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Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change

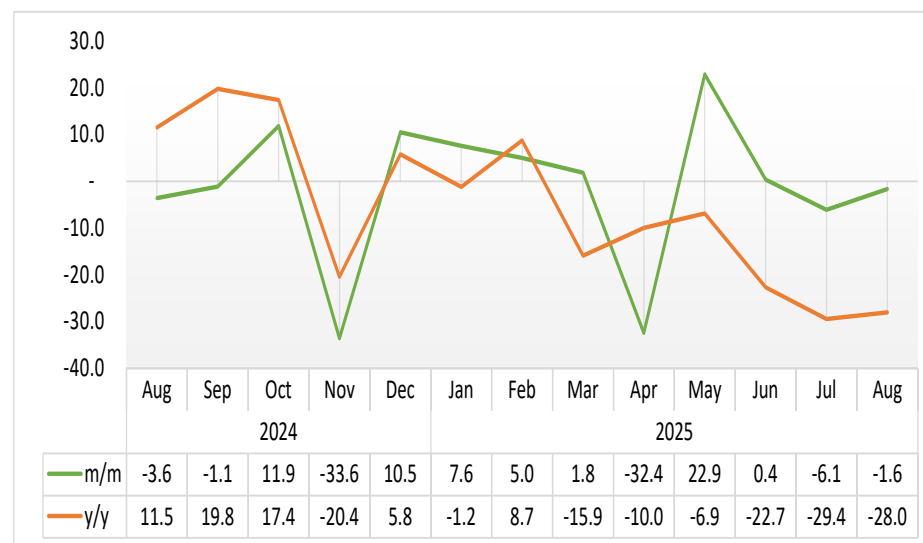
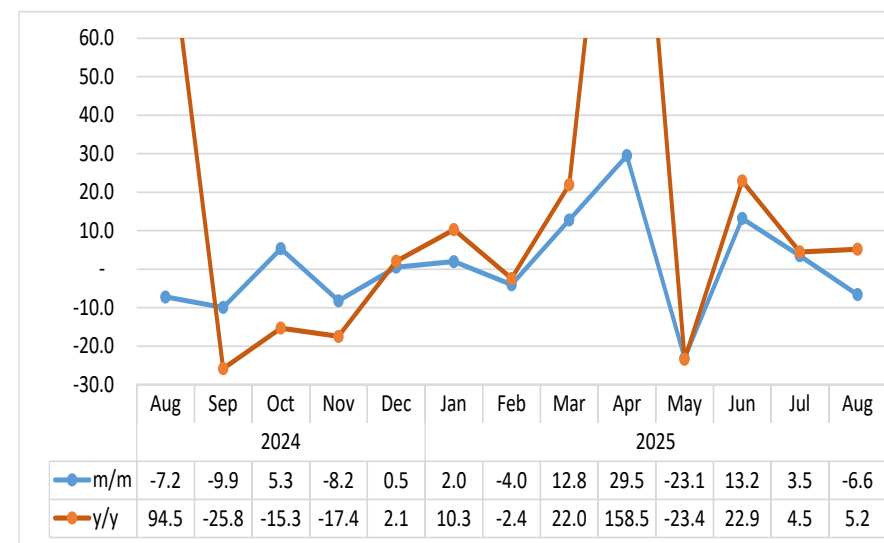


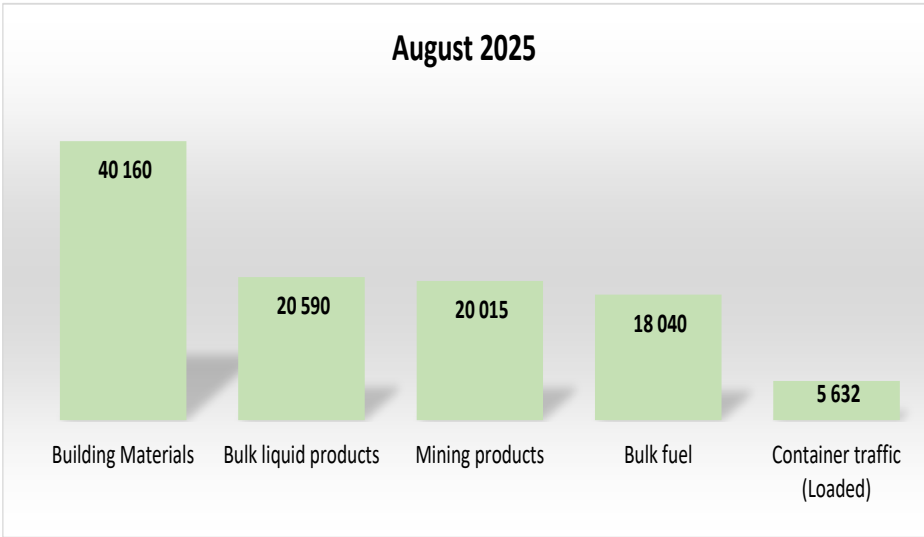
Chart 2: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change¹



