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Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change¹

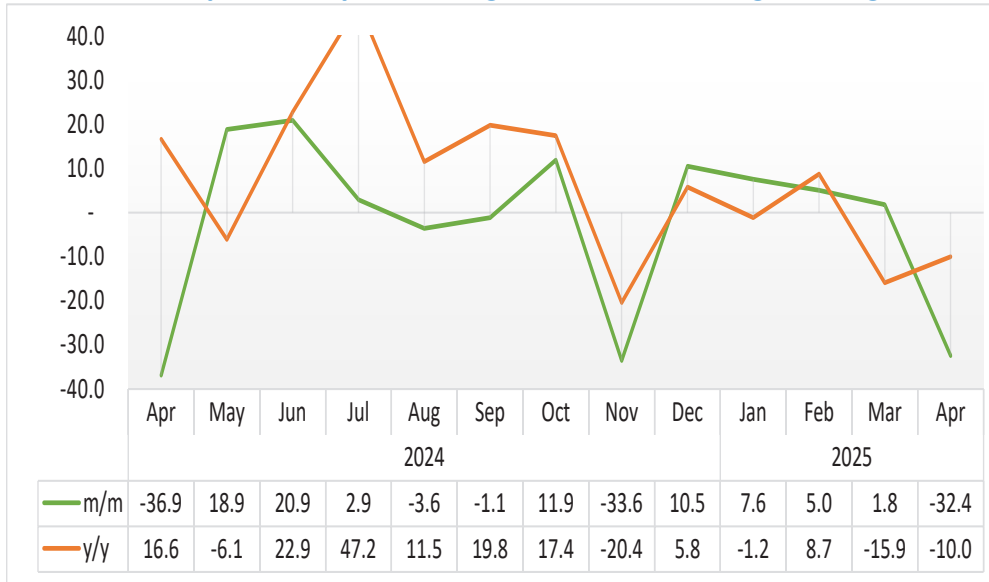
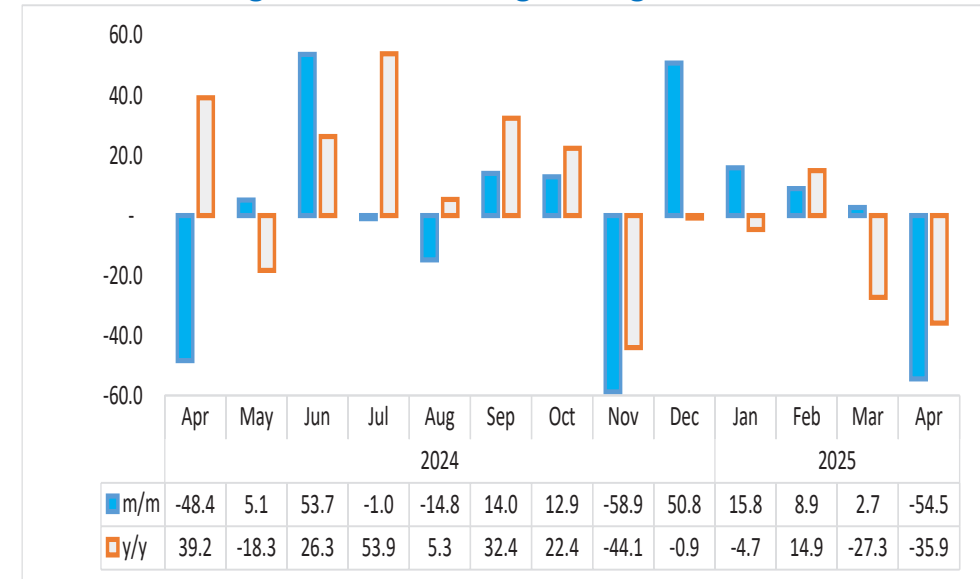


