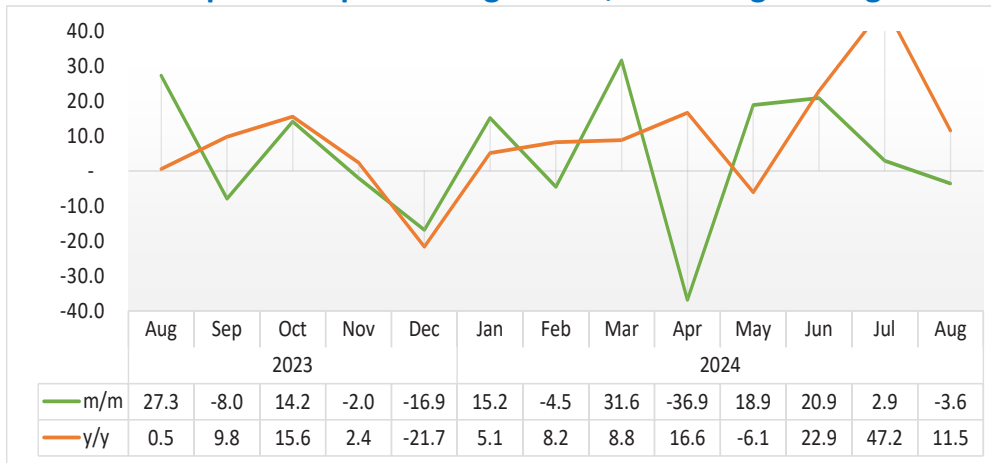


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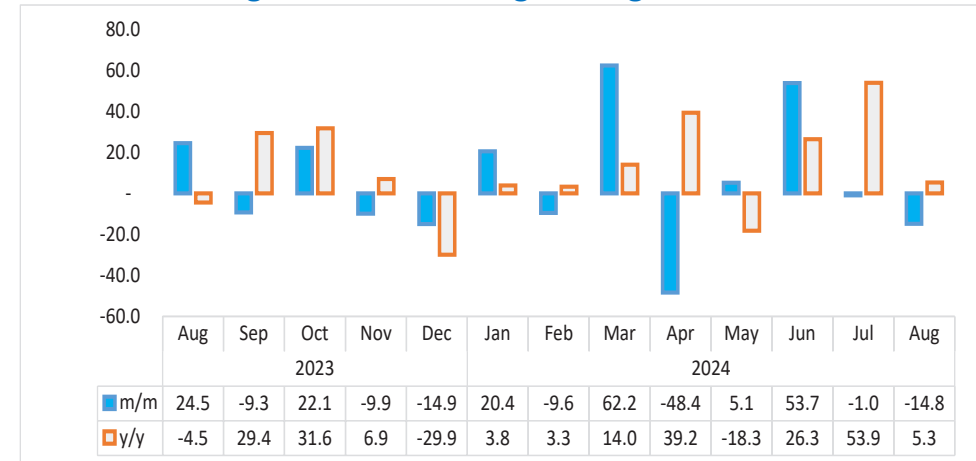
**Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>**



- **Transport Composite Cargo Index** consists of Road Cargo, Air Cargo, Sea Cargo, and Rail Cargo. In August 2024, the index declined by 3.6 percent on a monthly basis, in contrast to a growth of 2.9 percent recorded a month earlier. However, the index grew by 11.5 percent year-on-year (Chart 1).
- The monthly decline emanates from a notable drop in volumes of cargo for consignments that were transported via sea. Similarly, rail cargo also recorded a decrease during the month of August 2024.
- During the period under review, a total of 1 290 578 tonnes of cargo was transported compared to 1 338 509 tonnes and 1 157 055 tonnes that were transported in the preceding month and the corresponding month of 2023, respectively.

