

Sea Containers Imported into New Zealand

Sea containers are a potential source of biosecurity risk to New Zealand. These risks include a sea container contaminated with pests or diseases than pose serious risk to New Zealand's primary production industries and biodiversity. Each sea container that arrives in New Zealand is required to meet cleanliness and biosecurity requirements for entry. A previous audit found that sea containers were responsible for Southern Saltmarsh Mosquito and Painted Apple Moth pest incursions (OAG 2006).

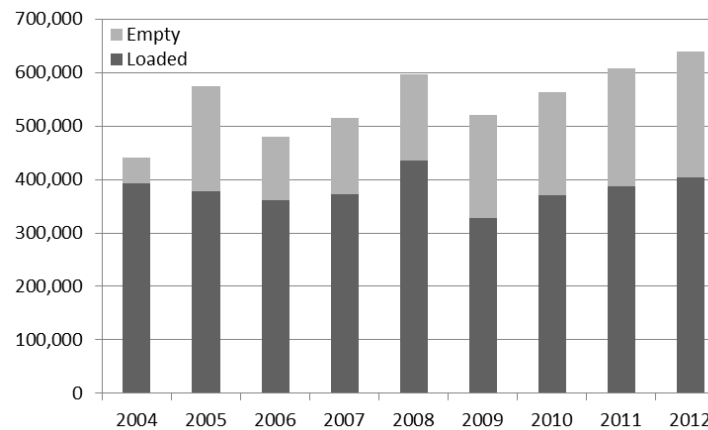
The total number of sea containers imported into New Zealand has increased by 31% from 2004 (440,731) to 2012 (639,101) (figure 1). Ports of Auckland received over half of all containers (323,075) in 2012 (figure 2). The four major geographic regions where these containers were last loaded were Australia, Asia and Middle East (excl. Japan), South East Asia and the Pacific Islands. Combined these regions contributed 84% of the sea containers imported into New Zealand in 2012.

References:

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FIGURE 1: Number of Sea Containers Imported into New Zealand, by type 2004-2012

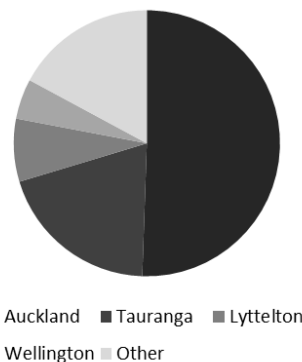


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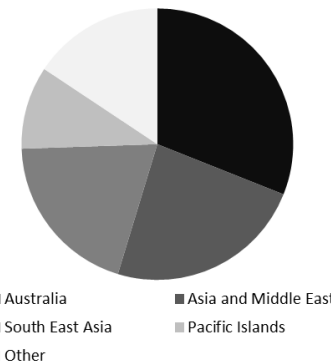
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- Ports of Auckland received over half of the sea containers imported into New Zealand in 2012
- The major geographic regions where imported sea containers were last loaded were Australia, Asia and Middle East, South East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

FIGURE 2: Proportion of Sea Containers Imported into New Zealand, by port 2012



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FIGURE 3: Proportion of Sea Containers Imported into New Zealand, by region last loaded 2012



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