- The **Transport Composite Cargo Index**, covering rail, sea, air and road cargo, declined by 1.6 percent month-on-month in August 2025, following a 6.1 percent drop in July 2025. On an annual basis, the index contracted by 28.0 percent (Chart 1).
- The monthly downturn was primarily driven by reduced volumes in rail cargo, sea cargo, and air cargo.
- In absolute terms, Namibia transported a total of 929 040 tonnes of cargo in August 2025, compared to 944 377 tonnes recorded a month earlier and 1 290 578 tonnes transported in August 2024.
- In August 2025, the **Rail Cargo Index** fell by 6.6 percent month-on-month, after recording a 3.5 percent increase in the previous month. However, on an annual basis, the index grew by 5.2 percent (Chart 2).

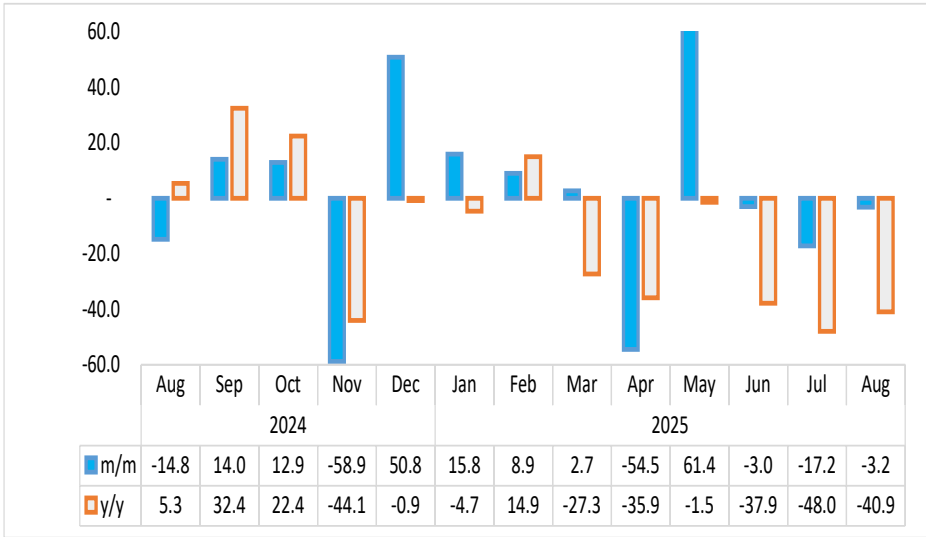
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Chart 3: Top Five Types of Cargo by Rail, in Tonnes



- In August 2025, building materials accounted for the largest share of cargo transported by rail, totalling 40 160 tonnes. This was followed by bulk liquid products with 20 590 tonnes, while mining products ranked third with 20 015 tonnes.
- Bulk fuel and loaded container traffic ranked fourth and fifth, with volumes of 18 040 tonnes and 5 632 tonnes, respectively (Chart 3).

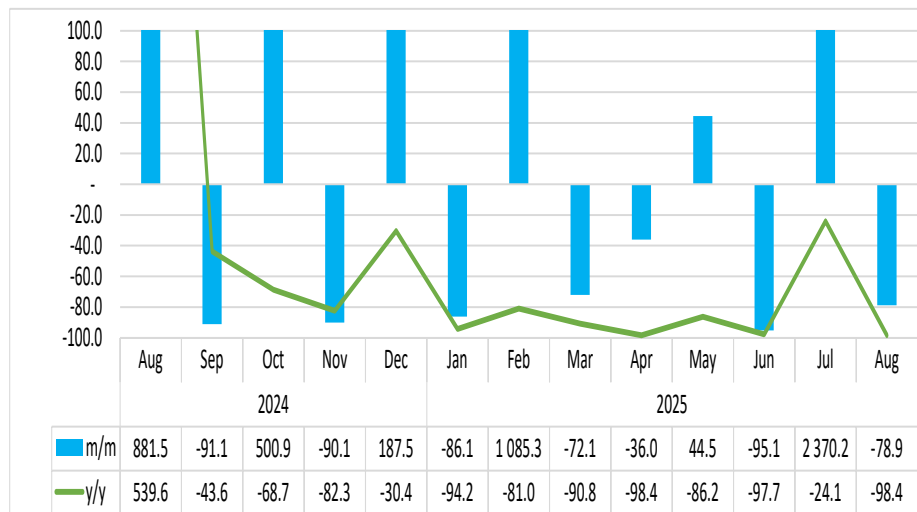
Chart 4: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change²



