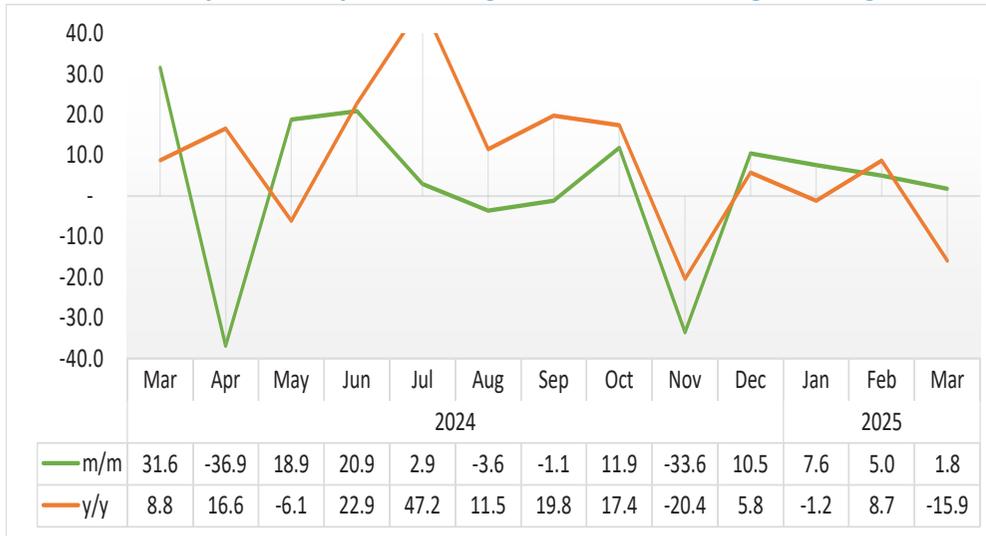


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Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change¹



- The **Transport Composite Cargo Index** which includes Air Cargo, Rail Cargo, Sea Cargo and Road Cargo slowed down in March 2025 by registering an increase of 1.8 percent compared to a growth of 5.0 percent recorded a month earlier. Year-on-year, the index declined by 15.9 percent (Chart 1)¹.
- The monthly growth was driven by an expansion experienced in air, rail, and sea cargo.

¹ This chart is limited to 40 percent for better readability.

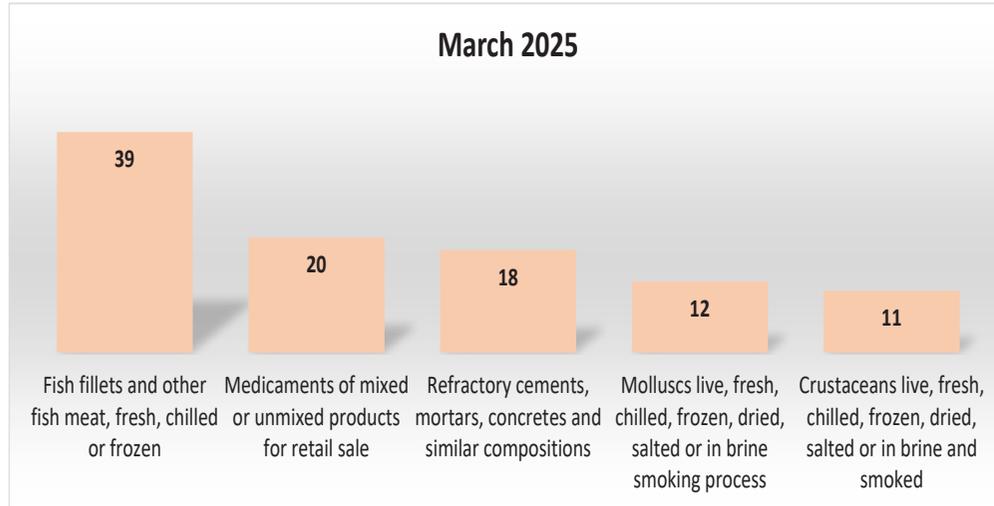
Chart 2: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change²



- **Air Cargo Index** increased by 22.1 percent in March 2025 compared to a growth of 3.7 percent experienced in February 2025. On the other hand, on an annual basis the index declined by 24.5 percent (Chart 2)².

