

Container Registrations

November 2015

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	Nov 15	Oct 15	Sep 15	Aug 15
Total	962	704	753	607
Business	548	421	450	378
Private	414	283	303	229

Container registrations rise for the festivities

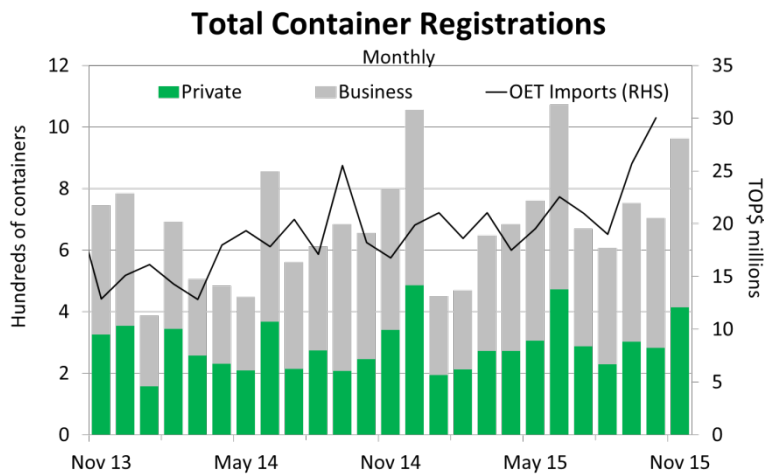
The preparations for the Christmas season have started with container registrations recording a 36.6% increase over the month of November. The total number of container registrations in November is also higher than those recorded in November of last year. Both business and private container registrations increased by 46.3% and 30.2% respectively, indicating an expected lively sector in the near term.

Over the year, total container registrations increased by 18.4% fuelled by an active domestic economy, lending support to NRBT's expectation of robust growth in the distribution sector. The NRBT expects imports and consequently container registrations to generally increase in 2015/16. The rebound in credit growth and its expected continued strong growth in 2015/16 is also expected to give support to growth in the trade sector. Furthermore, liaisons with the construction and transport sector indicate more imports in the future due to high demand. On-going projects such as the construction of the St. George Palace and renovations of the Tanoa Hotel are anticipated to contribute to the rise. Spillover effects on the trade, tourism and construction sectors are also expected.

Container Registrations
Total Number of Containers

	Month ended				Year ended		Share of Total
	Nov 15	Oct 15	Sep 15	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 14	
Total containers	962	704	753	798	8,835	7,464	100
Business	548	421	450	457	5,104	4,261	58
Private	414	283	303	341	3,731	3,203	42

Source: Tonga Ports Authority



Sources: NRBT, Statistics Department, Tonga Ports Authority