

Paper traffic grew by 13.45% until November in the port of Gandia

Gandia, 21st December 2016. - The port of Gandia ended the month of November with a 13.45% increase in paper and pulp. Total traffic of these goods rose by 166,460 tonnes, consolidating the port as the reference enclave for this type of cargo.

In terms of **total traffic**, according to the latest statistical data from the Port Authority of Valencia, the facility handled 326,649 tonnes from January to November, representing down 9.16% compared to the same period in the previous year. Foreign trade fell by 8.97% due to the behaviour of export traffic, which went down 34.62%. Conversely, imports increased by 11.24%.

Conventional general cargo decreased by 5.90% to a total of 322,387 tonnes. This decrease was mainly due to chemical products, which fell by 31.80% to 68,000 tonnes; and of wood and cork, which went down by 17.73% to 60,000 tonnes.

Containerised general cargo decreased by 71.56%, to a total of 4,860 tonnes due to the decrease in the throughput of fruits, vegetables and pulses, which fell by 69% to 4,20 tonnes.

PAV data

Valenciaport ended the month of November with a 1.46% increase in the total traffic of goods handled through the three ports managed by the Port Authority of Valencia (Valencia, Sagunto and Gandia). In total, during this period, 65,383,063 tonnes have been handled. Foreign trade increased with **import-export** rising by 1.15% to a total traffic of 19,602,704 tonnes. **Imports** increased by 4.49%, to a total of 7,099,586 tonnes, thanks to good registrations of countries such as the United States (+ 8.08%) and India (+ 28.16%). On the other hand, **exports** fell by 0.65% to 12,503,118 tonnes on the back of data from countries such as Italy (-5.34%), Saudi Arabia (-20.48%) and Morocco (-0.07 %). On a positive note, Valenciaport's exports to China and the United States increased by 7.31% and 9.28% respectively. In terms of **overall traffic**, figures increased by 1.39% during this period.

Container traffic consolidated its upward trend with an increase of 1.81% over the same period of the previous year. In total, 4,330,572 TEUs were handled this period. These positive figures were due to an increase in foreign container traffic, which rose by 4.18%. Specifically, **containerized exports** rose by 4.19% to 1,009,386 TEUs while **imports** increased by 4.16% to 1,011,764 TEUs. **Transit traffic** decreased by 0.18%.

Containerised general cargo recorded a rise of 2.58%, with total traffic standing at 49,288,001 tonnes. This growth is motivated by goods such as construction materials which rose by 0.53% to 4.84 million tonnes; other goods which went up by 5.21% to 1.94 million tonnes; and chemical products which increase by 9.56% to 1.65 million tonnes.

Conventional general cargo also increased by 0.25% to a total traffic of 10,029,419 tonnes. This heading includes movements of goods such as steel products, which fell by 6.27% to 1.69 million tonnes. Conversely, cars and their parts registered an increase of 12.69% to 1.43 million tonnes. A breakdown of this traffic revealed that the ports of Sagunto and Valencia handled 714,981 **vehicles** to November, up 13.97% on the same period of the previous year. Similarly, **ro-ro traffic** grew by 6.45% to 8,365,399 tonnes.

Liquid bulk, meanwhile, closed the month of November with a decrease of 4.36% and a total traffic of 3,345,181 tonnes. This drop came from reduced volume of natural gas traffic, which fell by 5.23% to 1.96 million tonnes; of gas oil, which went down by 1.84% to 432,000 tonnes, and of chemicals which decreased by 2.43% to 308,000 tonnes.

Solid bulk also fell by 6.10% to November, to a total traffic of 2,294,605 tonnes. Cereals and flours (-6.38%) stood at 810,000 tonnes; cement and clinker (-33.53%) fell to 451,000 tonnes; and natural and artificial fertilizers (-5.80%) dropped to 441,000 tonnes.

Passenger traffic

According to data from the statistical bulletin of the Port Authority of Valencia for the month of November, 395,279 people arrived in Valencia aboard one of the 176 tourist cruise calls that arrived at the port, representing an increase of 8,58% over the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, 461,257 passengers used regular line services, an increase of 33.49%. In total, from January to November, 856,536 people used the port of Valencia for their maritime journeys, which represents an increase of 20.71% compared to 2015.

Traffic by countries and geographical area

The five countries shipping the largest volume of goods through Valenciaport from January to November were: Spain, with 7.98 million tonnes (+7.12%); China, with 6.24 million tonnes (+18.19%); Algeria, with 5.20 million tonnes (-1.84%); Italy, with 4.44 million tonnes (-4.67%); and the United States, with 3.98 million tonnes (-1.82%). In terms of **geographical areas**, the largest traffic volumes were with Mediterranean and Black Sea stands with 17.75 million tonnes, down 4.68%; and with the Far East, with 8.99 million tonnes, up 15.34%.