

The Marine Exchange of Southern California reported 100 vessels berthed October 18, topping the previous record of 97 set September 19.

Both figures are markedly higher than during pre-pandemic times, when just 17 ships were anchored.

The White House has already warned American shoppers that they won't be able to get key items such as popular kids toys for Christmas because of supply chain backlogs.

Biden reached a deal October 13 with unions and business leaders from Walmart, FedEx, UPS and others to expand operations at the ports in a bid to ease supply chain bottlenecks that are driving up consumer prices and emptying store shelves.

Target, Home Depot, Walmart and Samsung pledged to increase output overnight by more than 3,500 shipping containers per week.

Under the new agreement, the Port of Los Angeles will join the Port of Long Beach in working around the clock to alleviate some of the supply chain bottlenecks plaguing consumers ahead of the holiday season.

But Ferreira said it'll take more than relieving the ports' congestion to save Christmas.

'I talked to a few experts in my camaraderie of friends and we all agree that getting more attention on it is good, but to look at it on a scale of one to 10 - with 10 being the maximum collaborative effort that all parts of the supply chain would contribute to - I think what (Biden's) done is more like a 2.2 or a 2.5,' he said.

'It gets focus on it, which is good, but the timing on it is very suspect because the administration knows that at this stage, everything that needed to have come in for Christmas is already going to be too late.

'In other words, there's not much more that can be done to speed up and accelerate getting the stocks reshelfed.'

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10109363/Supply-chain-crisis-unseen-WWII-bring-disaster-Christmas-Resellers-jack-prices.html>