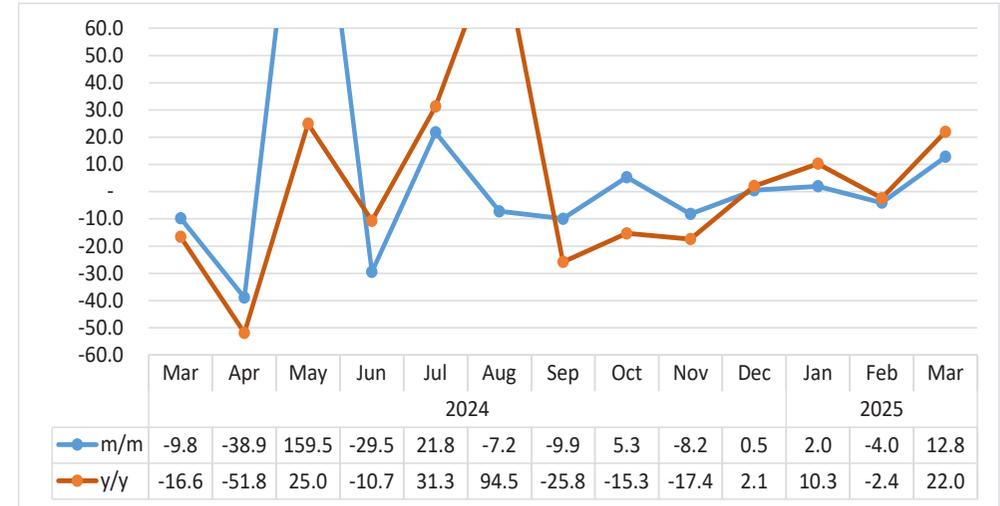
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Chart 3: Top Five Types of Consignments by Air, in Tonnes



- In March 2025, transportation of ‘Fish fillets and other fish meat, fresh, chilled or frozen’ via air recorded the highest volume of 39 tonnes, followed by ‘Medicaments of mixed or unmixed products for retail sale’ with 20 tonnes. While ‘Refractory cements, mortars, concretes and similar compositions’ ranked third with 18 tonnes.
- ‘Molluscs live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine smoking process’ and ‘Crustaceans live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine and smoked’ ranked in fourth and fifth positions, with 12 tonnes and 11 tonnes, respectively (Chart 3).

Chart 4: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change³



- The **Rail Cargo Index** increased by 12.8 percent in March 2025, as opposed to a contraction of 4.0 percent observed in the previous month. In addition, on an annual basis the index grew by 22.0 percent (Chart 4)³.

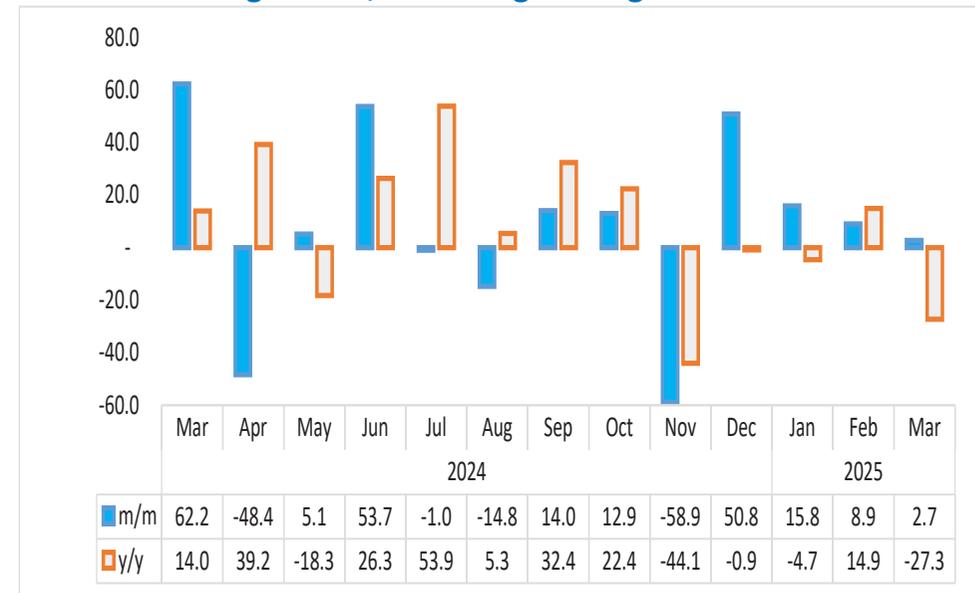
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Chart 5: Top Five Types of Cargo by Rail, in Tonnes



