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## Finnish firm ships paper into the port

Myllykoski, a Finnish family-owned paper company, has started shipping some of the 100,000 tons of rolled paper it will bring into Baltimore's North Locust Point Terminal this year, the Maryland Port Administration said yesterday. Under a new contract, Myllykoski will bring at least one shipment of paper a month to the port of Baltimore. BalTerm stevedores will handle the rolls, which each weigh between 3,800 and 7,000 pounds. The glossy rolled paper is used to print magazines, annual reports and brochures. As of December 31, the port of Baltimore had handled 354,772 tons of paper in fiscal year 2008, a 2.1 percent increase of over the 347,131 tons handled during the same period in fiscal 2007. The port is one of the country's top importers of forest products.

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### Port paper business on a roll with new contract

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The Maryland Port Administration said Monday a European company has signed a contract to ship 100,000 tons of paper to the North Locust Point terminal annually.

The new contract with **Myllykoski** (pronounced (mill-uh-koss-kee) will boost the port's already strong paper business. Imported paper tonnage at the port increased from 559,000 tons in 2005 to 680,000 tons in 2006, officials said in a news release.

Myllykoski's paper will be stored in a warehouse operated by stevedoring company **BalTerm LLP**.

The new contract calls for the European company to bring at least one ship of paper to the Port of Baltimore each month.

Each paper roll can weigh as much as 7,000 pounds and would stretch around 12 miles if unraveled.

The paper is used to produce magazines, newspaper inserts and brochures. The Port of Baltimore leads East Coast ports in paper and paper pulp imports, state officials say.

A new 215,000-square-foot paper warehouse opened at the port's South Locust Point terminal in January. The facility was built as part of a six-year agreement between the Maryland Port Administration and Finnish paper company **M-real**, which has committed to bringing 300,000 tons of paper to the port annually.

M-real has two six-year renewable options as part of the contract. The company consolidated its North American imports to the Port of Baltimore at the end of 2005.

BalTerm LLP also handles the stevedoring for M-real.

The Port of Baltimore employs more than 16,000 workers.

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