

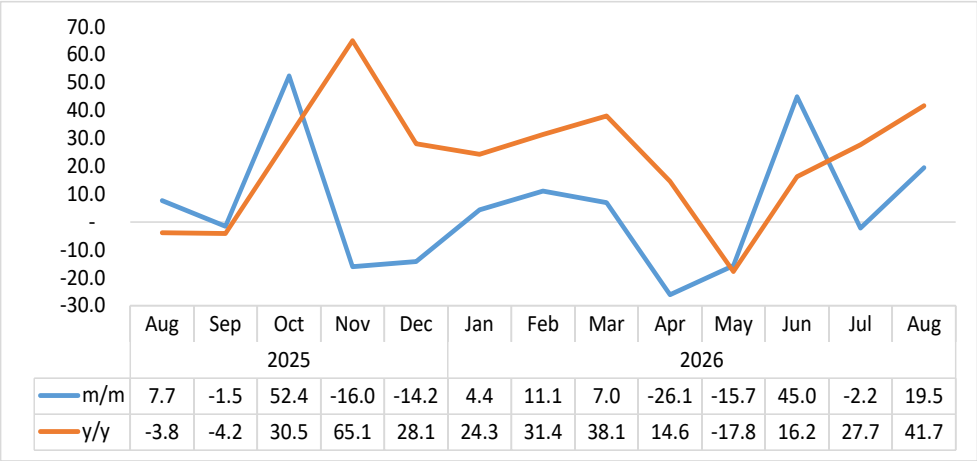
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August 2026

Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change



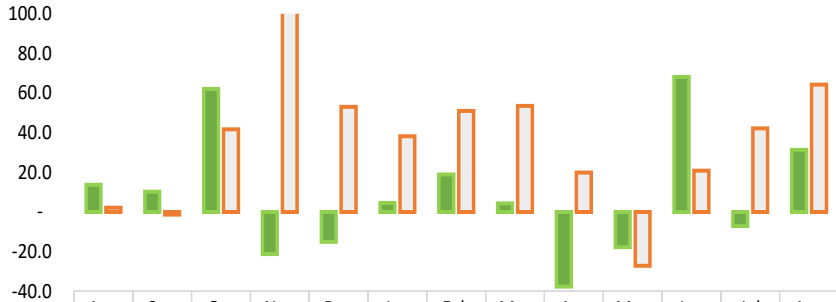
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	2025					2026							
m/m	7.7	-1.5	52.4	-16.0	-14.2	4.4	11.1	7.0	-26.1	-15.7	45.0	-2.2	19.5
y/y	-3.8	-4.2	30.5	65.1	28.1	24.3	31.4	38.1	14.6	-17.8	16.2	27.7	41.7

- The **Transport Composite Cargo Index**, comprising sea, rail, road and air freight, increased by 19.5 percent month-on-month in August 2026, reversing 2.2 percent decline experienced in July 2026. On a yearly basis, the index also rose by 41.7 percent, in contrast to 3.8 percent decline recorded in August 2025 (Chart 1).

- The monthly growth was primarily driven by higher cargo volumes handled for sea transport. In contrast, cargo volumes transported by air, road and rail declined during the month under review.

- Total cargo handled increased to 1 759 179 tonnes in August 2026, up from 1 472 141 tonnes transported in July 2026 and 1 241 401 tonnes handled in the corresponding month of 2025.

Chart 2: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change[1]



