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# **Modernize Your Logistics**

# Myanmar Logistics Briefing (Quarterly Update)

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Hosted by: British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar

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#### About Our Karzo Speakers







#### **Simon Howett** Chief Growth Officer & Regional CEO

Over 20 years of experience in logistics operations and sales, with 15 years in the Southeast Asia region and 6 years at Karzo. Aung Sithu Chief Operating Officer

Over 15 years of experience in Oil & Gas logistics and operations. 7 years working in Brunei and 6 years with Karzo.

#### **Swe Lei Mu** Business Development Manager

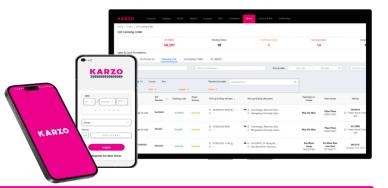
Over 10 years of experience in freight forwarding and logistics, including 5 years in Dubai and 3 years at Karzo.



#### **About Karzo**







Founded in 2017, an asset-lite B2B Digital Platform

Aggregating and managing small and medium fleet suppliers on our Digital Platform

Providing end-to-end Mekong Region Logistics Solutions

Now Operating in Myanmar, Thailand & Cambodia & expansion into Vietnam

Partners with over 90 LSPs and Vendors in Myanmar & Thailand



# Agenda Agenda Topics Domestic Transport & Regional Updates: Including major check points, main route pricing & fuel supply

- Flood Impact & Current Regional Issues Related to Logistics
- Cross Border Operations: Update on Tachileik, Myawaddy, and Kawthoung/Ranong
- Yangon Ports: General Operations, & Truck Supply
- Customs Clearance, Import Licenses & Major Regulatory Changes
- Q&A (Both in English and Myanmar Sagar)

Aung Sithu & Simon Howett

Speaker

Aung Sithu

1hr

Duration

Simon Howett

Simon Howett

Swe Lei Mu

All Speakers 15





# **Domestic Transport: Major Route Update**

From	То	Status		
Yangon	Mandalay	Now fully operational, some closures during floods. Rates vary seasonally on demand for corn and cement transportation.		
Yangon	Taunggyi	Heavy rainfall this monsoon has worsened road conditions. increasing lead times and prices by 20- 40% in some areas.		
Taunggyi	Tachileik	Flooding in Tachileik has rendered key transit routes from Taunggyi nearly impassable.		
Yangon	Monywa – Kalay/Tamu	Occasional closures during crises lead to longer lead times and about 40% higher rates.		
Yangon	Mawlamyine - Kawthaung	Access limited to Mawlamyine; EO fees are high, pushing trucking rates up by over 50%.		
Yangon 2024 Copyright @ Karzo Sing	Pathein	Fully operational with no reported issues.		

# **Domestic Transport: Major Route Update**

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Yangon	Руау	Fully operational with no reported issues.
Yangon	Sittwe	Rakhine State has been inaccessible due to security issues for over a year; limited cargo via coastal routes.
Mandalay	Myitkyina	Road conditions are unpredictable due to security issues, raising trucking rates by 200% and restricting mobile access.
Mandalay	Lashio - Muse	Local trucks can't reach beyond Pyin Oo Lwin; access to Lashio is only from Southern Shan State.



# Flood Impact & Current Regional Issues Relating to Logistics

- Heavy torrential rain in September has caused flooding across Myanmar, affecting 34 townships in seven regions, including Naypyidaw, since September 11.
- Major corridor roads, such as Yangon-Mandalay and Tachileik-Taunggyi, were damaged during the flooding.
- There is a shortage of trucks in the market, leading to increased trucking prices.
- Cargo has suffered damage due to prolonged heavy rain, resulting in longer lead times.



