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## **Grain shipments recommence at Port Kembla**

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For the first time in two years, a grain shipment has left Port Kembla.

Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said 22,000 tonnes of wheat will be loaded on to the *Hayama Star* at Port Kembla today, for export to Oman.

“We are pleased to see a grain shipment once again leave the port,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The last shipment was almost two years to the day, when the *Patriot* left for India on December 23, 2006 with 15,000 tonnes of wheat on board.

“We welcome recommencement of this trade, not only for the farmers in NSW but for the Australian economy as a whole”.

Another shipment of 15,000 tonnes is scheduled to be carried on board the *Kan Tambak*, departing Port Kembla on December 29, bound for Bangladesh.

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