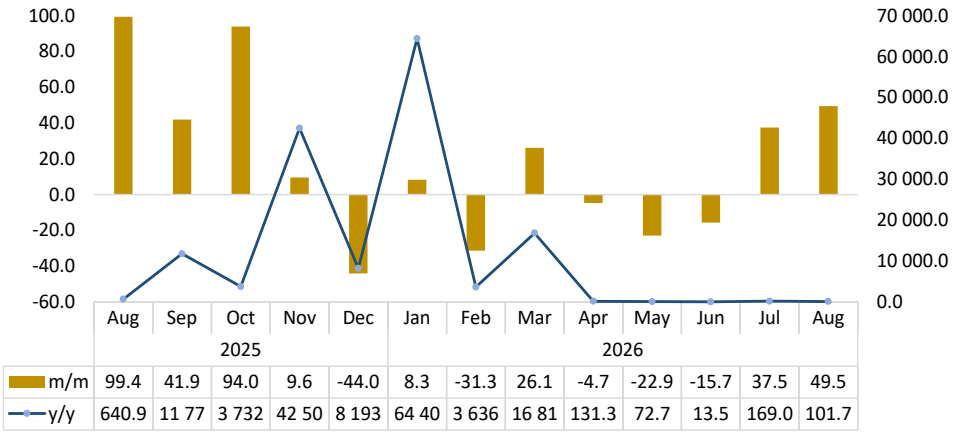
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	13.8	10.2	62.1	-21.2	-15.0	4.7	19.0	4.4	-37.5	-17.6	68.1	-7.1	31.4
y/y	2.2	-1.2	41.8	171.6	53.0	38.3	51.0	53.6	19.9	-27.1	20.9	42.3	64.2

- **Sea Cargo Index**, consisting of sea-transhipped, sea-shipped and sea-landed freight, rose by 31.4 percent month-on-month in August 2026, reversing a 7.1 percent decline recorded in July 2026. On an annual basis, the index registered a 64.2 percent gain, relative to a 2.2 percent growth posted in August 2025 (Chart 2).

- In volume terms, total sea cargo handled reached 1 218 722 tonnes in August 2026, up from 927 614 tonnes in July 2026 and 742 001 tonnes recorded in the same month of 2025.

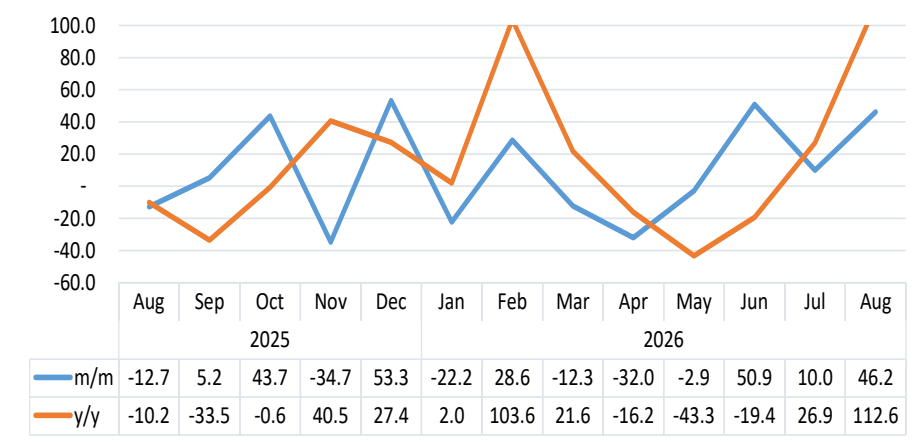
[1] Chart 2 is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

Chart 3: Sea Trans-Shipped Index, Percentage Change[2]



	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	99.4	41.9	94.0	9.6	-44.0	8.3	-31.3	26.1	-4.7	-22.9	-15.7	37.5	49.5
y/y	640.9	11 77	3 732	42 50	8 193	64 40	3 636	16 81	131.3	72.7	13.5	169.0	101.7

Chart 4: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change[3]



	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	-12.7	5.2	43.7	-34.7	53.3	-22.2	28.6	-12.3	-32.0	-2.9	50.9	10.0	46.2
y/y	-10.2	-33.5	-0.6	40.5	27.4	2.0	103.6	21.6	-16.2	-43.3	-19.4	26.9	112.6

- **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** increased by 49.5 percent month-on-month in August 2026, following a 37.5 percent gain in July 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index surged by 101.7 percent, compared to an exceptionally high 640.9 percent growth recorded in August 2025 (Chart 3).

- In absolute terms, trans-shipped cargo totalled 305 678 tonnes in August 2026, up from 204 450 tonnes trans-shipped in the preceding month. On an annual basis, the volume was also considerably higher than 151 530 tonnes handled in August 2025.

