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Update On Shipping At Largest Ports, January-april 1993

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On June 10, the government's port agency Puertos Mexicanos (PM) reported exports and imports through the 22 largest Mexican ports in January-April totaled 9.310 million metric tons, a decline of 2.3% from the same period in 1992. Of the total, exports amounted to 2.337 million MT, down about 3.9% from the same period last year. The port agency attributed the lower volume to a decline in imports of agricultural products, such as sorghum, corn, wheat and soybeans. The agency also reported a decline in exports of iron ore, cement, zinc, copper, salt, urea (fertilizer), and manganese. The heaviest activity during the period was reported in the Gulf of Mexico ports of Tampico, Coatzacoalcos and Veracruz, and in the Pacific ports of Guaymas, Lazaro Cardenas and Manzanillo. (Sources: Notimex, 06/10/93; La Jornada, 06/12/93)