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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC  
AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE SHIPPED  
ON VESSELS REPORTED AS OUTBOUND  
WAR AND MARINE LOSSES (INCLUDING  
EXPORTS UNDER THE LEND-LEASE  
PROGRAM)

CALENDAR YEAR 1943

COMMODITY BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

(Exports of domestic and foreign merchandise are reported separately)

(Shipments between Continental United States and the  
United States Territories and Possessions and ship-  
ments between the Territories and Possessions are  
not included in this report)

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During the war period, the Bureau of the Census compiled statistics on United States export shipments which were lost as a result of war and marine casualties. These reports were prepared from the statistical copies of the Shipper's Export Declarations for shipments on vessels which the War Shipping Administration reported as lost. The reports were released to a limited number of authorized government agencies during the war period on a confidential basis.

It is now possible to release these data on vessel sinkings to the general public. This report includes data on all vessels reported lost during the calendar year 1943. Because of wartime controls, the names of vessels lost due to war and marine casualties in many instances were reported to the Bureau of the Census on a delayed basis. Thus this report includes data not only on shipments made in 1943 and reported lost in 1943 but also on shipments actually made in 1942 but not reported as lost until 1943. In addition there are excluded from these 1943 data, export shipments actually made in 1943 and carried on vessels which were not reported as lost until 1944. Approximately 29 percent of the value and 33 percent of the shipping weight shown in the 1943 data (domestic and foreign combined) refer to shipments included in the 1942 export statistics; approximately 12 percent of the value and 11 percent of the shipping weight shown in the 1943 data have been excluded from this sinking report and will be included in the 1944 sinking report since these shipments were reported as lost in 1944 even though they were exported in 1943.

Since adjustments have not been made in the 1943 export sinking data to correct for the delay in reporting of lost vessels, care should be exercised in attempting to compare the 1943 total export data with losses due to war and marine casualties.

Excluded from these statistics are sinking data on shipments of merchandise in transit through the United States from one foreign country to another and on cargoes other than commercial or Lend-Lease carried on vessels owned or bare-boat chartered and operated by the United States Army or Navy. Shipments of military and naval supplies and equipment for the use of United States armed forces abroad are excluded both from the export statistics and from the statistics on cargo losses. Cargoes lost on vessels which were damaged but not sunk are not included in this report since such damaged vessels were not reported as lost by the War Shipping Administration.

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