Chart 2: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change

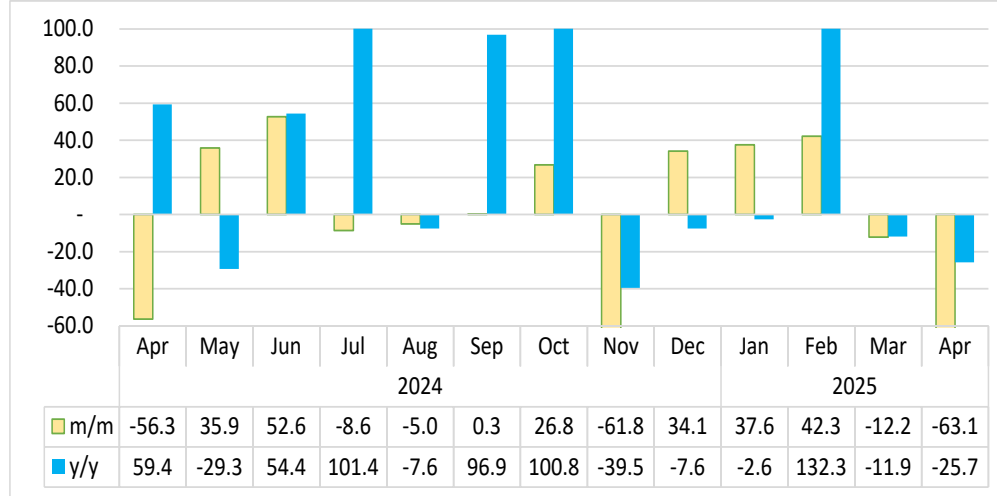


- The **Transport Composite Cargo Index** which includes Sea Cargo, Road Cargo, Rail Cargo and Air Cargo contracted by 32.4 percent in April 2025 in contrast to a growth of 1.8 percent recorded in the previous month. Year-on-year, the index declined by 10.0 percent (Chart 1)¹.
- The monthly decline was primarily driven by a reduction in sea and road cargo volumes.

- **Sea Cargo Index**, which includes Sea Landed, Sea Shipped and Sea Trans-shipped cargo, fell by 54.5 percent in April 2025 as opposed to a growth of 2.7 percent posted a month earlier. Furthermore, the index declined by 35.9 percent on an annual basis (Chart 2).

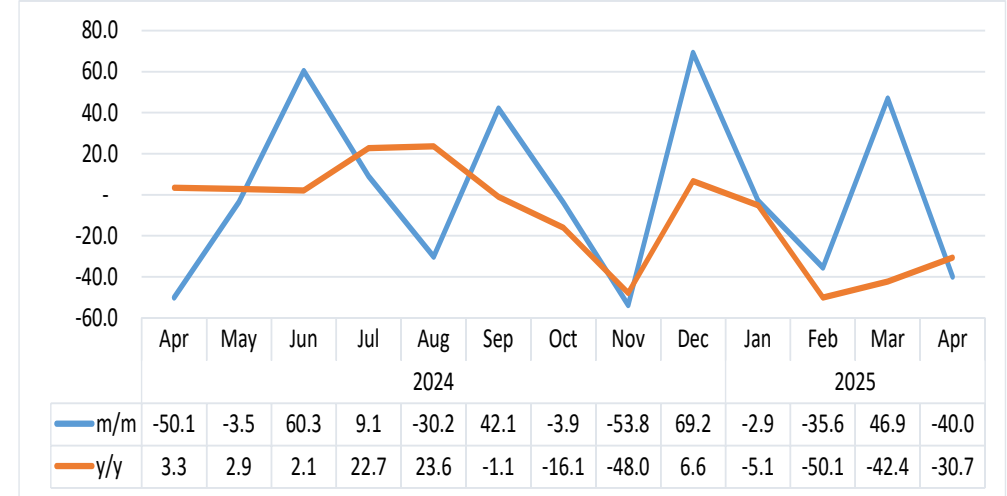
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Chart 3: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change²



- **Sea Landed Index** decreased by 63.1 percent in April 2025 compared to a reduction of 12.2 percent recorded in March 2025. Similarly, year-on-year, the index declined by 25.7 percent (Chart 3).

