## Export at Mersin Port reached the highest LEVEL for 6 years... Denizhaber, 16.09.2009

Mersin Port is one of the most important ports in the Eastern Mediterranean. On July 2009, export reached the highest level for last 6 years.



Economic Analysis Report, which has been prepared by Mersin Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the data of July 2009 was expressed. According to the information of the report, the first seven monthly term of the year; the process of loading increased to 4.973.489 tons and the process of discharging increased to 6.965.933 tons. If comparing 2008 and 2009, cargo traffic increased to the rate of 7% and reached to 11.9 million tons.

The reason of the increase is effective of the import-export and domestic (internal) transportation.

When looking monthly, if the amount of Mersin Port's loading-discharging statistics is examined, the loading increased by 8% according to July 2008 and reached to 911.446 tons. Near this, the discharging decreased by 2% and reduced to 1.082.965 tons. Nevertheless, total cargo traffic showed the improvement by 2% and reached to 1.994.411 tons. Export and domestic transportation were very effective in this increase.

While on the term of January-July 2009, export from the port increased by the rate of 4% and reached to 4.3 million tons, the effect of the increase of the cement export by %48 is very significant improvement.

## Export reached the highest Level at the last 6 years at Mersin port

If looking at the improvement of the export from Mersin Port as monthly, there is a decrease of export on the June of 2009; however, then, there is an increase of export by %33 on July. This increase also reached at the highest level (as 823.000

ton). The increase of the export of mineral products and foodstuffs were very effective to these positive improvements.

Moreover, on the first 7 months of this year, there is also an increase of the import and when looking at the year of 2008, there is an increase of import by %12 and import reached to 5.7million ton. The import of petrol products and cereals were also very effective in this increase of import. When evaluating the improvements of import in the monthly period, there is an increase by 8% of 2009 July according to the last month. The increase of the import of the General Cargo and chemicals were also effective in this increase of import.

At the port of Mersin, on the term of January-July of 2009, the cargo movement of the domestic transportation showed the increase by 9% (according to the same terms of 2008) and realized to 878.014 ton. Total cargo of the domestic transportation within 72 percent share of the petrol products that increased by 10% according to the last year. Transit-transportation's volume of cargo decreased as the rate of 6% according to the last year. This decrease occurred that the general cargo was effective within the transit-transportation. In the report, on the July of 2009, domestic and transit-transportation's cargo movement evaluated monthly. In addition to this, there is an upward movement in the domestic transportation. However, on July, there is a decrease due to the decrease of the container cargos.