

The Border Inspection Point at Sagunto port will be operational in 2018

- **The infrastructure will cost 4 million euros and is expected to enter in service in approximately 22 months.**
- **Its installation will increase Sagunto Port competitiveness by expanding the control of goods, in addition to those of vegetable and animal origin**

Valencia, November 7th, 2016. - Port Authority of Valencia (PAV), along with the Ministry of Finance and Public Administration has announced the construction of a Border Inspection Point (BIP), in the port of Sagunto which it is expected to enter in operation by the middle of 2018.

This infrastructure, which will cost 4 million euros, will give the port of Sagunto a greater competitiveness, allowing expanding the type of goods that reaches the enclosure. So far only plant origin goods have access to the port of Sagunto, so that the installation of the new BIP will also permit controls to animal origin goods. From the new inspection point, the Ministry of Health, Agriculture, Industry and Trade will carry out the sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary controls on all goods imported from the European Union in order to avoid possible risks for the population.

Sagunto port traffic

The port of Sagunto closed 2015 with a total of 6,369,091 tons, representing a decrease of 13.2% compared to the previous year, marked mainly by the general decrease in both solid and liquid bulk. Non-containerized general commodity closed 2015 with a total of 2,366,718 tons, 22.2% more than in the previous year, due to advances in steel products and automobiles. Steel products traffic closed with a growth of 13.5% and automobile movement ended in 2015 with an increase of 216.9% up to 183,077 units.

For its part, liquid bulk, with a total of 2,496,602 tons, fell by 35.2%, with natural gas which went a 39.1% down, while chemical products grew by 5.2%. Likewise, solid bulk declined 3.1%, highlighting cement and clinker traffic that fell by about 3.9%.

In 2016, the port of Sagunto has closed the month of September with a total traffic of 4,774,366 tons. Although this figure represents a decline of 3.17% over the same period of the previous year, container traffic has advanced an 87.58%, with a total movement of 45,186 TEUs. Similarly, car traffic has experienced a rise of 0.43% to a total of 133,203 handled vehicles.

With regard to non-containerized general merchandise, it has decreased by 8.17% to 1,676,043 tons. In this sense, liquid bulk fell by 12.18% to 1,734,854 tons while solid bulk, closed the third quarter of the year with a rise of 5.25%.