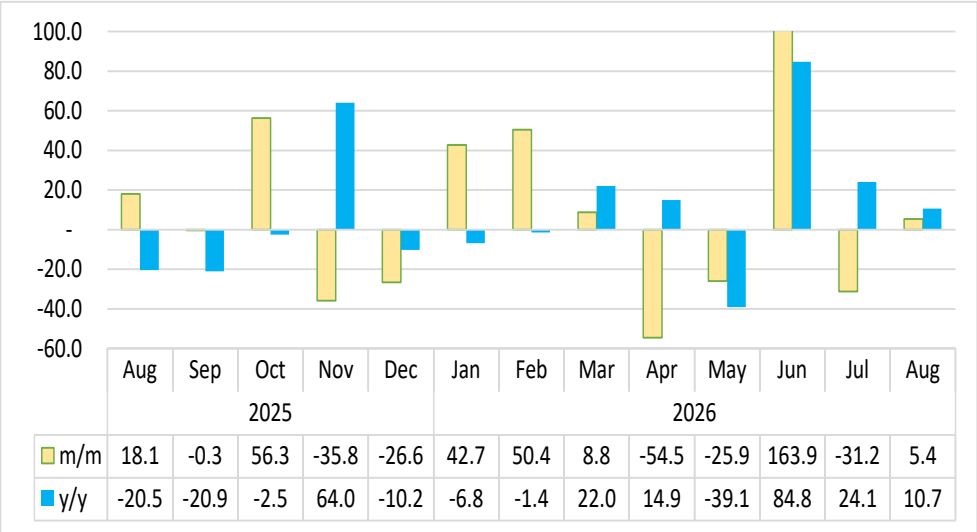
- **Sea Shipped Index** rose by 46.2 percent month-on-month in August 2026, compared to 10.0 percent gain posted in July 2026. On an annual basis, the index surged by 112.6 percent, reversing a 10.2 percent decline experienced in August 2025 (Chart 4).

- In volume terms, sea-shipped cargo increased to 541 100 tonnes in August 2026, up from 370 126 tonnes recorded in July 2026 and 254 502 tonnes handled in the corresponding month of 2025.

[2] Chart 3 is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

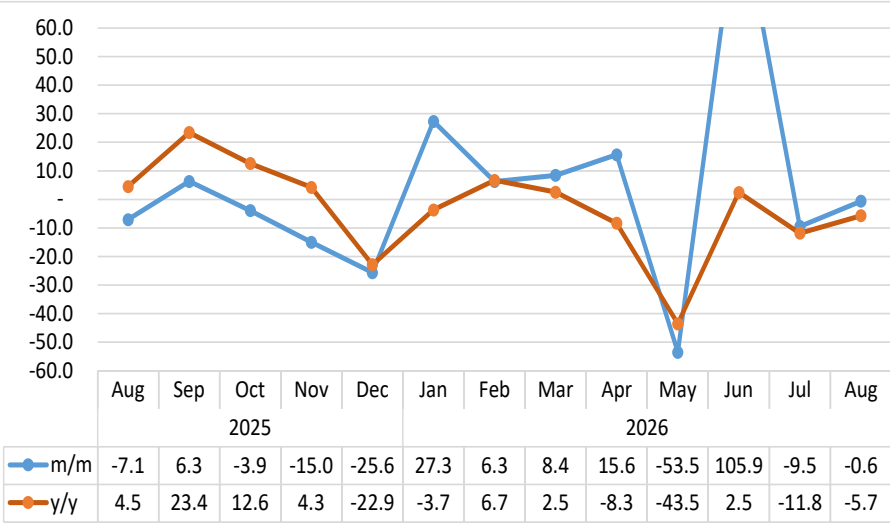
[3] Chart 4 is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

Chart 5: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change[4]



	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	18.1	-0.3	56.3	-35.8	-26.6	42.7	50.4	8.8	-54.5	-25.9	163.9	-31.2	5.4
y/y	-20.5	-20.9	-2.5	64.0	-10.2	-6.8	-1.4	22.0	14.9	-39.1	84.8	24.1	10.7

Chart 6: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change[5]



	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	-7.1	6.3	-3.9	-15.0	-25.6	27.3	6.3	8.4	15.6	-53.5	105.9	-9.5	-0.6
y/y	4.5	23.4	12.6	4.3	-22.9	-3.7	6.7	2.5	-8.3	-43.5	2.5	-11.8	-5.7

- The **Sea-Landed Index** increased by 5.4 percent month-on-month in August 2026, reversing 31.2 percent contraction experienced in the previous month. On a year-on-year basis, the index also grew by 10.7 percent, as opposed to 20.5 percent decline recorded in August 2025 (Chart 5).