- The **Sea Cargo Index** which includes Sea Trans-shipped, Sea Shipped and Sea Landed cargo dropped by 3.2 percent month-on-month in August 2025, following a 17.2 percent reduction in the preceding month. On a yearly basis, the index contracted by 40.9 percent (Chart 4).
- In absolute terms, a total of 428 971 tonnes of cargo were transported by sea in August 2025, down from 443 292 tonnes in July 2025 and 726 247 tonnes registered in August 2024.

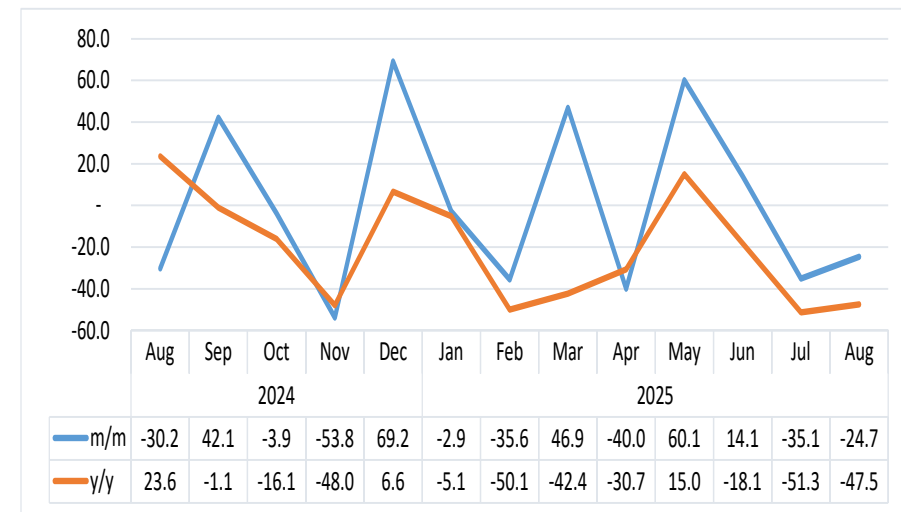
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Chart 5: Sea Trans-Shipped Index, Percentage Change³



- The **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** fell by 78.9 percent month-on-month in August 2025, overturning the sharp 2 370.2 percent surge recorded in July 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index dropped significantly by 98.4 percent (Chart 5).

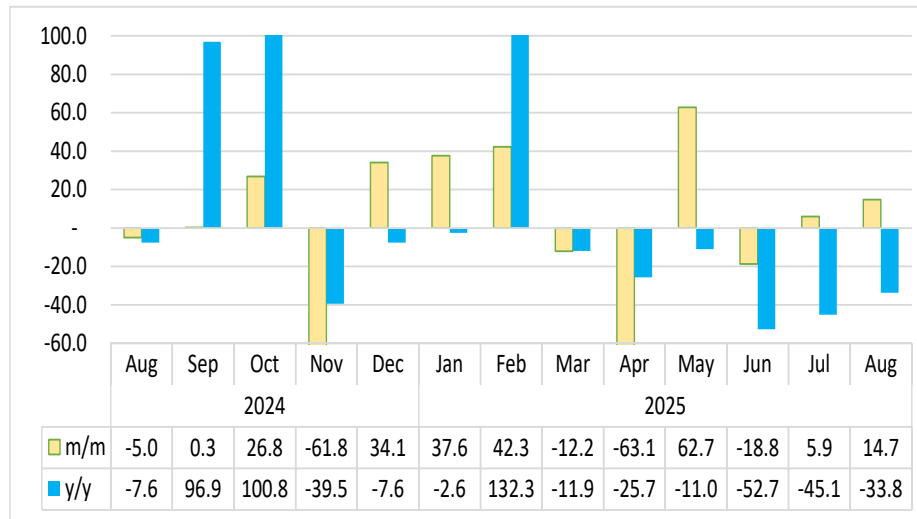
Chart 6: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change



- The **Sea Shipped Index** declined by 24.7 percent month-on-month in August 2025, following a 35.1 percent decrease in July 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index contracted by 47.5 percent compared to August 2024 (Chart 6).

