

Gross Weight of Imported Cargo into New Zealand

Imported cargo is one of the many sources of biosecurity risk to New Zealand, whether it be goods or organisms. The management of these risks at ports is important to the health of New Zealanders.

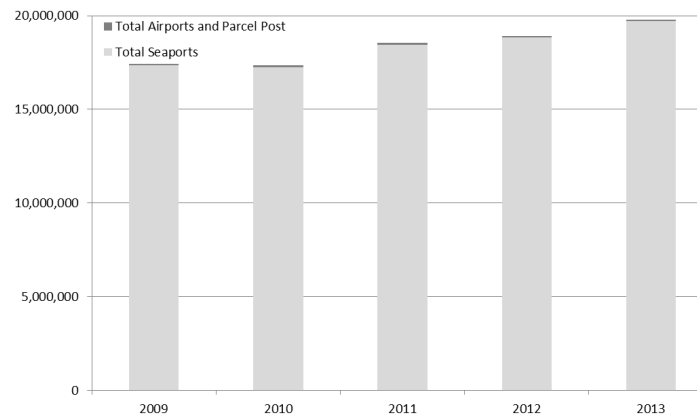
The gross weight of imported cargo continues to increase. Over the past five years the gross weight of cargo has increased from 17,437,580 tonnes in 2009 to 19,804,361 tonnes in 2013, an increase of 14%. The major mode of transport for imported cargo is by sea as over 99% of all imported cargo arrives by shipping (Figure 1).

Whangarei, Auckland and Tauranga combined handled over two-thirds of the gross weight of sea imports that arrived into New Zealand for the 12 month period ending June 2013 (Figure 2).

References:

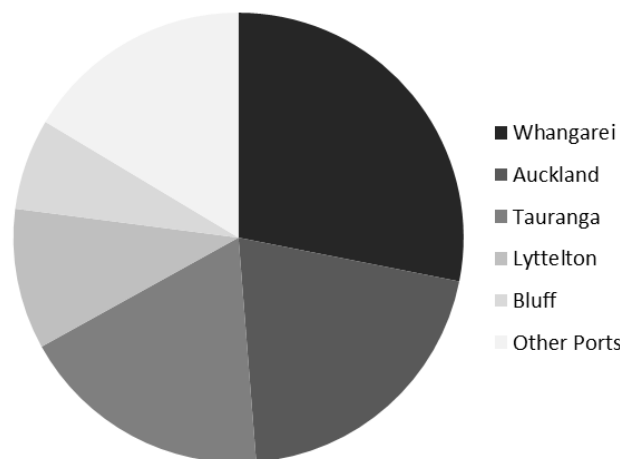
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FIGURE 1: Gross Weight of Total Imports to New Zealand 2009-2013 (tonnes)



Source: Statistics New Zealand, Overseas Cargo Statistics

FIGURE 2: Proportion of Gross Weight by Port of Sea Imports to New Zealand 2013 (tonnes)



Source: Statistics New Zealand, Overseas Cargo Statistics

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In the past five years the gross weight of total imports has increased by 14%.
- In 2013, two-thirds of New Zealand's imports by sea arrived at the ports of Whangarei, Auckland and Tauranga.

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