- In volume terms, sea-landed cargo amounted to 371 944 tonnes in August 2026, representing a slight increase from 353 038 tonnes recorded in July 2026. Similarly, when compared to 335 969 tonnes handled in the same month of 2025, sea-landed cargo volume increased considerably.

- **Rail Cargo Index** edged down by 0.6 percent month-on-month in August 2026, following a 9.5 percent decline posted in July 2026. On a yearly basis, the index fell by 5.7 percent, in contrast to 4.5 percent gain noted in August 2025 (Chart 6).

- In terms of volume, rail freight cargo totalled 98 522 tonnes in August 2026, down from 99 138 tonnes in July 2026 and 104 472 tonnes transported in August 2025.

[4] Chart 5 is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

[5] Chart 6 is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

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

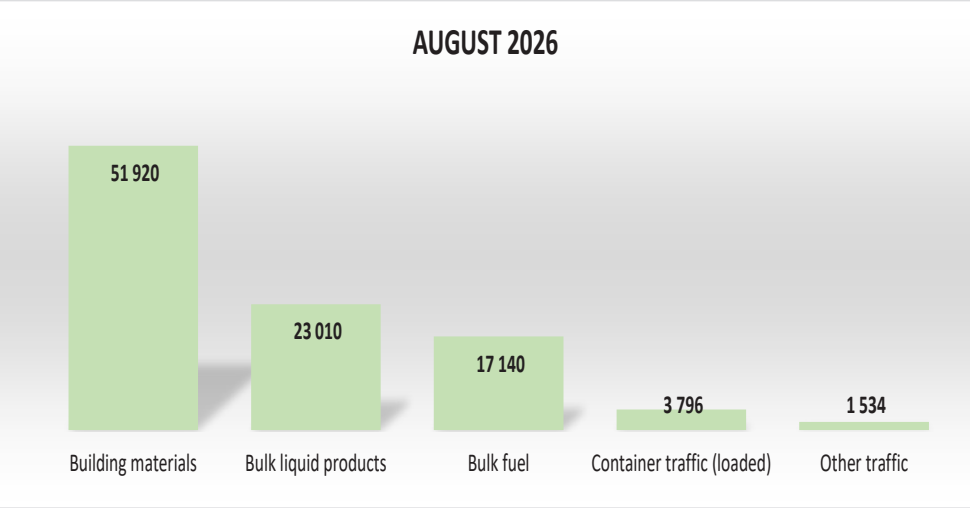
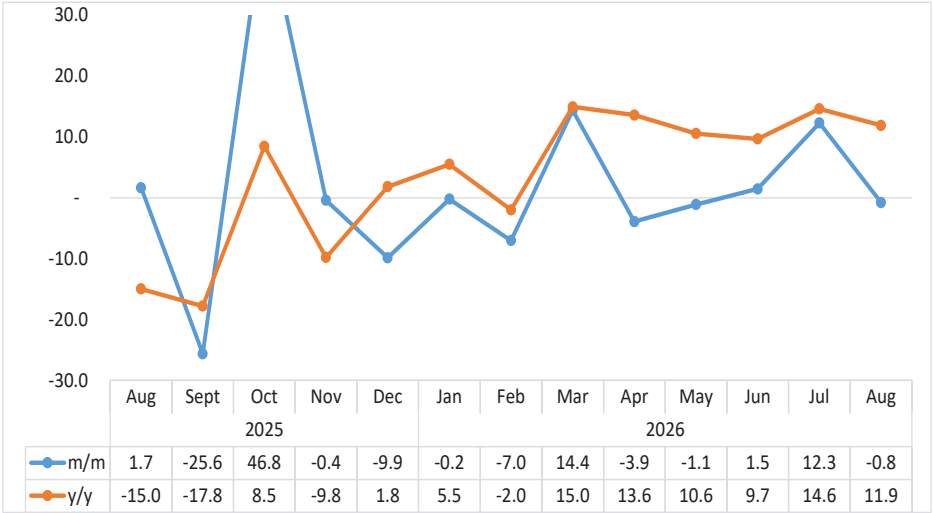