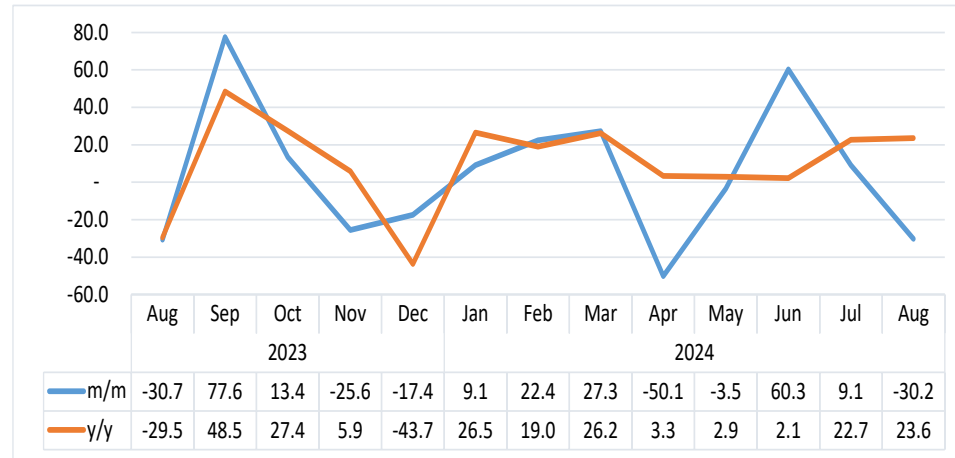
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**Chart 2: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change**



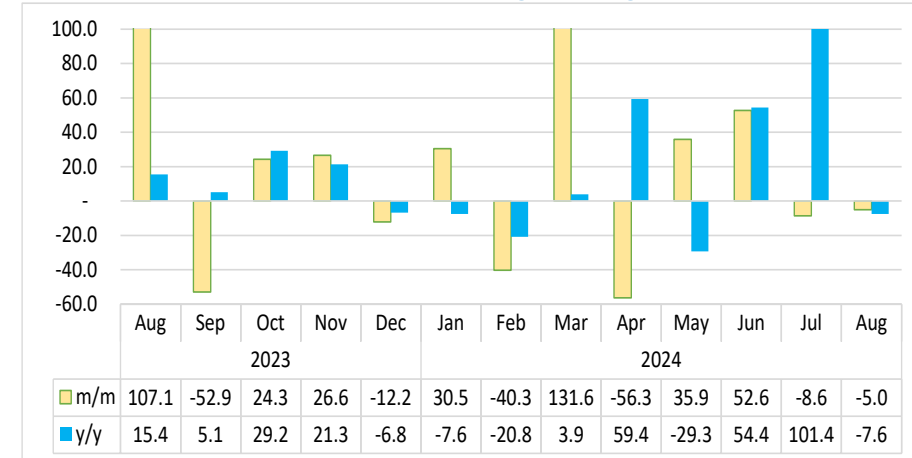
- **Sea Cargo Index**, which consists of Sea-shipped, Sea landed and Sea trans-shipped for August 2024 contracted by 14.8 percent, compared to a reduction of 1.0 percent that was recorded in the previous month. On the other hand, the index increased by 5.3 percent year-on-year (Chart 2).
- A total of 726 247 tonnes of cargo were transported by sea in August 2024, while in July 2024 and August 2023, a total of 852 627 tonnes and 689 580 tonnes of cargo were transported, respectively.

**Chart 3: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change**



- **Sea Shipped Index** for August 2024 declined by 30.2 percent on a monthly basis, in contrast to a growth of 9.1 percent recorded in the preceding month. On the other hand, the index grew by 23.6 percent year-on-year (Chart 3).
- During the period under review, a total of 283 372 tonnes of goods were shipped, compared to 405 985 tonnes and 229 252 tonnes that were shipped during the month of July 2024 and the corresponding month of August 2023, respectively.

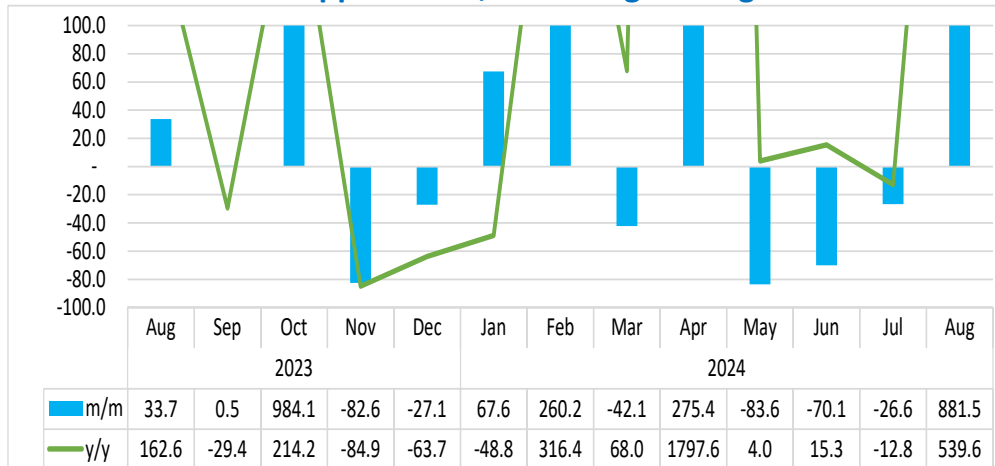
**Chart 4: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change<sup>2</sup>**



