

## Pacifica Container Ship First To Lyttelton After Devastating Christchurch Earthquake



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After the devastating Christchurch earthquake on 22 February, the first container ship arrived at Lyttelton port with several thousand tonnes of food, water and relief supplies.

It was Pacifica Shipping's coastal vessel Spirit of Endurance, out of Auckland, seen here arriving on 27 February. The sister ship Spirit of Resolution arrived the next day with more supplies.

And the following weekend, both ships returned with a total 7,000 tonnes of essential foodstuffs, beverages, household commodities and building supplies in 20 and 40-foot containers.

In two days they discharged over 600 TEUs for local distribution, showing the ability of coastal vessels to supply large volumes of goods in an emergency.

Pacifica's chief executive, Steve Chapman, said the Lyttelton port company performed exceptionally to keep the port open despite suffering extensive damage from the earthquake.