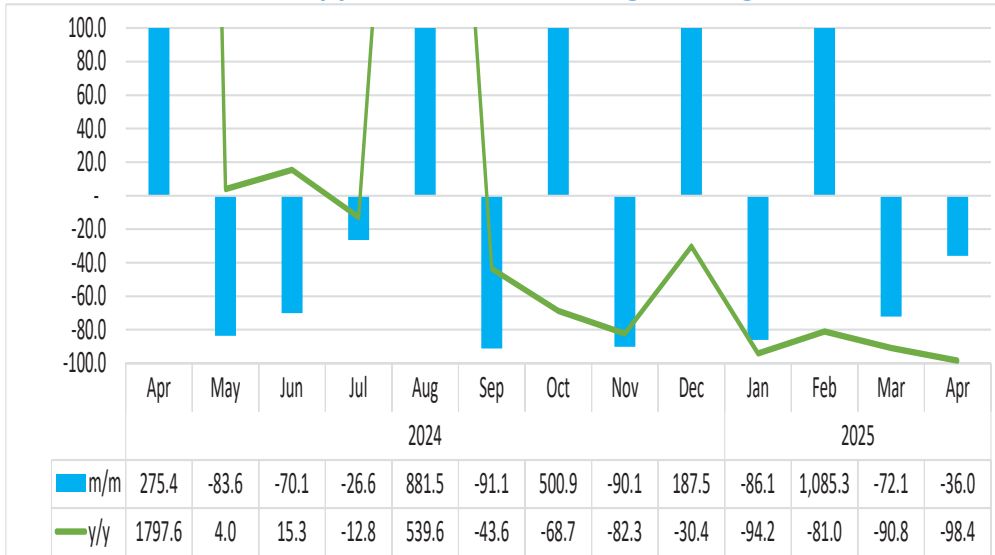
Chart 4: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change



- **Sea Shipped Index** contracted by 40.0 percent in April 2025, in contrast to an increase of 46.9 percent registered in March 2025. In addition, the index declined by 30.7 percent year-on-year (Chart 4).

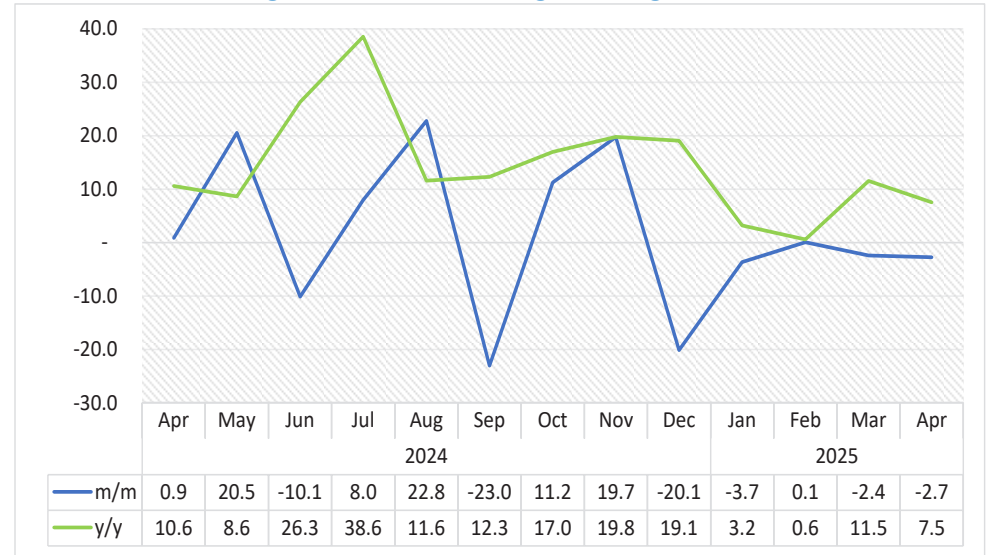
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Chart 5: Sea Trans-Shipped Index, Percentage Change³



- **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** reduced by 36.0 percent in April 2025, an improvement when compared to a contraction of 72.1 percent experienced in March 2025. Similarly, the index declined by 98.4 percent on an annual basis (Chart 5)