- **Sea Landed Index** declined by 5.0 percent on a monthly basis during the month of August 2024, a further decline from the previous month contraction of 8.6 percent. Similarly, the index decreased by 7.6 percent year-on-year (Chart 4).
- In absolute terms, a total of 422 422 tonnes of goods landed by sea were recorded during the month of August 2024, compared to 444 558 tonnes and 457 131 tonnes of goods that were landed in July 2024 and the corresponding month of August 2023, respectively.

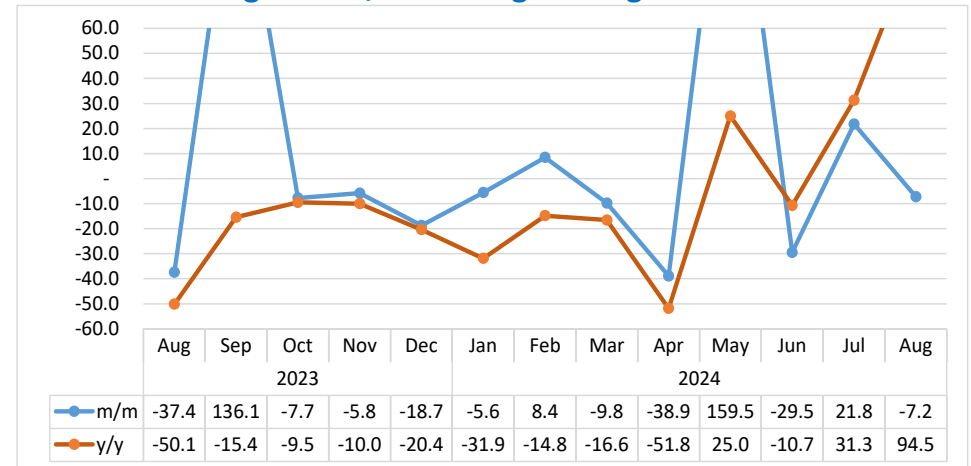
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Chart 5: Sea Trans-shipped Index, Percentage Change<sup>3</sup>



- The **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** for August 2024 registered a strong expansion of 881.5 percent on a monthly basis, in contrast to a reduction of 26.6 percent that was registered a month earlier. Furthermore, the index strongly increased by 539.6 percent year-on-year (Chart 5).
- The total volume of goods trans-shipped via sea during the month of August 2024 amounted to 20 453 tonnes, compared to 2 084 tonnes recorded in the preceding month and 3 198 tonnes registered in the corresponding month of 2023.

