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Valencia, 29th December 2016. - In 2015, Valenciaport handled over 70 million tons of goods with countries on five continents. This figure makes Valenciaport the most used port by the importing and exporting companies of our country in its commercial relations with 84 other countries in the world. Valenciaport is the gateway of Spanish foreign trade with economic powers like China or the United States, nearby countries like Italy or Algeria and other 80 countries of the five continents.

In the words of Aurelio Martinez, "these data show that the strategy developed by the Port Authority of Valencia has been successful. In the maritime sector, the size of the enclosures is important because it allows us to enjoy direct connections, significantly reducing the logistical costs, which ends up producing direct benefits for the business fabric used by Valenciaport for its foreign trade".

From the analysis of the data of the Port Authority of Valencia (discounting transit and container tares) it is extracted that Valencia is the main enclosure of Spain for the maritime trade with Italy. Specifically, at the end of 2015, trade relations with the transalpine country accounted for a total of 3.19 million tonnes. Thus, the Spanish business sector exported 1.79 million tonnes and imported 1.40 million tonnes from Italy. The most exported goods to Italy were machinery, tools and spare parts with 382,000 tonnes; oils and greases, with 315,000 tonnes; and wines, beverages, alcohols and by-products with 272,000 tonnes. For its part, through Valenciaport vehicles and their parts were imported mainly with 312,000 tonnes; and steel products, with 178,000 tonnes.

Equally, the port of Valencia stands as the main gateway to Spain for foreign trade with China, with a movement of about 3 million tonnes in 2015. Through Valenciaport, our country imported 1.66 million of tonnes coming from this country among which stand out traffic as rest of goods, with 692,000 tonnes; machinery, tools and spare parts, with 265,000 tonnes; and steel products, with 200,000 tonnes. Similarly, the Spanish business sector exported 1.33 million tonnes to China, mainly of products as elaborated construction materials, with 568,000 tonnes; and paper and pulp, with 292,000 tonnes.

Valencia also plays a priority role in the commercial relationship between our country and the United States. In 2015, 1.41 million tonnes were handled through Valenciaport with origin / destination American power. Specifically, Spanish companies exported 947,000 tonnes to the United States, including goods such as processed construction materials, with 312,000 tonnes; and automobiles and their parts, with 122,000 tonnes. Equally, Spain imported 460,000 tonnes from the United States, highlighting goods

such as paper and pulp, with 181,000 tonnes; and fruits, vegetables and legumes, with 78,000 tonnes.

Finally, Valencia is also the main entrance / exit door of Spanish foreign trade with Arab countries such as Algeria, which closed 2015 with a movement of 2.68 million tonnes. Thus, Spanish companies exported 1.15 million tonnes of goods with the Algerian country, including goods such as cement and clinker, with 449.00 tonnes; the construction materials, with 286,000 tonnes; and steel products, with 140,000 tonnes. Regarding imports, natural gas stands out with 1.32 million tonnes.