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2012 Intermodal Container Volume at All-Time High

Overall Volumes Gain 4 Percent over last year

CALVERTON, Md., Feb. 7, 2013 – Intermodal container volumes ended 2012 at a record high with 13.1 million moves, surpassing the previous year by 5.9 percent and the previous benchmark year of 2007 by 9.8 percent, according to the Intermodal Association of North America's *Intermodal Market Trends & Statistics* report. Total intermodal shipments closed 2012 with a 4 percent gain while growth in Q4 halved this annual total at 2 percent.

Fourth Quarter 2012 Intermodal Volume Comparisons

Equipment Type	2011	2012	Change
Trailers	432,623	379,698	-12.2%
Domestic Containers	1,307,165	1,444,919	+10.5%
All Domestic Equipment	1,739,788	1,824,617	+4.9%
ISO Containers	1,860,393	1,846,635	-0.7%
Total	3,600,181	3,671,252	+2.0%

Overall 2012 Intermodal Volume Comparisons

Equipment Type	2011	2012	Change
Trailers	1,693,782	1,523,556	-10.1%
Domestic Containers	4,926,185	5,528,184	+12.2%
All Domestic Equipment	6,619,967	7,051,740	+6.5%
ISO Containers	7,451,558	7,580,488	+1.7%
Total	14,071,525	14,632,228	+4.0%

For the third straight year, domestic containers were the driving factor with volumes topping five million for the first time reflecting a growth rate of 12.2 percent over 2011 activity. Forty-eight (48) foot and 53-foot domestic boxes accounted for 38 percent of all container movements for the year. Despite some year-end softening, international volumes continued to have the largest share of intermodal loadings at 52 percent of the total.

Intermodal Market Trends & Statistics is published quarterly by IANA and is available on a subscription and individual copy basis. **Members of the working press may request a copy of the Q4 2012 *Intermodal Market Trends & Statistics* report from Tara Mullen at tara@intermodal.org or 301-982-3400, ex. 366.** The report features detailed analyses and reproducible graphical representations of Q4 2012 results.