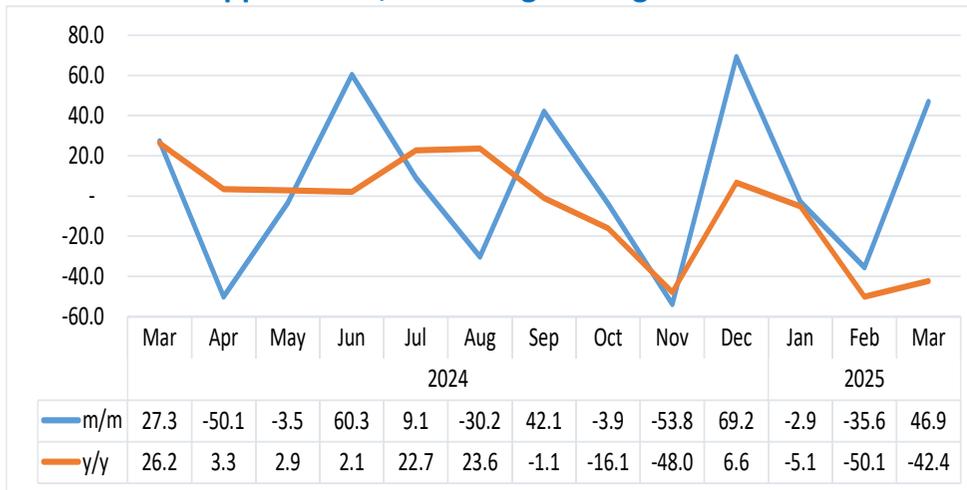
- In March 2025, building materials was the highest type of cargo transported via rail in terms of volume, amounting to 30 587 tonnes, followed by Bulk liquid products with 23 871 tonnes. Bulk fuel ranked third with 18 800 tonnes transported during March 2025.
- Mining products and Container traffic (loaded) ranked fourth and fifth, posting 17 823 tonnes and 4 469 tonnes, respectively (Chart 5).

Chart 6: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change



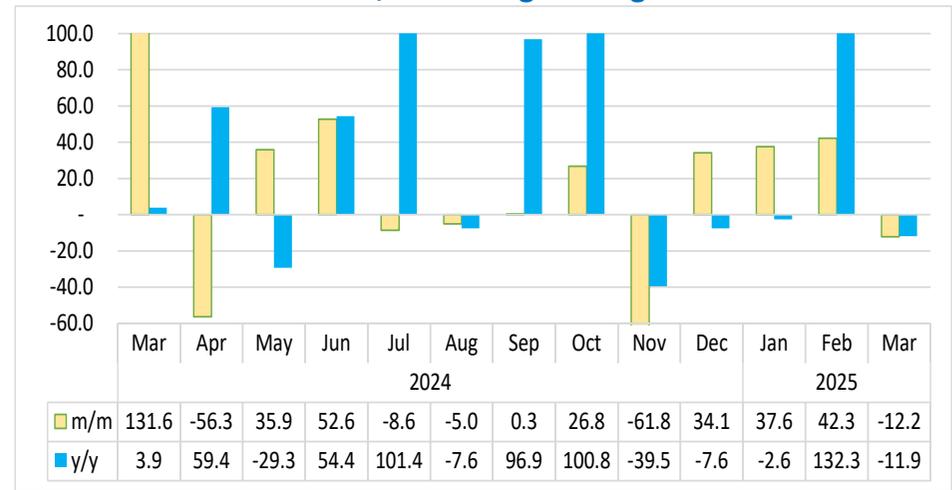
- **Sea Cargo Index**, which includes Sea Shipped, Sea Landed and Sea Trans-shipped cargo, recorded a slow growth of 2.7 percent in March 2025 compared to a growth of 8.9 percent experienced in the previous month. On the other hand, the index declined by 27.3 percent on an annual basis (Chart 2).

Chart 7: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change



- **Sea Shipped Index** grew by 46.9 percent in March 2025, in contrast to a contraction of 35.6 percent experienced in February 2025. On the other hand, the index declined by 42.4 percent year-on-year (Chart 7).

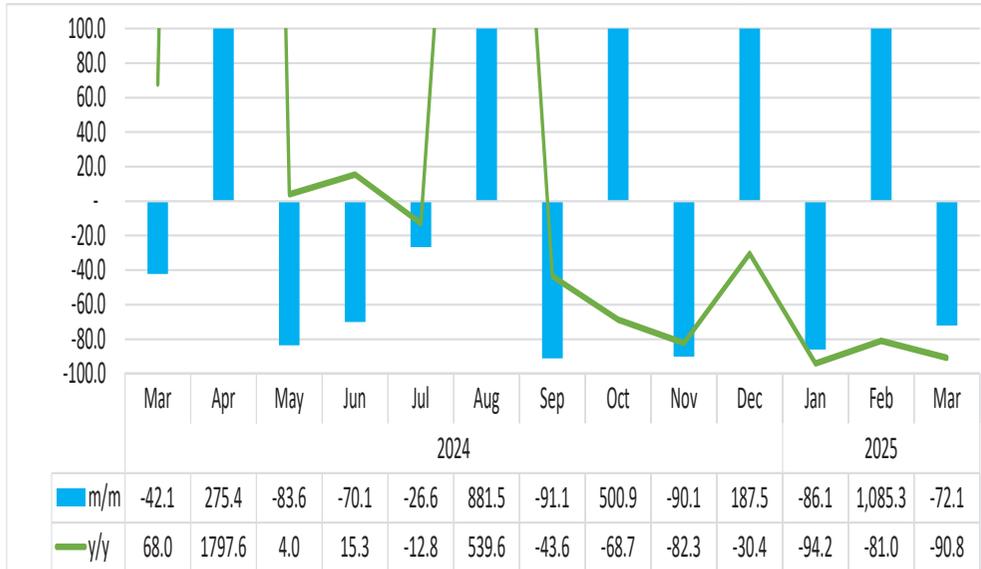
Chart 8: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change⁴



