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**Port Of Baltimore Sets Another Record**

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WBAL's John Patti talks to Richard Scher of the Port of Baltimore about coal exports and salt imports

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The Port of Baltimore exported a record amount of coal and imported a record amount of salt in 2010, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Census and analyzed by Global Trade Atlas. More than 13.8 million tons of coal left Baltimore's piers last year surpassing the previous record of 12.8 million tons set in 1981. The Port imported 1.8 million tons of salt in 2010 breaking the former mark of 1.4 million tons set in 1994.

"Each time a ship comes to the Port of Baltimore, it means more than just more business, it means jobs," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "These record import/export figures are good news for the Port and good news for the more than 16,000 thousand men and women who depend on the Port to support their families."

China, which was the Port of Baltimore's top trading partner in 2010 for total exported cargo, was also the Port's top destination for coal exports. China received 24 percent of the coal exported from Baltimore, followed by South Korea and the Netherlands. Coal is used as an energy generator and key component in producing steel.

In 2010, Chile, Mexico, and Egypt produced the most salt that headed to the Port of Baltimore. Chile produced 65 percent of the Port's imported salt. The salt is used as road salt for treating highways and roads during the winter months. It is also used as an industrial chemical.

Port of Baltimore spokesman Richard Scher says it appears that 2011 looks strong as well. The port is looking to do as well if not better than 2010. Scher says that will lead to more jobs being created at the port.

## **CARGO BUSINESS NEWS**

### **Baltimore posts some records for 2010**

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The Port of Baltimore announced its public and private terminals handled 33 million tons of cargo, a 47 percent increase over 2009. The port said it also exported record volumes of coal and posted another record for salt imports in 2010, according to U.S. Census and Global Trade Atlas statistics.

The port said in a statement that it exported 13.8 million tons of coal last year, surpassing the previous record of 12.8 million tons set in 1981.

The port said it also imported 1.8 million tons of salt in 2010 compared to the previous high mark of 1.4 million tons set in 1994.

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## **BALTIMORE BUSINESS JOURNAL**

### **Port of Baltimore sets record for coal, salt in 2010**

Baltimore Business Journal by Scott Dance, Senior Reporter/Projects Editor

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A record level of salt passed through the Port of Baltimore in 2010.

Coal and salt passed through the Port of Baltimore at record levels in 2010, according to Census data and the Maryland Port Administration.

The port handled about 13.8 million tons of coal exports, 1 million tons more than a record set in 1981. And the port received 1.8 million tons of salt imports, beating a mark of 1.4 million tons in 1994.

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Port of Baltimore Sets Record for Coal in 2010

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(picked up from Baltimore Business Journal)

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