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Non-programmed State imports collapse main Venezuelan ports

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Report Highlights:

As per news reports, the main ports in Venezuela are collapsing due to non-programmed and unscheduled imports by the Government.

General Information:**Non-programmed State imports collapse ports**

The Carabobo State Industry Association believes that non-programmed imports have led to a crowding of vessels in the bay. They believe that the Government should plan imports in a coordinated way to prevent the collapse of the port.

The time spent per vessel at the dock is between 12 and 18 days and there are only five platforms available for unloading, which makes the situation even more difficult. Another bottleneck at the port is the scales for weighing trucks carrying bulk commodities, despite the fact that the discharge of bulk grains is performed 24 hours a day.

The State Company that manages the ports, Bolipuertos, is giving priority to those shipments with food or other products imported by the Government.

Source: Major local newspapers