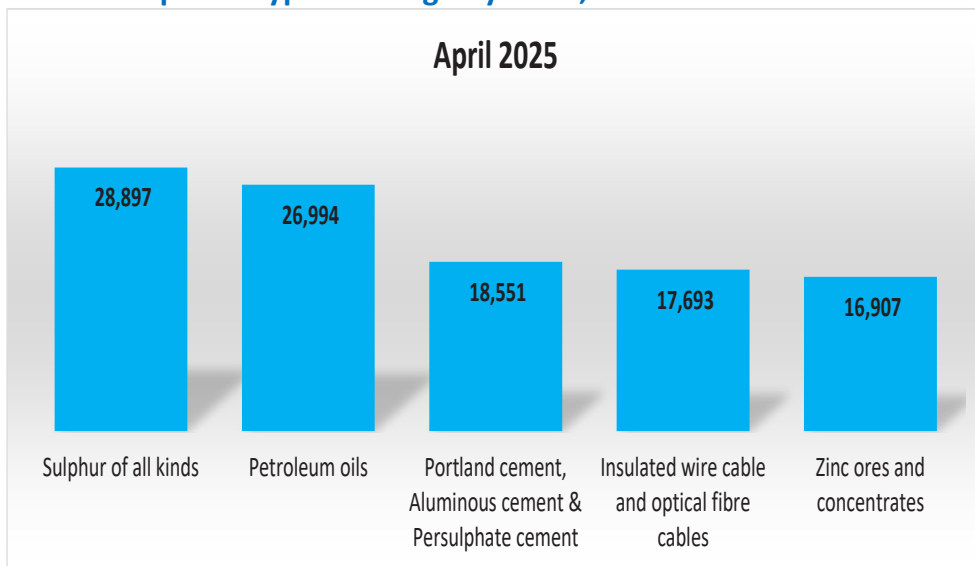
Chart 6: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change



- **Road Cargo Index** decreased by 2.7 percent in April 2025, compared to a decline of 2.4 percent experienced in the preceding month. On the other hand, the index grew by 7.5 percent, year-on-year (Chart 6).

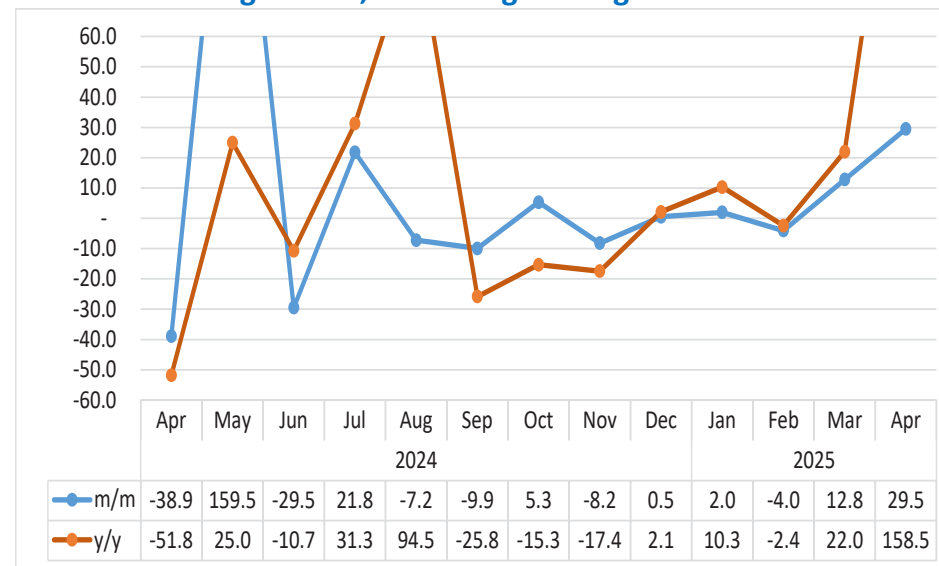
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Chart 7: Top Five Types of Cargo by Road, in Tonnes



- In April 2025, sulphur of all kinds was the highest transported cargo by road, totalling 28 897 tonnes. This was followed by petroleum oils at 26 994 tonnes. In third place were ‘Portland cement, aluminous cement, and persulphate cement’, with a combined total of 18 551 tonnes.
- ‘Insulated wire cable and optical fibre cables’ and ‘zinc ores and concentrates’ ranked fourth and fifth, recording 17 693 tonnes and 16 907 tonnes respectively (Chart 7).