Chart 8: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change[6]



	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	1.7	-25.6	46.8	-0.4	-9.9	-0.2	-7.0	14.4	-3.9	-1.1	1.5	12.3	-0.8
y/y	-15.0	-17.8	8.5	-9.8	1.8	5.5	-2.0	15.0	13.6	10.6	9.7	14.6	11.9

- Building materials continued to account for the largest share of rail cargo volumes in August 2026, with 51 920 tonnes transported. Bulk liquid products ranked second recording 23 010 tonnes, followed by bulk fuel in third place, with 17 140 tonnes.

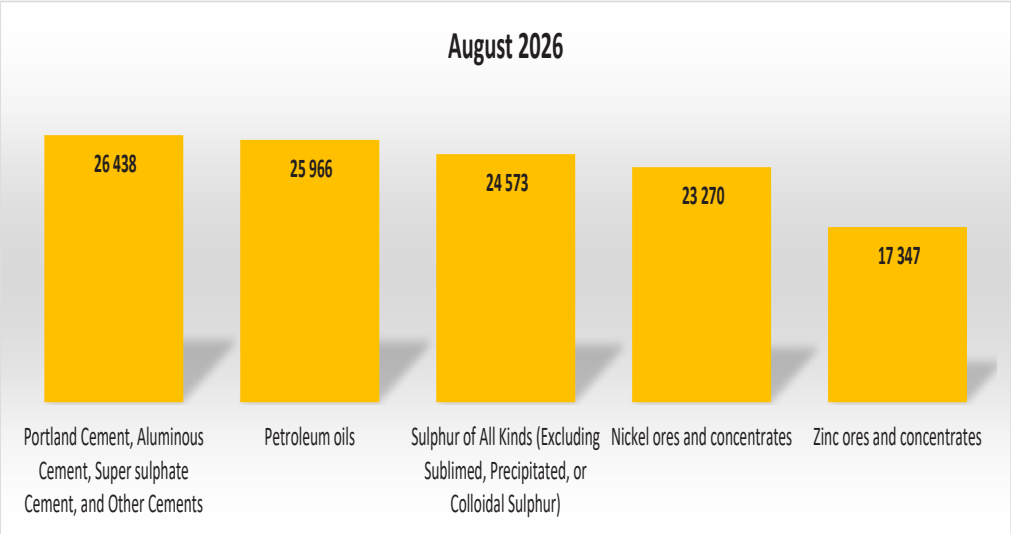
- Loaded container traffic and other traffic ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, with rail cargo volumes of 3 796 and 1 534 tonnes transported during the period under review (Chart 7).

- **Road Cargo Index** edged down by 0.8 percent month-on-month in August 2026, reversing 12.3 percent growth noted in July 2026. Despite the monthly decline, the index grew by 11.9 percent year-on-year, compared to a 15.0 percent contraction experienced in August 2025 (Chart 8).

- In absolute terms, road freight cargo totalled 441 525 tonnes in August 2026, slightly below 444 918 tonnes transported in July 2026, but higher than 394 565 tonnes handled in the same month of 2025.

[6] Chart 8 is limited to 30 percent for better readability.

