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Shipments via the Houston/Galveston Customs District are up in both weight and value through May '17. Improved global commodity prices and stable growth in the U.S. economy helped to bolster Houston's trade activities in the first five months of the year.

TRADE VIA THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT

| | Value (\$ Billions) | | | | Metric Tons (Millions) | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--|-------------|------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| | Total | | Change YTD May '16 – YTD May '17 | | Total | | Change YTD May '16 – YTD May '17 | |
| | YTD May '16 | YTD May '17 | \$ | % | YTD May '16 | YTD May '17 | MT | % |
| Exports | 36.8 | 44.1 | 7.3 | 19.9 | 54.8 | 64.4 | 9.6 | 17.4 |
| Imports | 26.6 | 34.4 | 7.8 | 29.5 | 43.3 | 47.7 | 4.4 | 10.4 |
| Total | 63.4 | 78.5 | 15.1 | 24.0 | 98.1 | 112.1 | 14.0 | 14.3 |

Source: WISER from U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

After hitting a peak of \$23.9 billion in August '12, the monthly value of trade hovered near \$20 billion through mid-2014, when a downturn in global oil prices set off a sustained drop in trade activity. Shipments fell to a low of \$11.5 billion in February '16. In recent months, higher commodity prices have helped boost trade in mineral fuel oil, organic chemicals and plastics, increasing total shipments to \$16.1 billion in May '17.

HOUSTON/GALVESTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAFFIC



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