Chart 6: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>4</sup>

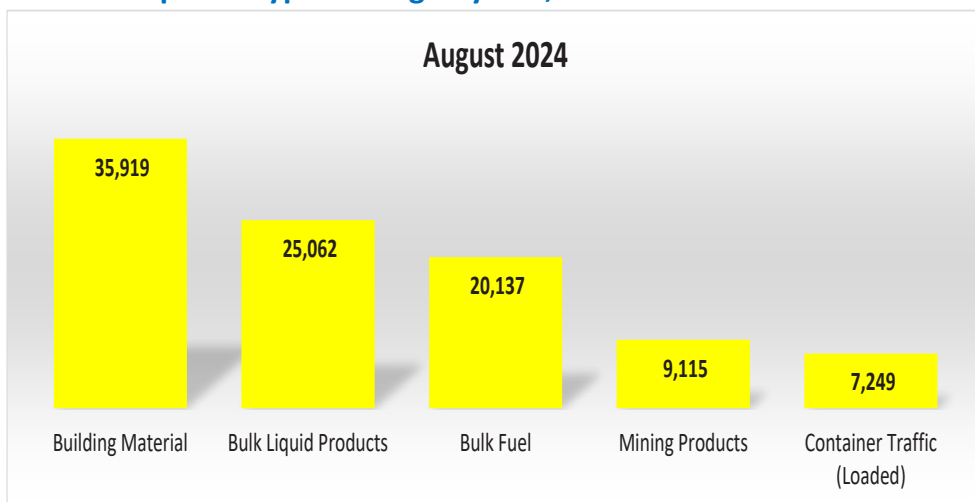


- During the month of August 2024, the **Rail Cargo Index** declined by 7.2 percent on a monthly basis, as opposed to a growth of 21.8 percent that was registered a month earlier. Conversely, the index rose strongly by 94.5 percent year-on-year (Chart 6).
- A total of 99 957 tonnes of cargo were transported via rail during the period under review, compared to 107 745 tonnes and 51 388 tonnes that were transported in July 2024 and the corresponding month of 2023, respectively.

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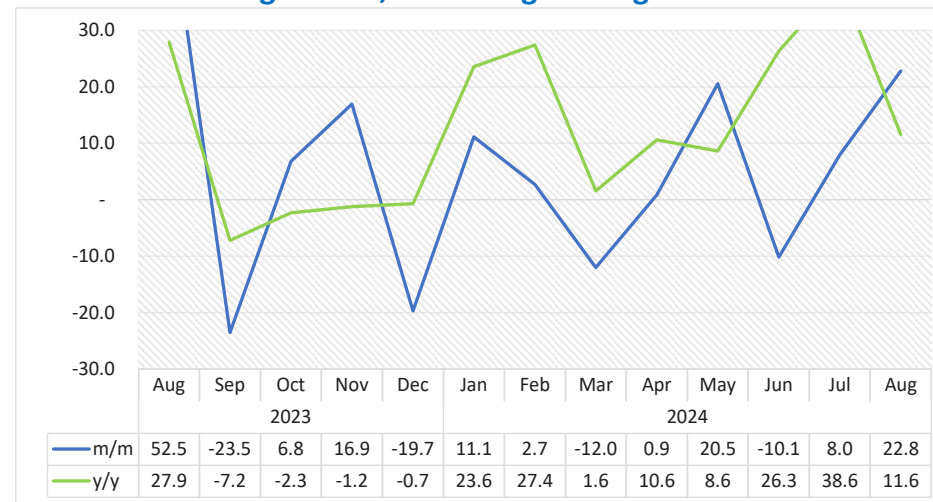
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**Chart 7: Top Five Type of Cargo by Rail, in Tonnes**



- In August 2024, Building materials recorded the highest cargo transported via rail, amounting to 35 919 tonnes, followed by Bulk liquid products in second position with 25 062 tonnes and Bulk fuel in third position with 20 137 tonnes.
- The Mining products (9 115 tonnes) and Container traffic loaded (7 249 tonnes) took the fourth and fifth positions, respectively (Chart 7).

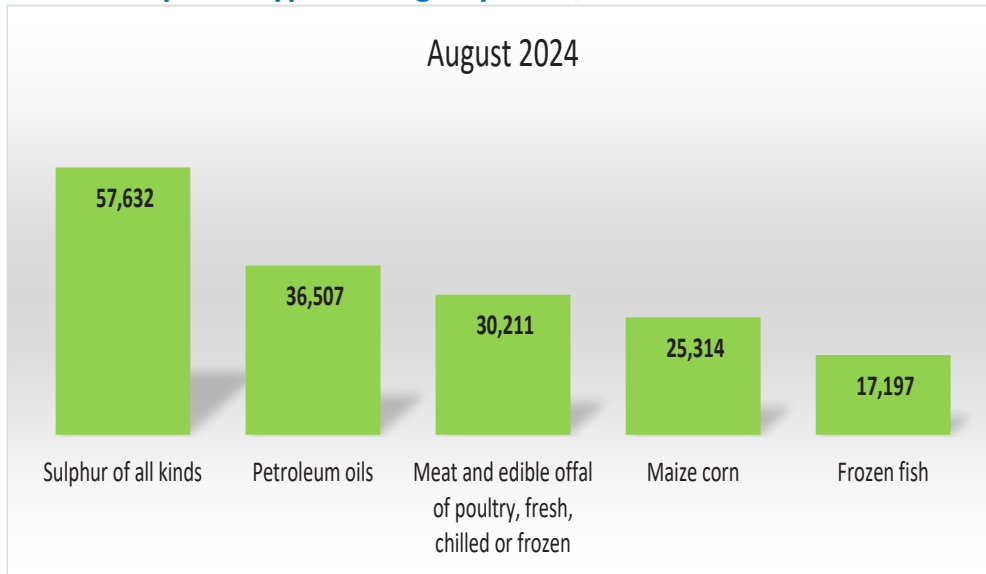
**Chart 8: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>5</sup>**



