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PORT NEWS

SA port delay highlights

- Durban 9 days
- Port Elizabeth 3 days
- Cape Town 12 days
- Coega 14 days
- East London 2 days

Summary of Port Operations

- The main operational delays in Cape Town stemmed from adverse weather and a vacant berth at the start of the week.
- Inclement weather and equipment breakdowns ensured operational delays in Durban.
- Strong winds and vacant berths were the main source of operational delays at our Eastern Cape Ports.
- Terminal challenges led to operational constraints in Richards Bay.

Daily average of containers (TUE's) handled per Port (Oct)

Durban – 7647 (Up **17%** from NOV)

Port Elizabeth – 275 (Down **10%** from NOV)

Cape Town – 1780 (Down **3%** from NOV)

AIRFREIGHT

- In the local aviation industry, Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) is reportedly facing severe financial distress. There are allegations of falsified financial reports and deteriorating airport infrastructure, including non-functional escalators, unclean facilities, and faulty parking systems
- Cargo demand by airfreight has increased by 5.7% year-on-year



ROADFREIGHT

- In the regional cross-border road freight trade, the average queue times decreased by around 20 minutes from last week, as the transit times remained roughly the same.
- The median border crossing times at South African borders increased by about three and a half hours, averaging 18,6 hrs
- **Mozambique protests:**
Daily protests disrupt transport, halting border movements from 08:00 to 16:00.
- The Lebombo Border Post, also known as the Komatipoort Border, was closed to trucks due to unrest.
- The BMA (Border Management Agency) issued updates on when it might be safe for trucks to re-enter Mozambique.
- The political situation in Mozambique was a factor in determining when it would be safe for trucks to re-enter.





SEAFREIGHT



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CHINESE & LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

(28th January - 4th February)

Many factories in China start winding down operations one to two weeks before the Chinese New Year.

Demand and Capacity: The weeks leading up to the Chinese New Year often see a surge in shipping demand. This can lead to limited availability and higher prices. Booking early helps avoid these issues.

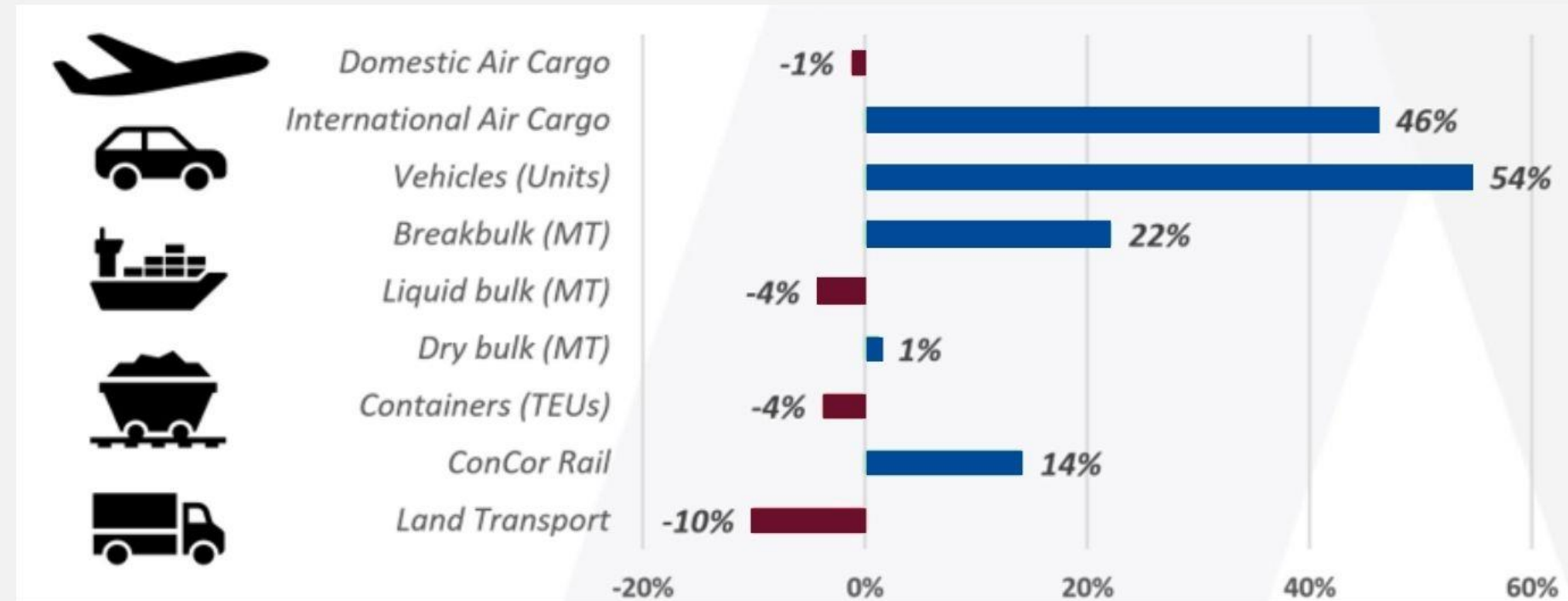
China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will celebrate the Chinese New Year from the 28th January 2025 to the 5th February 2025, while Korea, Singapore and South-East Asia will celebrate the “Lunar New Year” on the 29th January 2025.

During this period our partners offices will be closed and trucking for collections and deliveries will be affected and may cause delays to your shipments

(SOURCE SAAFF/BUSA/ACOC/TNPT)

YEAR-ON-YEAR CARGO VOLUME

Dec 23 vs. Dec 24 (% growth)





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OUR SERVICES

SEA FREIGHT:

- Import / Export
- FCL / LCL
- Consolidations & Groupages
- International Forwarding
- General cargo
- Hazardous cargo
- Reefer cargo
- Breakbulk / Project cargo
- Cross-trade between foreign countries

AIRFREIGHT:

- Import / Export
- Dedicated consignment bookings
- General cargo
- Hazardous cargo
- Charters / project cargo
- Temperature controlled cargo
- International Courier Services
- IATA Certification

CUSTOMS:

- SARS Accredited
- Tariff consultations
- Rebate items
- refund applications
- Customs inspections
- Valuation queries

VALUE ADDED SERVICES:

- Live shipment tracking
- Marine insurance
- Trade finance
- Supply chain purchase
- Port Health inspections
- NVOCC operator

WAREHOUSING AND TRANSPORT:

- Free store warehousing
- Palletizing & shrink-wrapping
- Container packing & unpacking
- Bond store
- Cargo distribution



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ACHIEVEMENT- AEO

AEO stands for: **Authorized Economic Operator.**

It's a certification issued by customs authorities to businesses that meet specific criteria related to customs compliance, safety, and security standards in the supply chain.



Priority Treatment

Accredited importers may receive priority during customs checks and inspections.



Reduced Inspections

AEO status can result in fewer physical inspections and document checks by customs authorities.



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