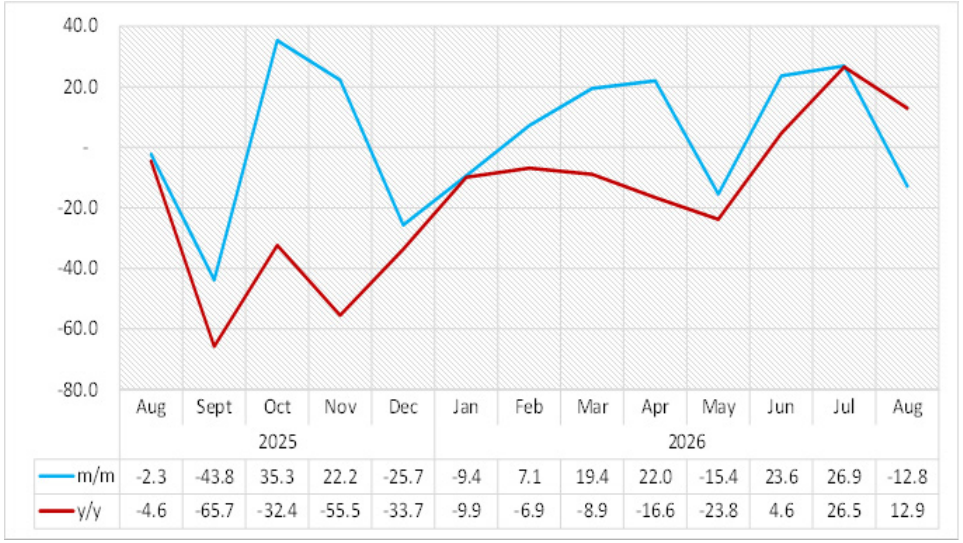
Chart 9: Top Five Types of Cargo by Road, in Tonnes



- In August 2026, "Portland Cement, Aluminous Cement, Super Sulphate Cement and Other Cements" accounted for the largest share of road freight, with 26 438 tonnes transported. Petroleum oils ranked second, recording 25 966 tonnes, followed by "Sulphur of All Kinds (Excluding Sublimed, Precipitated, or Colloidal Sulphur)" which occupied the third position with 24 573 tonnes.

- "Nickel ores and concentrates" and "Zinc ores and concentrates" ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, among the leading commodities transported by road, with volumes of 23 270 and 17 347 tonnes, respectively (Chart 9).

Chart 10: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change

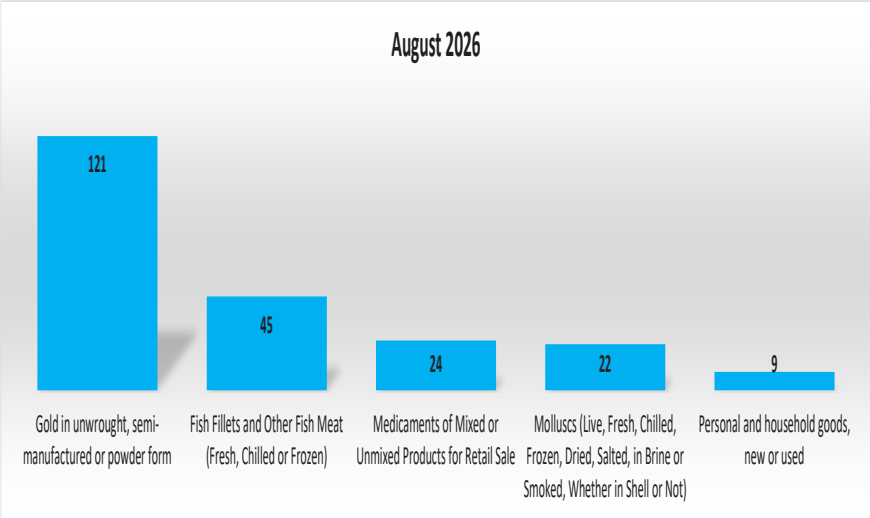


	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	-2.3	-43.8	35.3	22.2	-25.7	-9.4	7.1	19.4	22.0	-15.4	23.6	26.9	-12.8
y/y	-4.6	-65.7	-32.4	-55.5	-33.7	-9.9	-6.9	-8.9	-16.6	-23.8	4.6	26.5	12.9

- **Air Cargo Index** declined by 12.8 percent month-on-month in August 2026, reversing 26.9 percent gain recorded in July 2026. Whereas, on a year-on-year basis, the index rose by 12.9 percent, in contrast to a 4.6 percent decline experienced in August 2025 (Chart 10).