- **Road Cargo Index** for August 2024 increased by 22.8 percent on a monthly basis, compared to a growth of 8.0 percent posted in the previous month. Similarly, the index grew by 11.6 percent year-on-year (Chart 8).
- In absolute terms, a total of 463 993 tonnes of goods were transported via road during the month of August 2024, compared to 377 830 tonnes of goods transported in the preceding month, and 415 835 tonnes of cargo transported in the corresponding month of 2023.

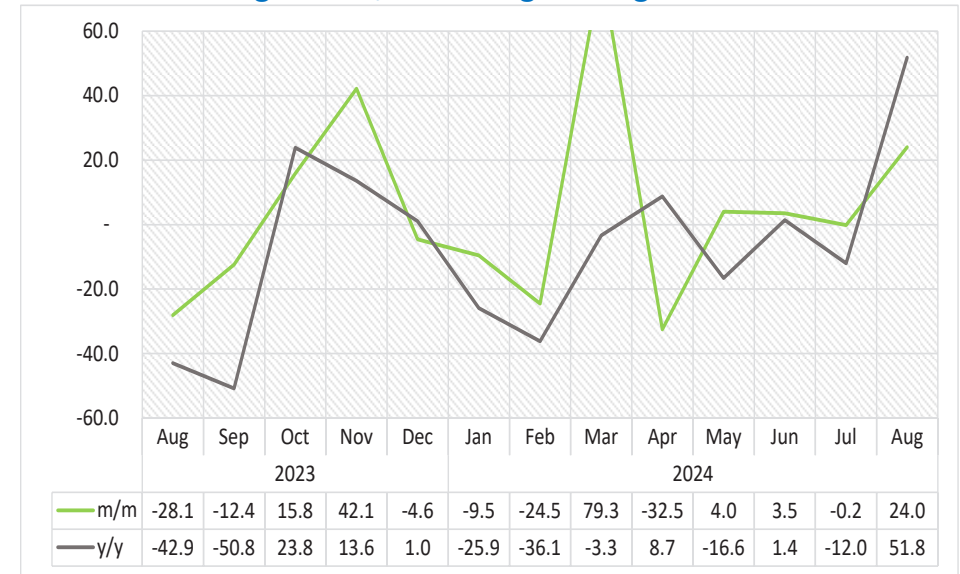
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**Chart 9: Top Five Type of Cargo by Road, Tonnes**



- During the month of August 2024, Sulphur of all kinds recorded the highest volume of 57 632 tonnes of cargo transported by road, followed by Petroleum oils in second position amounting to 36 507 tonnes. ‘Meat and edible offal of poultry, fresh, chilled or frozen’ stood in the third position with 30 211 tonnes. Lastly, Maize corn recorded 25 314 tonnes, while Frozen fish recorded 17 197 tonnes, standing fourth and fifth positions, respectively (Chart 9).

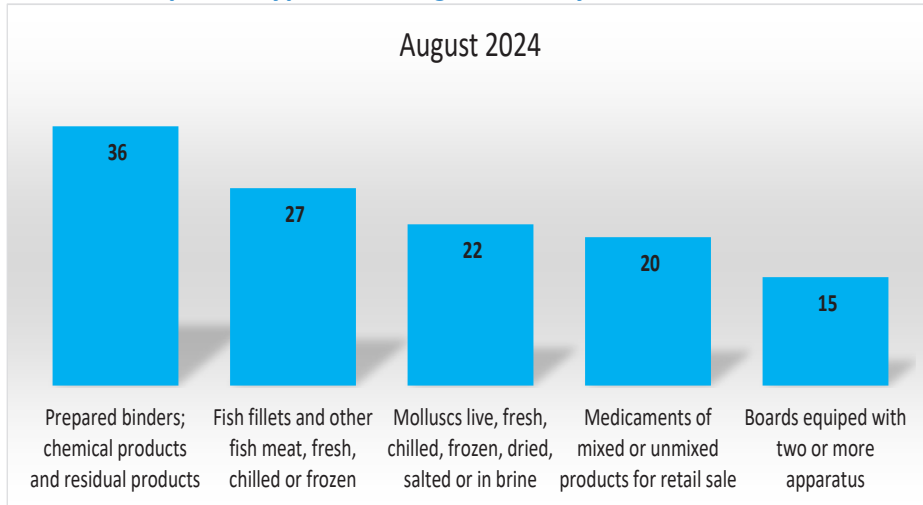
**Chart 10: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>6</sup>**



