

## ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in order to determine the Impact on the Transshipment Volumes to Sri Lanka due to the South Port of Colombo.

This particular research paper provides a detailed background on the topic at hand, allowing the reader to understand the current situation and also what is required of the future. The introduction section mentions the research question or hypothesis that will be investigated together with aim and justification of the study.

Thereafter a comprehensive literature review has been carried out, taking in to account other various publications, papers, and journals on the topic at hand, directly or indirectly related. These papers have been thoroughly analyzed and related to the topic in question. The paper then moves on to the research methodology which describes the methods of research, its justification and the techniques to be used to analyze the collected data which was collected via questionnaires. The questionnaires were distributed among a selected sample of Shipping industry professionals. The data was analyzed utilizing statistical software to obtain relevant answers to the research question at hand. A model known as Binary Logistics Model was created using the statistical software. The model along with a correlation and descriptive analysis found that the variable Global Terminal Operators investment was the most significant variable that will bring about a positive impact on Transshipment Volumes due to the South Port of Colombo.

Finally the paper concludes with the major finding that Global Terminal operators will impact the Transshipment Volumes of the South Port. For future research possibilities, the study proposes further research on the topic at hand once the terminal is in operation. Lastly this paper recommends a separate Policy on 'Attraction of Transshipments' to be implemented in future.

