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Imports up at Port of Oakland

Surge in imported cargo drives strong September results, as retailers look to stock up



The Port of Oakland has had a record-breaking September for imports.

The US port handled 93,916 TEU import containers last month, eclipsing the previous September record of 84,901 TEUs, set last year.

Export volumes were also up 5 per cent compared to September 2019. The total TEU volume for September (2020) was 225,809, up 9.3 per cent year-on-year.

The port attributed the

boost in imports to US retailers stocking up in preparation for the holiday shopping season.

Retailers are also believed to be hedging against another possible Covid-19 wave this winter.

“Several months into this pandemic, we are now seeing positive signs by these cargo volume totals,” said Port of Oakland maritime director Bryan Brandes.

“As retailers make sure

shelves are well-stocked, we’re waiting to see if consumers begin shopping early this holiday season.”

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