- **Sea Landed Index** decreased by 12.2 percent in March 2025 in contrast to a growth of 42.3 percent recorded in February 2025. Similarly, year-on-year, the index declined by 11.9 percent (Chart 8)⁴.

⁴ This chart is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

Chart 9: Sea Trans-Shipped Index, Percentage Change⁵



- **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** fell by 72.1 percent in March 2025, as opposed to a growth of 1 085.3 percent, witnessed in February 2025. Similarly, the index declined by 90.8 percent on an annual basis (Chart 9)

Chart 10: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change⁶



- **Road Cargo Index** decreased by 2.4 percent in March 2025, in contrast to a growth of 0.1 percent experienced a month earlier. On the other hand, the index grew by 11.5 percent, year-on-year (Chart 10).

⁵ This chart is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

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Chart 11: Top Five Types of Cargo by Road, in Tonnes



- Sulphur of all kinds was the highest type of cargo that was transported by road in March 2025, amounting to 28 529 tonnes, followed by Petroleum oils, which recorded 27 650 tonnes. While maize (corn) recorded a total of 22 563 tonnes in third place.
- 'Frozen fish' and 'Portland cement, Aluminous cement and Persulphate cement', ranked fourth and fifth, with 17 402 tonnes and 13 318 tonnes, 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 |
|------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |

Table 1: Cargo by mode of transport in tonnes continue.....

| Year | Month | Rail cargo | Road cargo | Air cargo | Sea Landed | Sea Shipped | Sea Trans - shipped | Sea Cargo | Total Cargo |
|------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 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 |
| | Sep | 90,018 | 357,075 | 596 | 423,696 | 402,687 | 1,812 | 828,195 | 1,275,884 |
| | Oct | 94,806 | 397,238 | 409 | 537,071 | 387,146 | 10,889 | 935,106 | 1,427,559 |
| | Nov | 87,026 | 475,675 | 759 | 204,969 | 178,688 | 1,074 | 384,730 | 948,190 |
| | Dec | 87,478 | 379,832 | 379 | 274,875 | 302,299 | 3,087 | 580,260 | 1,047,949 |
| 2025 | Jan | 89,211 | 365,853 | 252 | 378,128 | 293,588 | 430 | 672,146 | 1,127,462 |
| | Feb | 85,601 | 366,139 | 262 | 537,932 | 189,209 | 5,097 | 732,239 | 1,184,240 |
| | Mar | 96,554 | 357,201 | 320 | 472,446 | 277,872 | 1,420 | 751,739 | 1,205,813 |

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 |
|------|-------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |
| 2022 | 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 |
| 2023 | 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 |

Table 2: Cargo Index continue.....

| 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 |
|------|-------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2024 | 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 |
| | Sep | 70.2 | 126.2 | 118.1 | 139.9 | 393.7 | 2.6 | 174.2 | 143.8 |
| | Oct | 74.0 | 140.4 | 81.0 | 177.4 | 378.5 | 15.5 | 196.7 | 160.9 |
| | Nov | 67.9 | 168.2 | 150.4 | 67.7 | 174.7 | 1.5 | 80.9 | 106.9 |
| | Dec | 68.3 | 134.3 | 75.0 | 90.8 | 295.6 | 4.4 | 122.0 | 118.1 |
| 2025 | Jan | 69.6 | 129.3 | 50.0 | 124.9 | 287.1 | 0.6 | 141.4 | 127.1 |
| | Feb | 66.8 | 129.4 | 51.9 | 177.7 | 185.0 | 7.2 | 154.0 | 133.5 |
| | Mar | 75.3 | 126.3 | 63.3 | 156.0 | 271.7 | 2.0 | 158.1 | 135.9 |

- Methodology** : Products are classified according to the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature classification (chart 9 and chart 11)
- 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