

Port of Suape Records

Best First Quarter in its History

The increase in the movement of loads in the period was 41%

The Port of Suape ended the first quarter with the largest cargo movement in its history. The increase in the period was 41% compared to 2019, totaling 6,675,954 tons. March exceeded expectations and grew 13% compared to the same month of 2019, closing with 1,971,259 tons. The number of vessels docking in Suape was 11% higher from January to March this year, reaching 354 ships, compared to 318 in the first quarter of last year.

"Getting these results amid the Covid-19 pandemic shows that we are working hard to keep all services and operations up and running. This is only possible because we have the support of the entire port community, which is at our side, engaged so that the essential products of the population do not lack," says Leonardo Cerquinho, president of the Port of Suape. "The figures indicate that if it were not for this unprecedented crisis, certainly 2020 would be the best year for Suape. But we know the impacts will come."

Suape remains a national leader in handling liquid bulk, the busiest cargo in the port, which corresponded to 75% of the total of the first quarter and was responsible for the performance. Fuels, LPG, crude oil, aviation kerosene, among other products, totaled 5,015,768 tons representing a 54% increase, considering that, in the same period of 2019, the total moved was 3,242,294 tons. Considering only the month of March, the growth between net and gaseous loads was 15%, totaling 1,389,758.

The containerized loads (which are the most sensitive to economic dynamics) showed a 14% increase in weight, with 1,420,104 tons. The increase corresponded to 10% in TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit), with 121,480 TEUs moved. In the first quarter of 2019, volumes were 1,245,794 tons and 109,675 TEUs. March was the best period for container handling. The total reached 503,901 tons and 41,907 TEUs, respectively 10% and 6% more than in March last year.

The overall loose load accumulated 113,771 tons and 17.8% increase in the quarter. In this group, there are vehicles, sugar in bags, plates and steel coils, parts of the wind industry, cast iron works, among others. The figures show a recovery in vehicle shipments, with 9,220 units in 2020 and 8,667 in the first quarter of 2019. The percentage is 6% growth. The largest increase occurred in March, which registered 4,089 vehicles, 42% or 1,212 units more than the same month last year. Despite increasing 30% in March, solid bulk accumulated a loss of 20% in the quarter, totaling 127,375 tons against 159,503 in 2019.

By type of navigation, cabotage, where Suape maintains the lead among public ports in Brazil, grew 36% in the quarter and 19% in March, reaching 4,274,701 tons and 1,326,847, respectively. In the long course, the highest increase was in exports, with a 158% increase in the first three months and 949,611 tons moved. Imports grew by 17%, totaling 1,452,789 tons. In March, the exported cargoes totaled 175,903 tons and imported ones totaled 468,997 tons.

The main destinations of the exported goods, which mostly corresponded to fuels, were Singapore, Guinea, Colombia, Mauritania and Argentina. Imported cargoes originated from the United States, Argentina, Nigeria, Spain and Colombia in the first quarter.