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PREFACE

This report represents statistics on shipping activity at the ports of Jamaica on a monthly basis. Users can view current data in this time series format and compare it with past periods.

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GLOSSARY

1. **Public Wharf** - A wharf facility which receives, stores and delivers cargo of varying types and usage on behalf of any importer/exporter.
2. **Sufferance Wharf** - A privately owned facility which handles a limited range of cargo usually only for specific usage by the owner.
3. **Domestic Cargo** - Cargo of national origin or destination for national use.
4. **Transshipment Cargo** - Cargo, which is in transit, i.e. destined for another port.
5. **Bulk Cargo** - Loose cargo: cargo, which is not in packages or containers, e.g. Gypsum.
6. **Breakbulk Cargo** - Units of packages or palletized cargo, e.g. flour in bags
7. **Ro/Ro Ship (Roll on / Roll off)** - This type of ship with hatch door which can be released to form a ramp allowing mobile units to move directly into and out of hold; there is thus, no need for container lifting equipment.
8. **Lo/Lo Ship (Lift on / Lift off)** - Container ship with own lifting equipment or requirement quay-side lifting equipment to discharge and load containers.
9. **Stevedore** - One who undertakes stowage of cargo, and loading and unloading of ships.

10. **Mobile Unit or Motor Unit** - Units for shipment which can be removed on their own wheels or are capable of being removed to and from the ship side under their own motive power or towed.

11. **Strip** - Unloading cargo from containers at Container Freight Station.

12. **Stuff** - Loading cargo into containers at Container Freight Station

13. **Gross Registered Tonnage (G.R.T.)** - The capacity of the spaces (in cu. ft) within the hull of a ship and the enclosed spaces above deck available for cargo, stores, fuel, passengers and crew. (100 cu. Ft. = 1 gross ton).

14. **Net Registered Tonnage (N.R.T.)** - Derived from G.R.T. with deduction of spaces used for accommodation, navigation and propelling machinery.

15. **Weight** - Metric Tonnes - 1,000 kg.

16. **Wharf (Revenue) Tons** - Tonnage on which wharfage is calculated at Breakbulk wharves; dependent on whether an item of cargo is weighted or measured:

40 cu. ft. = 1 Revenue Ton

2,240 lb. = 1 Revenue Ton

17. **Freight Ton** - Also, a revenue ton. It is exclusive to the Container Terminal and is determined by the shipping line:

40 cu. Ft. = 1 Revenue Ton

2,240 lb. = 1 Revenue Ton