

# Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association

## Monthly Statistics Report News Release

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NAPLES, FL.— The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association reported that its March 1999 Booked Orders Index was 242 up 57 points or 31% from February 1999's Index of 185 (1990=100). The March 1999 Index represents an increase of 19% from the March 1998 Index of 204.

March Booked Orders Indexes were 125 for Bulk Handling Equipment\* and 271 for Unit Handling Equipment\*\*(1990=100).

The Twelve-Month Index for Booked Orders was 164 in March. Index represents an increase of 2% from February 1999's Twelve-Month Index of 161.

The CEMA Billed Sales (shipments) Index was 215 in March up 32 points or 17% from the February Index of 183. The March 1999 Index represents an increase of 11% from the March 1998 Index of 193.

March Billed Sales Indexes were 125 for Bulk Handling Equipment\* and 202 for Unit Handling Equipment\*\*(1990=100).

The Twelve-Month Index for Billed Sales was 196 in March. Index represents an increase of 1% from February 1999's Twelve-Month Index of 195.

Since Bulk Handling Systems booked and billed sales are reported quarterly and are averaged back to the two preceding months, the booked and billed indexes for non-quarter ending months for Bulk Handling Equipment and Category X, total of all categories, are adjusted quarterly.

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Effective with the January 1999 report, sales for conveyor chain were added to the booked and billed sales indexes for Unit Handling Equipment.

\*\*\* Due to a posting error in billings for Category B, Bulk Belt Conveyor Components, for February, position sheets for companies reporting in that category may have been affected. An adjustment has been made to the February billings and the March position sheets are correct.

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