Sea transport decreased in February

The goods volume of foreign sea transport was in total 7.1 million tonnes in February 2020. Sea transport decreased by 0.5 million tonnes from last year's February. Export volume fell by 11 per cent and amounted to 3.6 million tonnes. Imports decreased by 0.1 per cent to 3.5 million tonnes.

General cargo was transported most, in total 1.3 million tonnes, which is 18 per cent of all transport. The second most transported was oil products, 1.1 million tonnes, and crude oil, 0.9 million tonnes.

Container transport

A total of 0.8 million tonnes of containers were transported through Finnish ports in February 2020, which is 0.2 million tonnes less than in February 2019. The number of containers transported was 57,623 (101,698
TEU containers). Exports of containers went down by 19.1 per cent measured in tonnes and imports fell by 16.3 per cent measured in tonnes compared to February 2019.

**Vehicle transport**

A total of 226,540 transport equipment were transported in foreign sea traffic in February 2020. Most transports of transport equipment were passenger cars belonging to passengers. In February, 133,907 passenger cars were transported. The second most transported were trucks, 54,340 and truck trailers, 34,732.

**Passenger traffic**

A total of 1,176,634 persons were transported in passenger traffic in February 2020. In all, 585,015 persons travelled between Finland and Estonia and 582,227 persons between Finland and Sweden. Altogether, 9,392 passengers were transported between Finland and Germany. The number of passengers grew by four per cent from February 2019. The number of passengers between Finland and Estonia increased by 53,117 and between Finland and Sweden by 30,457 from one year ago. In February 2020, no passengers of foreign cruise ships arrived in Finland.

**Vessel traffic and goods volume in the Saimaa Canal**

The Saimaa Canal was closed starting from the morning of 1st of February and no transport was registered through the canal in foreign traffic.

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1) TEU, the basic measurement unit of container traffic, refers to one container that is twenty feet long, eight feet wide and 8.5 feet high.
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