Foreign shipping traffic

2021, March

Sea transport decreased in March

The goods volume of foreign sea transport was in total 8.1 million tonnes in March 2021. Sea transport decreased by 5 per cent from last year’s March. Exports decreased by six per cent and were 4.3 million tonnes. Import volume decreased by three per cent and amounted to 3.8 million tonnes.

General cargo was transported most, in total 1.6 million tonnes, which is 19 per cent of all transport. The second most transported was oil products, one million tonnes, and crude oil, 0.8 million tonnes.

Container transport

A total of 1.1 million tonnes of containers were transported through Finnish ports in March 2021, which is 20 per cent more than in March 2020. The number of containers transported was 78,397 (140,440 TEU)
Exports of containers went up by 30 per cent measured in tonnes and imports went up by 0.3 per cent compared to March 2020.

**Vehicle transport**

A total of 145,544 transport equipment were transported in foreign sea traffic in March 2021. Most transports of transport equipment were trucks. In March, 63,896 trucks were transported. The second most transported were truck trailers, 40,440 and passenger cars belonging to passengers, 37,425.

**Passenger traffic**

A total of 167,474 persons were transported in passenger traffic in March 2021. In all, 100,493 persons travelled between Finland and Estonia and 62,756 persons between Finland and Sweden and 4,188 passengers between Finland and Germany. Passengers made up 34 per cent of the number of passengers in March 2020 and only 14 per cent of the number of passengers in March 2019. In March 2021, no passengers of foreign cruise ships arrived in Finland.

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

A total of 3,532 tons of transport were 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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