

Cape Town Container Terminal hits record high loading in a single vessel

The Cape Town Container Terminal recorded the highest number of refrigerated containers ever loaded on a single vessel at 1,726 when Vessel Santa Rita sailed off to Europe with South Africa's deciduous fruit exports. The previous record was 1,711 in the year 2021.



In order to handle both seasonal requirements and ensure efficiency, the Cape Town Container Terminal had to develop a recovery plan. "This milestone is a combination of all our efforts and confirmation that our ramp up plans are heading towards the right direction. The terminal is receiving support across all spheres of the Transnet business, from the team here at the terminal all the way to board level," said Acting Managing Executive of the Western Cape, Oscar Borchards.

The terminal is at the peak of the deciduous season which ends at the end of March, where South Africa exports grapes, peaches, plums, apples and pears among others. This has led the management team to working closely with all employees to offer support while ensuring that equipment, systems and people are all in sync. Borchards said, the walkabouts and presence of management in operations is with the intention to find effective ways of working, including monitoring shift changes closely, ensuring the rollout of plans are executed efficiently.

“Communication with all our stakeholders remains at the core of what we do with captains of industry expressing gratitude for the collaborative efforts in resolving challenges as a collective,” said Borchards, adding that the team intended to continue talking to role-players.

The Cape Town Container Terminal currently has three vessels on berth, two at anchor with planned volumes of 16 115 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) planned for loading this week alone.

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