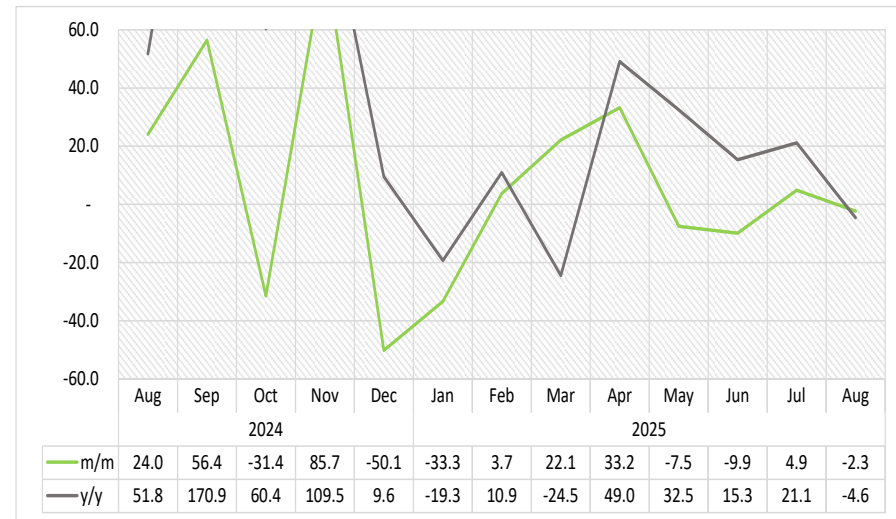
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Chart 7: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change⁴



- The **Sea Landed Index** increased by 14.7 percent month-on-month in August 2025, improving from a 5.9 percent rise in July 2025. However, on a year-on-year basis, the index declined by 33.8 percent (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change⁵

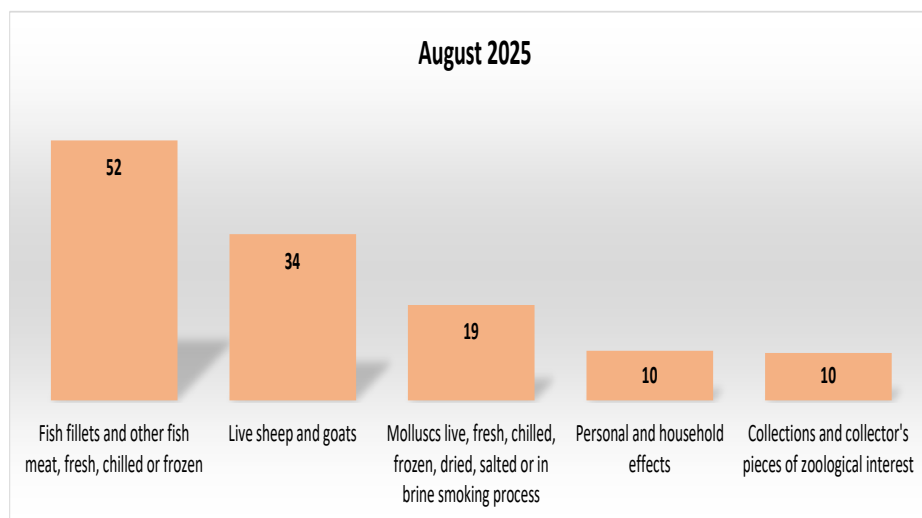


- In August 2025, the monthly **Air Cargo Index** fell by 2.3 percent, following a 4.9 percent increase in July 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index decreased by 4.6 percent (Chart 8).