- In terms of volume, air freight stood at 411 tonnes in August 2026, down from 471 tonnes handled in July 2026, but increasing from 364 tonnes recorded in the corresponding month of 2025.

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



- In August 2026, “Gold in unwrought, semi-manufactured or powder form” accounted for the largest share of air cargo by volume, with 121 tonnes. This was followed by “Fish Fillets and Other Fish Meat (Fresh, Chilled or Frozen)”, with 45 tonnes, and “Medicaments of Mixed or Unmixed Products for Retail Sale”, recording 24 tonnes.

- “Molluscs (Live, Fresh, Chilled, Frozen, Dried, Salted, in Brine or Smoked, Whether in Shell or Not)” accounted for 22 tonnes, while “Personal and Household Goods, New or Used” contributed 9 tonnes to the total air cargo volume transported.

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	124 839	347 392	426	228 439	274 294	98 943	601 676	1 074 333
	May	94 224	353 025	394	319 562	393 182	102 135	814 880	1 262 523
	Jun	106 878	361 146	355	277 797	417 351	131 096	826 244	1 294 623
	Jul	112 442	388 120	372	284 441	291 646	75 998	652 085	1 153 020
	Aug	104 472	394 565	364	335 969	254 502	151 530	742 001	1 241 401
	Sep	111 076	293 529	204	334 961	267 817	215 089	817 868	1 222 678
	Oct	106 727	430 904	276	523 666	384 783	417 263	1 325 711	1 863 619
	Nov	90 733	429 148	338	336 198	251 113	457 469	1 044 780	1 564 999
	Dec	67 473	386 850	251	246 914	385 001	256 034	887 949	1 342 523
2026	Jan	85 917	386 038	228	352 387	299 528	277 377	929 291	1 401 474
	Feb	91 310	358 965	244	530 162	385 276	190 430	1 105 867	1 556 387
	Mar	98 997	410 657	291	576 563	338 030	240 225	1 154 818	1 664 764
	Apr	114 459	394 675	355	262 550	229 848	228 828	721 225	1 230 714
	May	53 194	390 366	300	194 499	223 093	176 398	593 991	1 037 851
	Jun	109 516	396 128	371	513 289	336 540	148 738	998 567	1 504 583
	Jul	99 138	444 918	471	353 038	370 126	204 450	927 614	1 472 141
	Aug	98 522	441 525	411	371 944	541 100	305 678	1 218 722	1 759 179

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	97.4	122.8	84.4	75.4	268.2	140.6	126.6	121.1
	May	73.5	124.8	78.1	105.5	384.4	145.1	171.4	142.3
	Jun	83.4	127.7	70.3	91.7	408.1	186.3	173.8	146.0
	Jul	87.7	137.2	73.8	93.9	285.2	108.0	137.2	130.0
	Aug	81.5	139.5	72.0	111.0	248.8	215.3	156.1	140.0
	Sep	86.7	103.8	40.5	110.6	261.9	305.7	172.0	137.8
	Oct	83.3	152.3	54.8	172.9	376.2	593.0	278.8	210.1
	Nov	70.8	151.7	66.9	111.0	245.5	650.1	219.7	176.4
	Dec	52.6	136.8	49.8	81.5	376.4	363.9	186.8	151.4
2026	Jan	67.0	136.5	45.1	116.4	292.9	394.2	195.5	158.0
	Feb	71.2	126.9	48.3	175.1	376.7	270.6	232.6	175.5
	Mar	77.2	145.2	57.7	190.4	330.5	341.4	242.9	187.7
	Apr	89.3	139.5	70.4	86.7	224.7	325.2	151.7	138.8
	May	41.5	138.0	59.5	64.2	218.1	250.7	124.9	117.0
	Jun	85.4	140.0	73.6	169.5	329.1	211.4	210.0	169.6
	Jul	77.4	157.3	93.3	116.6	361.9	290.6	195.1	166.0
	Aug	76.9	156.1	81.3	122.8	529.1	434.4	256.3	198.3

Methodology	:	Products are classified according to the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature classification (chart 9 and 11)
Data source	:	The volume data for rail cargo is 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