- In August 2024, **Air Cargo Index** increased by 24.0 percent, in contrast to a decline of 0.2 percent noted a month earlier. Additionally, the index significantly grew by 51.8 percent year-on-year (Chart 10).
- A total of 381 tonnes of goods were transported via air during the month of August 2024, while 307 tonnes and 251 tonnes were transported in July 2024 and the corresponding month of 2023, respectively.

<sup>6</sup> This chart is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

**Chart 11: Top Five Type of Consignments by Air, Tonnes**



- For the month of August 2024, transportation of ‘Prepared binders; chemical products and residual products’ by air recorded the highest volumes of 36 tonnes, while in the second position was ‘Fish fillets & other fish meat, fresh, chilled or frozen’ with 27 tonnes, and ‘Molluscs live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine’ with 22 tonnes holding the third position.
- Featuring in the top five consignments transported via air also include ‘Medicaments of mixed or unmixed products for retail sale’ (20 tonnes) and ‘Boards equipped with two or more apparatus’ (15 tonnes), taking fourth and fifth positions, respectively, (Chart 11).

**Table 1: Cargo by mode of transport in tonnes**

Year	Month	Rail cargo	Road cargo	Air cargo	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans - shipped	Sea Cargo	Total Cargo
2020	Jan	124,661	281,305	641	172,554	225,880	10,570	409,004	815,611
	Feb	119,235	260,778	530	498,254	183,758	6,126	688,137	1,068,680
	Mar	116,267	258,529	279	243,494	273,582	10,633	527,709	902,783
	Apr	96,506	171,759	25	104,862	96,192	82,393	283,447	551,737
	May	105,771	215,121	325	218,352	233,748	67,622	519,722	840,939
	Jun	137,334	244,530	94	156,370	200,474	40,337	397,181	779,139
	Jul	140,141	315,101	101	229,253	139,011	65,397	433,661	889,004
	Aug	116,133	285,009	190	342,226	235,835	40,068	618,129	1,019,460
	Sep	172,107	294,764	222	401,518	376,935	4,095	782,548	1,249,640
	Oct	150,408	294,890	219	183,762	176,081	6,175	366,018	811,535
	Nov	146,555	355,067	308	342,464	287,662	3,546	633,672	1,135,602
	Dec	108,787	288,974	492	307,274	171,471	9,929	488,674	886,926
2021	Jan	107,641	275,398	303	398,439	199,624	16,420	614,482	997,824
	Feb	107,757	260,740	409	321,256	254,083	3,863	579,202	948,107
	Mar	114,211	290,517	582	315,040	230,399	4,986	550,425	955,735
	Apr	112,231	387,713	494	136,333	158,391	5,956	300,680	801,118
	May	123,098	279,922	530	198,667	202,549	6,174	407,390	810,940
	Jun	117,829	300,999	674	298,812	246,107	11,287	556,206	975,708
	Jul	110,889	305,752	552	162,996	201,612	47,081	411,689	828,881
	Aug	134,100	347,315	364	261,617	235,889	73,143	570,648	1,052,427
	Sep	123,279	357,723	380	329,971	376,386	69,625	775,982	1,257,364
	Oct	124,581	387,360	448	339,013	233,193	12,247	584,453	1,096,841
	Nov	122,938	379,542	463	257,163	243,513	314	500,991	1,003,933
	Dec	111,165	352,047	373	392,110	199,402	545	592,058	1,055,642

