

## Yilport Gävle's Container Volumes Increase – 57% Market Share on the Swedish East Coast

More than half of the containers on Sweden's east coast are now handled via Yilport Gävle. This is evident after the industry organization Sveriges Hamnar released their cargo volume summary for 2023. Yilport Gävle is now solidifying its position as the largest container terminal on the East Coast.

Despite a three percent decline in the Swedish market since 2021, Yilport Gävle sees a 30 percent surge in container volume and a compound annual growth rate of 14 percent over the past three years. As a result, between 2021 and 2023, Yilport Gävle's market share of the total container volume in Sweden rose from nine to 12 percent. Looking solely at the Swedish East Coast, Yilport Gävle's market share grew by ten points during the same period, from 47 to 57 percent.

A significant factor contributing to the substantial increase over these years is the billion SEK investment in new infrastructure that Yilport Gävle carried out in 2021. The investment comprised an expansion of the container terminal where 75,000 square meters of land area was added, a new quay with three cranes, six automated RTG cranes with the possibility of refrigerated container storage, and a border control station for food products. All in all, the investment has more than doubled the capacity, increasing from 250,000 TEUs to 600,000 TEUs per year.

The investment has enabled more efficient cargo handling as well as larger and more frequent vessel calls. Paired with a strong Swedish base industry, this has favored the containerization of export goods at Yilport Gävle's four Container Freight Stations (CFS). These stations focus on different types of goods, including steel, sawn timber, paper stored in the automated high-bay warehouse, and a station for miscellaneous goods such as machine parts. In total, the CFS segment has increased by almost 70 percent during the period 2021–2023.

There has also been a rise in imported volumes bound for the Stockholm region, entering via Yilport Gävle during this period. This trend can be attributed to the strategic location of the sister terminal Yilport Stockholm Nord in Rosersberg, situated between Stockholm and Uppsala, in Sweden's largest consumption market. The increased volumes have resulted in an expansion of the train shuttle service offered by Yilport for additional transport between the Gävle and Stockholm terminals. The frequency of trains on the shuttle service has risen from three to four weekly departures, with occasional deployment of a fifth train to handle the growing volumes.

### **Comment from Yilport Nordic CEO Eryn Dinyovszky:**

– Sweden's East Coast has a new container giant in Yilport Gävle. Our investments in infrastructure and efficient logistics solutions have not only solidified our position as leaders, but also enabled significant growth despite a challenging market. We are strategically located in Mid-Sweden with proximity to both Stockholm and northern Sweden, which attracts new customers and more import volumes. At the same time, the increased capacity has enabled the shipping companies to increase the size of the ships that call at us, without sacrificing productivity. In our role as a terminal operator, our commitment is to continue to deliver solutions that meet our customers' needs while also developing our own business, says Eryn Dinyovszky, CEO for Yilport Nordic.