

THE NEW DRAFT OF THE PORT OF RIO GRANDE, IN BRAZIL, WAS APPROVED.

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After two years of dredging works with a federal investment of USD \$ 100 million, the Port of Rio Grande will be able to receive vessels up to 366 meters in length. In a ceremony broadcast by social media, on October 28, the new draft of the port of Rio Grande was approved.

Thanks to the removal of more than 16 million cubic meters of sediment, the operational draft of the so-called internal channel, where the most important port terminals and the largest flow of cargo are located, went from 12.8 to 15 meters. The depth, which was 14.2, is now 16.5 meters. As a result, the port now receives vessels of up to 366 meters.

With the combined efforts of the federal and state governments, in addition to the entrepreneurs, and pulling in the same direction, it was possible to improve logistics and generate gains in competitiveness due to the greater cargo capacity of the ships, reducing costs for those who use the port of Rio Grande, also improving the safety to navigation. According to the current Administration, there is a commitment to meet a history of investors: making the dredging of the port permanent.

A term of reference is being prepared so that, starting in 2021, annual investments of USD \$ 6 to USD \$ 8 million will be made in dredging in the port.