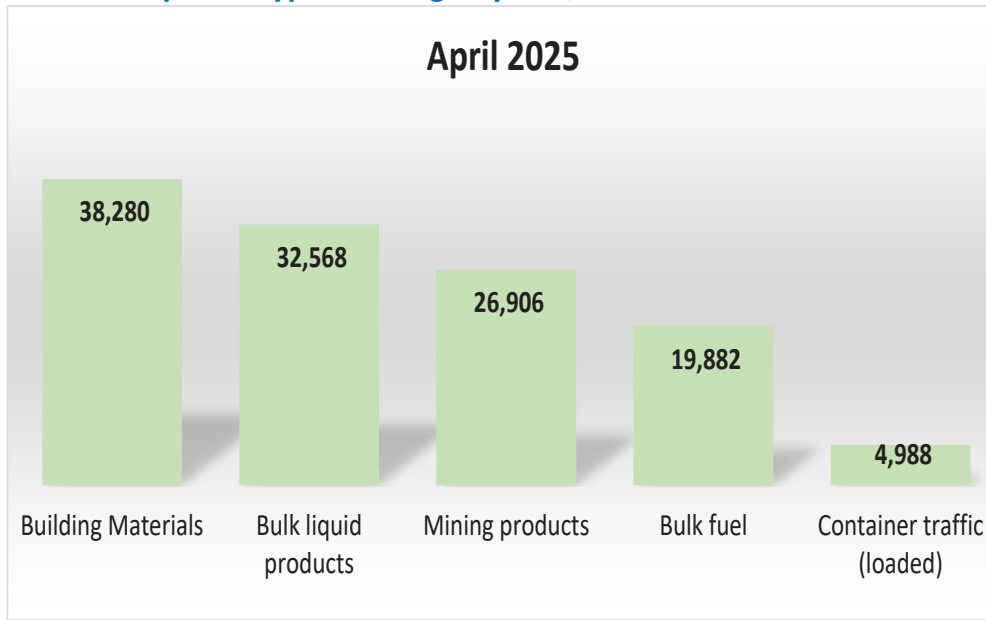
Chart 8: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change⁴



- The **Rail Cargo Index** grew by 29.5 percent in April 2025, compared to a growth of 12.8 percent observed in the previous month. Moreover, on an annual basis the index increased by 158.5 percent (Chart 8).

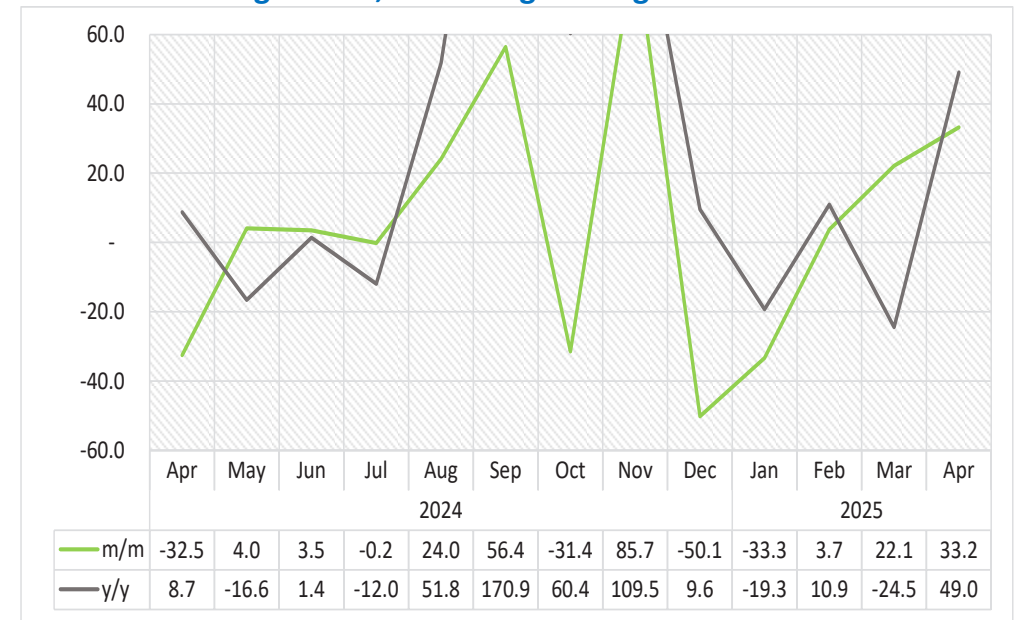
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Chart 9: Top Five Types of Cargo by Rail, in Tonnes