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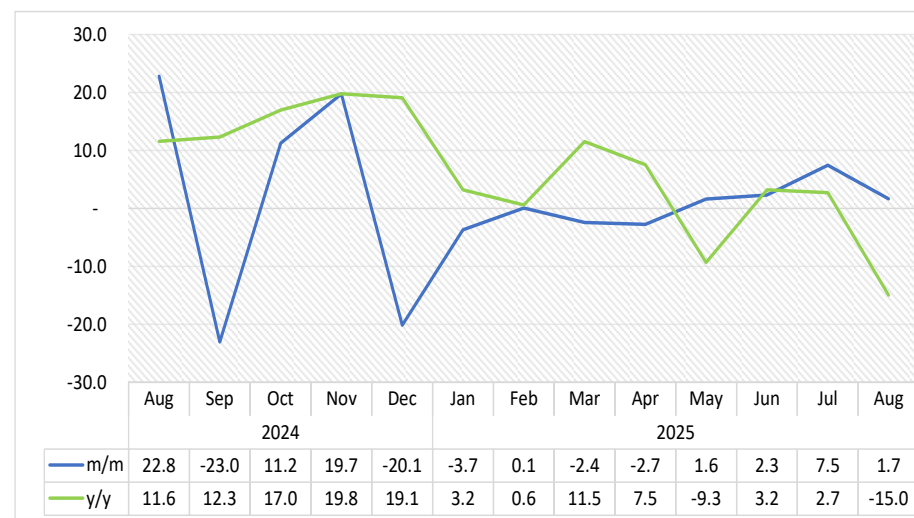
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Chart 9: Top Five Types of Consignments by Air, in Tonnes



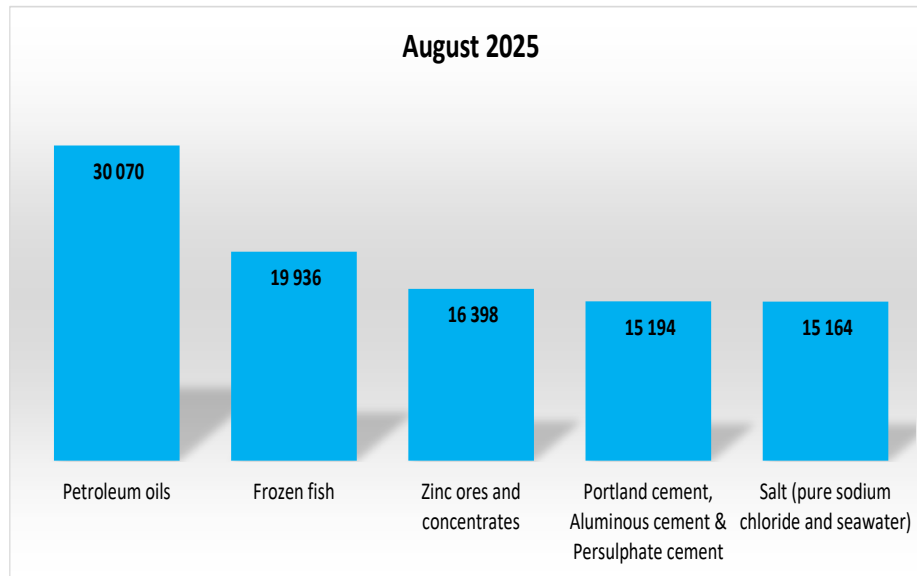
- In August 2025, the highest volume of air cargo-transported was recorded for fish fillets and other fish meat (fresh, chilled, or frozen), totalling 52 tonnes. This was followed by live sheep and goats with 34 tonnes and molluscs (live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted, in brine, or smoked) with 19 tonnes.
- Personal and household effects, along with collections and collector's pieces of zoological interest, each accounted for 10 tonnes, ranked fourth and fifth, respectively (Chart 9).

Chart 10: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change



- The monthly **Road Cargo Index** grew by 1.7 percent in August 2025, a slowdown compared to the 7.5 percent expansion recorded in the previous month. However, on a year-on-year basis, the index declined by 15.0 percent (Chart 10).

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



- In August 2025, petroleum oils were the top commodity transported by road, totalling 30 070 tonnes, followed by frozen fish with 19 936 tonnes. Zinc ores and concentrates ranked third with 16 398 tonnes.
- Portland cement, aluminous cement, and persulphate cement took the fourth position with 15 194 tonnes, while salt (pure sodium chloride and seawater) ranked fifth with 15 164 tonnes (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
	May	96 132	353 025	394	283 467	267 065	1 313	551 845	1 001 397
	Jun	108 795	361 146	355	230 285	304 754	64	535 103	1 005 399
	Jul	112 592	388 120	372	243 904	197 808	1 581	443 292	944 377
	Aug	105 141	394 565	364	279 732	148 905	334	428 971	929 040

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
	May	75.0	124.8	78.1	93.6	261.1	1.9	116.1	112.9
	Jun	84.9	127.7	70.3	76.1	298.0	0.1	112.5	113.3
	Jul	87.8	137.2	73.8	80.5	193.4	2.2	93.2	106.5
	Aug	82.0	139.5	72.0	92.4	145.6	0.5	90.2	104.7

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