffic of the world's top container ports. In total, the ports reflected in the index handled approx. 617.3 mill TEU in 2024, equalling around 80 per cent of world container traffic. The monthly TEU volumes per port are available since 2000. The different regions are represented by the following ports:

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Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Ningbo, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Tianjin, Xiamen
Bandar Abbas (Iran), Ashdod, Haifa (Israel); Salalah (Oman), Dammam, Jeddah (Saudi Arabia); Jebel Ali (UAE),
Chennai, Nhava Sheva (India); Manila (Philippines), Singapore, Colombo (Sri Lanka), Bangkok, Laem Chabang (Thailand), Port Klang (Malaysia)
Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Seaport Alliance (Seattle, Tacoma) (USA); Prince Rupert, Vancouver (Canada)
Baltimore, Charleston, Houston, New York/ New Jersey, Port of Virginia, Savannah (USA), Montreal (Canada)
Antwerp-Brugges (Belgium), Bremen/Bremerhaven, Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven (Germany); Dublin (Ireland), Gdansk,
Gdynia (Poland); Helsinki, Hamina/Kotka (Finland); Le Havre (France), Lisbon, Sines (Portugal); Rotterdam
Netherlands), St Petersburg (Russia), Tallinn (Estonia)
Alexandria & EL-Dekheila, Port Said (Egypt); Ambarli, Mersin, Teklirdag, Kocaeli (Turkey; Ashdod, Haifa (Israel);
Algeciras, Barcelona, Valencia (Spain); Beirut (Lebanon), Casablanca (Morocco), Genoa, Napoli, Salerno (Italy); Piraeus (Greece)
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America: Buenos Aires (Argentina), Itajai, Paranagua, Rio Grande do Sul, Santos (Brazil); San Antonio (Chile),
Cartagena (Colombia), Limon Moin (Costa Rica),Guayaquil (Ecuador), Kingston (Jamaica); Lazaro Cardenas,
Manzanillo, Veracruz (Mexico); Balboa, Manzanillo (Panama); Callao (Peru), Montevideo (Uruguay). Oceania:
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Netherlands includes Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, Aruba. Portugal includes Madeira.

Spain includes Canary Islands.

UK includes Isle of Man, Falkland Island, Turks and Caicos , St. Helens, Jersey.

US includes Puerto Rico.

Broken-up Tonnage

includes ships sold for breaking. Figures on broken-up tonnage are not revised if vessels reported for breaking are trading again.

Merchant Ship Type Structures

Based on "An International Classification of Ships by Type" (ICST (1994)

Definition of terms used in merchant ship structures type classification.

Tanker: Single-deck vessel constructed and arranged for the carriage of liquid cargoes in tanks integral to the hull and include crude oil or non-hazardous (IMO code) refined products.

Chemical tanker: Vessel constructed and arranged for carrying hazardous (IMO code) cargoes in special tanks.

Liquid gas tanker: Vessel constructed and arranged for the carriage of liquefied gases either in integral tanks or independent tanks under pressure or refrigerated.

Dry Bulk: Dry cargo vessel. One deck, machinery aft with topside tanks capable of carrying a variety of self-trimming cargoes.

Basic Ship Type Structure and ISL Ship Type Aggregates

Ore Carrier (Bulk Carrier): Dry cargo vessel, one deck, strengthening for ore cargoes.

Ore/Bulk/Oil Carrier (OBO): Bulk carrier arranged for the carriage of either bulk dry cargoes or liquid cargoes in the same cargo spaces but not simultaneously.

General Cargo: Single or multi-deck general dry cargo vessel with facilities for loading/ discharging cargo.

Specialised Carrier (Special Ship): Dry cargo vessel specially designed for the carriage of particular cargoes, incl. open hatch carriers and reefer fish carriers.

Reefer: Specialised dry cargo vessel with 80 % or more insulated cargo space.

RoRo Cargo/RoRo Passenger: Vessel arranged for Roll-on Roll-off loading / discharging of vehicles (road and/or rail) as cargo and / or passenger conveyances.

Container Ship (Fully Cellular Container Ships): Vessel fitted throughout with fixed or portable cell guides for the carriage of containers above and below the weather deck.

Passenger: Vessel which carries more than 12 fare paying passengers whether berthed or unberthed (ferries).

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			Special Fleet Report	Broken-up tonnage etc.			
LIQUID	Oil tankers	 Crude oil tankers Crude/products tankers Products tankers 	Oil tankers " "	Tankers "			
	Oil / Chemical tankers	- Oil chemical tankers - Chemical tankers - Other tankers	Oil / Chemical tankers " "	Tankers "			
	Liquid gas tankers	 - LNG carriers - LPG carriers - Other liquid gas carriers 	Liquid gas tankers " "	Tankers " "			
DRY BULK	Bulk carriers	 bulk carriers other bulk carriers incl. ore carriers Ore/bulk/oil carriers Ore/oil carriers Bulk/oil carriers 	Bulk carriers Other bulk carriers " " "	Bulk carriers " " "			
OHTER DRY CARGO	General cargo ships	of which - Conventional Cargo ships - Special ships - Pure car carriers - Reefer ships - RoRo cargo ships	General cargo ships, of which Conventional Cargo ships Special ships Pure car carriers Reefer ships RoRo cargo ships	General cargo ships, of which Conventional Cargo ships (a) (a) (a)			
	Container ships Passenger and passenger cargo ships (b)	 Fully cellular container ships of which Passenger ships 	Fully cellular container ships Passenger and cargo passenger ships, of which Passenger ships	Fully cellular container ships Passenger ships "			
		- Cargo/RoRo passenger ships	Cargo/RoRo passenger ships	"			

(a) Included in General Cargo Ships.

(b) Including ships (berthed and unberthed) for passenger transport and passenger carrying vessels like general cargo passenger ships, ro-ro passenger ships (ferries).

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