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### CONTAINER THROUGHPUT IN FIRST QUARTER An average increase of 6,7 % in 75 ports of containers of Latin America and the Caribbean

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#### **An increase in containers throughput in the Latin-American region**

The containers throughput in ports of Latin America and the Caribbean Sea increased 6,7 % during the first quarter of 2017. The figures reveal a change to growth rates on two digits for a big number of ports of containers in the region. The increase of the port movement of containers reverse the fall observed in the throughput in 2016 (-0,9 %).

The growth in the first quarter 2017 was determined principally by the increase in the activity of eight countries: Nicaragua (22,1 %), Panama (12,6 %), Mexico (10,0 %), Chile (10,0 %), Peru (8,2 %), Dominican Republic (38,8 %), Guatemala (6,9 %) and Honduras (7,7 %). This growth was attenuated by falls observed in two countries of the region those that contributed reductions to the total throughput : -4,7% Colombia and -6,1% Ecuador<sup>1</sup>. Nevertheless, other countries also showed positive growth rates although more limited: Brazil (1,4%), Costa Rica (1,2%), Uruguay (2,7%) and El Salvador (1,0%). The ports of Dominican Republic, Brazil, Guatemala, Panama, Chile, Peru and Mexico were those who showed major growth rates in the region: Caucedo (54%), Haina (18%), Suape (31%), Puerto Barrios (29,5%), Colon (26,4%), Valparaiso (21,9%), Paita (18,2%), Callao (7,3%), Veracruz (13,5%), Manzanillo (10,3%) and Altamira (9,9). The

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<sup>1</sup> Incluye el puerto de Guayaquil

biggest falls in volume of activity was suffered the ports of Guayaquil -6,1% (Ecuador), Buenos Aires -9,1% (Argentina), Paranagua -7,3% (Brazil) and Buenaventura -18,5% (Colombia).

### **Global Throughput grows in first quarter, 5,8 %**

Based on figures recorded for the first quarter 2017, Alphaliner has checked up its prognosis of throughput global container for the current year and hopes that the growth should reach 4.6 % in 2017, a valuation bigger than the previous projection of 2,3 %. Alphaliner explains this major growth of the movement of containers from obtained figures of a significant sample of ports (nearly 150 ports), 5,8 % in the first quarter. The biggest driver of this growth correspond to a few more robust growths observed in Chinese ports, including Hong Kong, as well as some European and North American ports, it indicates the same publication.

On the other hand, according to Container Management, the port operator of containers DP World report a growth of the global Throughput in your ports of 5,7 % for the first quarter of this year, principally due to the activity increase in the terminals in Europe and the Americas. The increase in DP World was higher than the expected for the industry for the first months of 2017, 2,6 %, according to the same publication.

**Table 1 Container throughput in first quarter, Latin-American**  
**By country**  
**Throughput (TEU) and change (%)**

Country	PT_2016	PT_2017	% change 2017/2016
Brasil	2,763,239	2,802,762	1.4%
Panamá	2,490,354	2,803,196	12.6%
México	1,753,251	1,928,352	10.0%
Chile (1)	920,158	1,012,007	10.0%
Colombia	768,370	732,185	-4.7%
Perú	763,769	826,456	8.2%
Ecuador	408,051	383,294	-6.1%
Republica Dominicana	351,867	488,409	38.8%
Costa Rica	365,947	370,197	1.2%
Guatemala	363,649	388,889	6.9%
Uruguay	219,141	225,127	2.7%
Honduras	206,819	222,658	7.7%
El Salvador	45,391	45,835	1.0%
Nicaragua	33,122	40,457	22.1%

Source: SCT (México), COCATRAM (Nicaragua), AMP (Panama), MT (Colombia), APN (Peru), AGP (Argentina), ANP (Uruguay), ANTAQ (Brazil), EPs (Chile).

(1) Ports of Valparaíso and San Antonio

**Tabla 2. Container throughput in first quarter, Latin-American,  
by 30 ports**  
Throughput (TEU) and change (%)

	Port	Country	PT_2016	PT_2017	% change
1	Colón (varios)	Panamá	1,216,649	1,537,925	26.4%
2	Balboa (inc.PSA)	Panamá	1,265,565	1,257,567	-0.6%
3	Santos (inc.Embraport)	Brasil	1,042,005	1,081,932	3.8%
4	Manzanillo	México	800,359	882,488	10.3%
5	Callao	Perú	682,257	732,121	7.3%
6	San Antonio	Chile	558,985	571,715	2.3%
7	Cartagena (varios)	Colombia	573,455	549,971	-4.1%
8	Valparaíso	Chile	361,173	440,292	21.9%
9	Guayaquil (APG)	Ecuador	408,051	383,294	-6.1%
10	Veracruz	México	300,243	340,782	13.5%
11	Caucedo	Rep. Dominicana	216,954	334,133	54%
12	Lázaro Cárdenas	México	332,976	322,554	-3.1%
13	Limón-Moin	Costa Rica	302,933	306,393	1.1%
14	Portonave	Brasil	271,809	296,324	9.0%
15	Buenos Aires (AGP)	Argentina	273,700	248,900	-9.1%
16	Altamira	México	216,808	238,300	9.9%
17	Montevideo	Uruguay	219141	225127	2.7%
18	Paranaguá	Brasil	241,537	224,013	-7.3%
19	Rio Grande	Brasil	222,432	214,983	-3.3%
20	Puerto Cortes	Honduras	173,824	179,424	3.2%
21	Itapoa	Brasil	169,231	176,056	4.0%
22	Santo Tomas de Castilla	Guatemala	169,306	162,562	-4.0%
23	Suape	Brasil	111,069	145,530	31.0%
24	Haina	Rep. Dominicana	108,079	127,190	18%
25	Puerto Barrios	Guatemala	91,581	118,635	29.5%
26	Buenaventura	Colombia	133,342	108,628	-18.5%
27	Puerto Quetzal	Guatemala	102,762	107,692	4.8%
28	Salvador	Brasil	94,122	99,024	5.2%
29	Rio de Janeiro	Brasil	82,930	88,743	7.0%
30	Paita	Perú	72,321	85,496	18.2%

Source: SCT (Mexico), COCATRAM (Nicaragua), AMP (Panama), Min. Transporte (Colombia), APN (Peru), AGP (Argentina), ANP (Uruguay), ANTAQ (Brasil)