**Table 1: cont....**

Year	Month	Rail cargo	Road cargo	Air cargo	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans - shipped	Sea Cargo	Total Cargo
2022	Jan	107,641	364,310	405	258,144	252,899	3,029	514,071	986,428
	Feb	95,348	340,340	286	473,804	167,884	21,382	663,070	1,099,044
	Mar	123,575	296,300	348	361,293	353,786	6,814	721,893	1,142,116
	Apr	98,815	313,006	293	237,328	132,793	2,689	372,810	784,925
	May	108,501	337,366	260	281,553	382,805	3,164	667,523	1,113,649
	Jun	125,152	277,835	256	354,258	292,154	3,256	649,668	1,052,911
	Jul	125,604	312,627	368	285,087	250,749	8,277	544,113	982,713
	Aug	103,071	325,034	440	396,095	325,079	1,218	722,392	1,150,937
	Sep	143,517	342,624	447	204,694	274,037	4,550	483,281	969,870
	Oct	123,687	347,699	206	207,041	362,174	11,089	580,305	1,051,896
	Nov	117,128	402,064	319	279,309	324,268	40,186	643,762	1,163,273
	Dec	107,634	321,184	342	319,228	503,800	12,227	835,255	1,264,415
2023	Jan	118,745	286,867	422	419,980	244,647	14,519	679,147	1,085,180
	Feb	102,966	285,737	370	292,400	318,255	6,425	617,080	1,006,153
	Mar	94,884	315,279	438	515,808	382,050	9,214	907,072	1,317,673
	Apr	100,444	292,148	263	147,158	232,737	3,063	382,958	775,813
	May	100,427	358,485	356	450,960	225,701	9,140	685,800	1,145,068
	Jun	99,107	277,053	304	315,048	364,379	2,460	681,887	1,058,351
	Jul	82,068	272,682	349	220,777	330,862	2,391	554,030	909,129
	Aug	51,388	415,835	251	457,131	229,252	3,198	689,580	1,157,055
	Sep	121,347	317,972	220	215,194	407,060	3,214	625,468	1,065,008
	Oct	111,950	339,605	255	267,532	461,537	34,842	763,911	1,215,722
	Nov	105,420	397,167	362	338,787	343,333	6,078	688,198	1,191,147
	Dec	85,687	318,991	346	297,427	283,536	4,432	585,395	990,419
2024	Jan	80,892	354,466	313	388,101	309,436	7,429	704,966	1,140,637
	Feb	87,721	363,972	236	231,543	378,878	26,758	637,180	1,089,108
	Mar	79,154	320,254	423	536,181	482,136	15,480	1,033,797	1,433,629
	Apr	48,365	323,080	286	234,545	240,526	58,117	533,188	904,919
	May	125,507	389,376	297	318,673	232,174	9,503	560,350	1,075,530
	Jun	88,491	349,915	308	486,440	372,194	2,838	861,471	1,300,185
	Jul	107,745	377,830	307	444,558	405,985	2,084	852,627	1,338,509
	Aug	99,957	463,993	381	422,422	283,372	20,453	726,247	1,290,578



