



Plan for the Peak Season - Order Early!

It looks like trade will grow strongly during the upcoming peak season. Early projections indicate an encouraging growth in trade. A recent survey of shipping lines showed that a number of factors, including the positive grain and hay seasons, are resulting in 'strong' volumes both north and south. Already container volumes are up 14% year to date, compared with last year.

But there's a concerning trend ...

After trade rose dramatically in December 2011, leading to major disruptions in Fremantle, traders took notice of peak season warnings in 2012 and 2013. During the past couple of years, the peak of trade shifted from unsustainable December delivery expectations to significantly more manageable October/November deliveries. This small change in ordering by traders allowed transport companies to easily meet clients' Christmas delivery requirements.

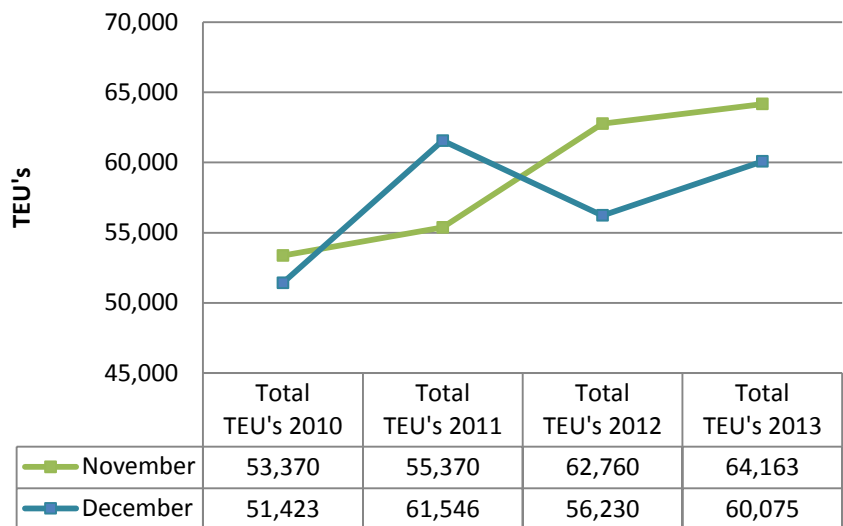
Despite the success of the past two peak seasons, last year's statistics show that some traders are drifting back to demanding December deliveries. The total number of December containers in 2013 was nearly equivalent to the levels experienced in the difficult 2011 season.

... so please order early!

In order to avoid the significant delays experienced in 2011, traders must not become complacent.

Arrange orders now to help avoid any possible bottlenecks, delays and additional costs.

**Peak Season Container Trade
November/December Year on Year Comparison**



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