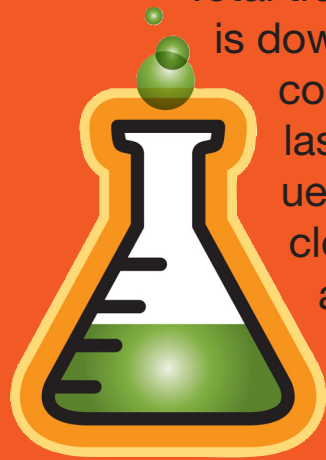


Chemical Imports Rise Dramatically



Total traffic entering the United States is down about 13% year to date compared to the same time from last year. This trend has continued as the year is coming to a close. However, certain markets are growing.

For the week ending November 28, 2009, two segments increased:

- Chemical was up significantly and could point to an increased need for raw materials.
- Food and Beverage was stable as the United States continues to import a large amount of food from other countries. For the year, industries associated with housing are down, including Wood/Pulp, Mineral and Stone, and Furniture. Until new homes begin to be built, it is unlikely these categories will see growth.

Number of Shipments Entering U.S. Ports

Week Ending Nov.28, 2009

	2009	2008	Change
Food and Beverage	11,792	11,287	4%
Autos and Parts	5,117	5,747	-11%
Chemical	1,485	1,032	44%
Plastics and Rubbers	15,470	16,454	-6%
Wood/Pulp	7,975	15,052	-47%
Textile	15,616	17,472	-1%
Mineral and Stone	3,753	4,318	-13%
Steel	4,335	6,079	-29%
Electronics	5,675	6,184	-8%
Furniture	10,273	18,300	-44%
All U.S. Imports	153,969	175,695	-12%



NOTES:

US Import Market Basket Data is provided by Zepol Corporation. To view the methods used to calculate each industry's Market Basket and see what they include, visit <http://www.zepol.com/Contact/Partners/Logistics-Today-Market-Baskets.aspx>.