**Table 2: Cargo Index**

Year	Month	Rail cargo Index	Road cargo Index	Air cargo Index	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans shipped	Total Sea Cargo Index	Composite Cargo Index
2020	Jan	97.3	99.4	127.0	57.0	220.9	15.0	86.0	92.0
	Feb	93.0	92.2	104.9	164.5	179.7	8.7	144.7	120.5
	Mar	90.7	91.4	55.2	80.4	267.5	15.1	111.0	101.8
	Apr	75.3	60.7	5.0	34.6	94.1	117.1	59.6	62.2
	May	82.5	76.0	64.4	72.1	228.6	96.1	109.3	94.8
	Jun	107.2	86.4	18.7	51.6	196.0	57.3	83.5	87.8
	Jul	109.3	111.4	20.0	75.7	135.9	92.9	91.2	100.2
	Aug	90.6	100.8	37.6	113.0	230.6	56.9	130.0	114.9
	Sep	134.3	104.2	43.9	132.6	368.6	5.8	164.6	140.9
	Oct	117.4	104.2	43.3	60.7	172.2	8.8	77.0	91.5
	Nov	114.3	125.5	61.0	113.1	281.3	5.0	133.3	128.0
	Dec	84.9	102.2	97.4	101.5	167.7	14.1	102.8	100.0
2021	Jan	84.0	97.4	60.0	131.6	195.2	23.3	129.2	112.5
	Feb	84.1	92.2	81.0	106.1	248.4	5.5	121.8	106.9
	Mar	89.1	102.7	115.3	104.0	225.3	7.1	115.8	107.8
	Apr	87.6	137.1	98.0	45.0	154.9	8.5	63.2	90.3
	May	96.0	99.0	105.1	65.6	198.0	8.8	85.7	91.4
	Jun	91.9	106.4	133.5	98.7	240.6	16.0	117.0	110.0
	Jul	86.5	108.1	109.3	53.8	197.1	66.9	86.6	93.4
	Aug	104.6	122.8	72.1	86.4	230.6	103.9	120.0	118.7
	Sep	96.2	126.5	75.2	109.0	368.0	98.9	163.2	141.8
	Oct	97.2	136.9	88.7	112.0	228.0	17.4	122.9	123.7
	Nov	95.9	134.2	91.7	84.9	238.1	0.4	105.4	113.2
	Dec	86.7	124.5	73.9	129.5	195.0	0.8	124.5	119.0
	Jan	84.0	128.8	80.3	85.3	247.3	4.3	108.1	111.2
	Feb	74.4	120.3	56.8	156.5	164.2	30.4	139.5	123.9
	Mar	96.4	104.7	68.9	119.3	345.9	9.7	151.8	128.8
	Apr	77.1	110.7	58.1	78.4	129.8	3.8	78.4	88.5
	May	84.7	119.3	51.5	93.0	374.3	4.5	140.4	125.6
	Jun	97.6	98.2	50.7	117.0	285.7	4.6	136.6	118.7
	Jul	98.0	110.5	73.0	94.1	245.2	11.8	114.4	110.8
	Aug	80.4	114.9	87.2	130.8	317.9	1.7	151.9	129.8
	Sep	112.0	121.1	88.6	67.6	267.9	6.5	101.6	109.3
	Oct	96.5	122.9	40.8	68.4	354.1	15.8	122.1	118.6
	Nov	91.4	142.1	63.2	92.2	317.1	57.1	135.4	131.1
	Dec	84.0	113.5	67.8	105.4	492.6	17.4	175.7	142.6
2022	Jan	92.6	101.4	83.6	138.7	239.2	20.6	142.8	122.3
	Feb	80.3	101.0	73.2	96.6	311.2	9.1	129.8	113.4
	Mar	74.0	111.5	86.7	170.3	373.6	13.1	190.8	148.6
	Apr	78.4	103.3	52.1	48.6	227.6	4.4	80.5	87.5
	May	78.4	126.7	70.6	148.9	220.7	13.0	144.2	129.1
	Jun	77.3	97.9	60.2	104.0	356.3	3.5	143.4	119.3
	Jul	64.0	96.4	69.2	72.9	323.5	3.4	116.5	102.5
	Aug	40.1	147.0	49.8	151.0	224.2	4.5	145.0	130.4
	Sep	94.7	112.4	43.6	71.1	398.0	4.6	131.6	120.1
	Oct	87.3	120.1	50.5	88.4	451.3	49.5	160.7	137.1
	Nov	82.3	140.4	71.8	111.9	335.7	8.6	144.7	134.3
	Dec	66.9	112.8	68.5	98.2	277.2	6.3	123.1	111.7
2023	Jan	63.1	125.3	61.9	128.2	302.6	10.6	148.3	128.6
	Feb	68.4	128.7	46.8	76.5	370.5	38.0	134.0	122.8
	Mar	61.8	113.2	83.9	177.1	471.4	22.0	217.4	161.6
	Apr	37.7	114.2	56.6	77.5	235.2	82.6	112.1	102.0
	May	97.9	137.6	58.9	105.2	227.0	13.5	117.9	121.3
	Jun	69.0	123.7	61.0	160.6	363.9	4.0	181.2	146.6
	Jul	84.1	133.6	60.9	146.8	397.0	3.0	179.3	150.9
	Aug	78.0	164.0	75.5	139.5	277.1	29.1	152.8	145.5

**Table 2: Cargo Index continue.....**

## Methodology

- Data source** : The volume data for rail cargo are sourced from Trans-Namib, while the source for road and air cargo volume data is from the Namibia Statistics Agency (Trade Statistics Sub-division). Volumes of Sea cargo, which comprises of sea-landed, sea-shipped, and sea Trans-shipped, are sourced from Namport.
- Index calculation** : The index of cargo has been weighted using the volume data in tonnes for 2015.
- Conversion** : 1 basis point = 0.01 percent