- In April 2025, building materials was the highest in terms of volume of cargo transported by rail, totalling 38 280 tonnes. Bulk liquid products followed closely with 32 568 tonnes, while mining products ranked third with 26 906 tonnes transported during the same period.
- Bulk fuel and loaded container traffic held the fourth and fifth positions, with volumes of 19 882 tonnes and 4 988 tonnes, respectively (see Chart 9).

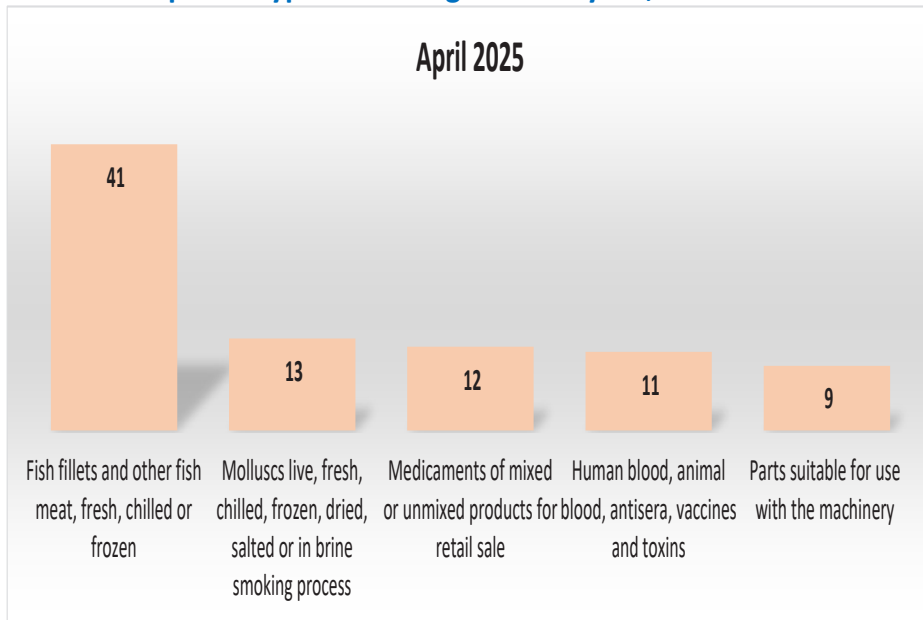
Chart 10: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change⁵



- **Air Cargo Index** increased by 33.2 percent in April 2025 compared to a growth of 22.1 percent experienced in March 2025. In addition, on an annual basis the index rose by 49.0 percent (Chart 10).

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Chart 11: Top Five Types of Consignments by Air, in Tonnes



- In April 2025, transportation of fish fillets and other fish meat (fresh, chilled, or frozen), via air recorded the highest volume of 41 tonnes. This was followed by molluscs (live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted, in brine, or smoked), with 13 tonnes. Medicaments of mixed or unmixed products for retail sale ranked third, with 12 tonnes.
- Human blood, animal blood, antisera, vaccines, and toxins took fourth place with 11 tonnes, while parts suitable for use with machinery ranked fifth, totalling 9 tonnes (see 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
	Apr	125,045	347,392	426	174,186	166,776	909	341,872	814,734

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
	Apr	97.6	122.8	84.4	57.5	163.1	1.3	71.9	91.9

- 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