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Tachileik Border

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# **Domestic Transport & Regional Updates: Trucking Prices Fluctuation Factors**

#### Reasons why trucking prices change in Myanmar

- Seasonal Cargo: Agriculture, Construction, Garment, etc.
- Backhaul Shortages: Leading to higher prices
- Regional Entrance Taxes/Fees: Check Points, EOs, other organizations, etc.
- Regional Security Issues: Northern Shan, Rakhine, Myawaddy, Myitkyina, etc.
- Fuel Prices and Regional Fuel Shortages
- Recent Flood Impacts: Bridge Closures, longer lead time, isolated







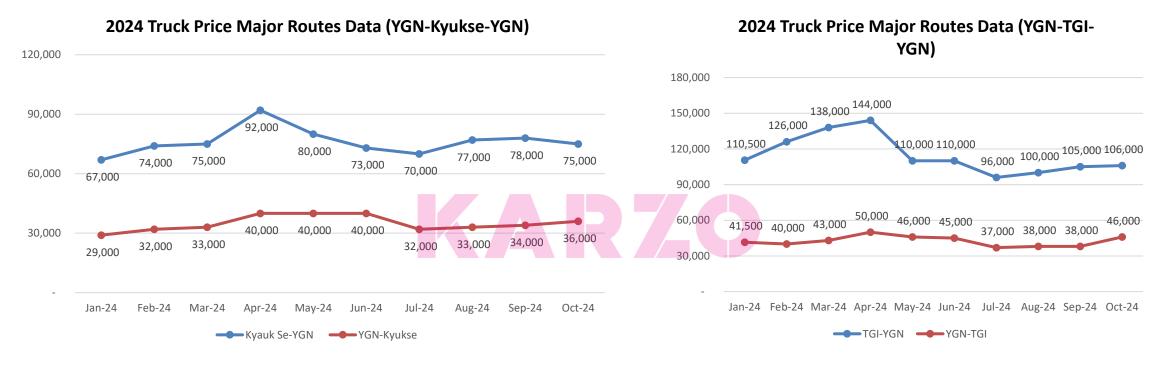


# Domestic Transport & Regional Updates: Main Route Pricing

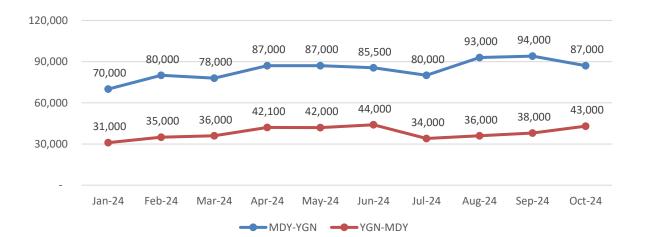
Date	2024 Truck Price Major Routes Data (Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Kyaukse)						
	YGN - MDY	YGN-TGI	YGN- Kyaukse	MDY-YGN	TGI-YGN	Kyaukse - YGN	
Jan-24	31,000	41,500	29,000	71,167	110,500	67,167	
Feb-24	35,000	40,000	32,000	79,636	126,000	74,364	
Mar-24	36,333	43,333	33,167	78,333	138,000	75,333	
Apr-24	42,100	49,600	39,800	87,100	144,000	91,600	
May-24	42,071	45,786	39,429	87,357	107,885	78,286	
Jun-24	43,333	45,333	39,333	85,500	110,595	72,833	
Jul-24	33,857	36,286	32,286	79,929	96,110	68,615	
Aug-24	36,000	38,000	33,692	92,462	104,998	76,462	
Sep-24	37,385	38,154	33,769	93,385	107,982	77,692	
Oct-24	42,667	46,556	36,444	86,556	106,177	7 73,333	



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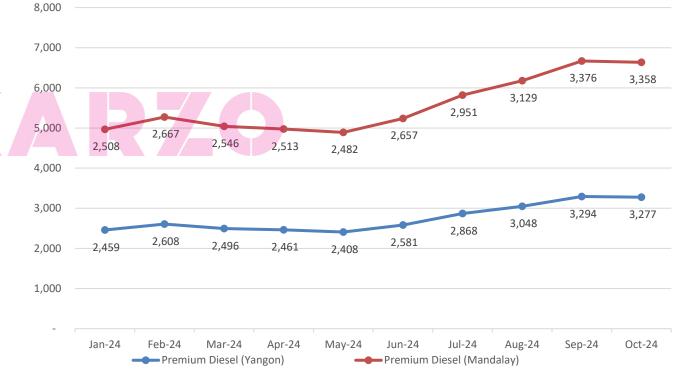


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# Domestic Transport & Regional Updates: Fuel Supply (Yangon & Mandalay)

Date	Premium Diesel Per Month			
	Yangon	Mandalay		
Jan-24	2,459	2,508		
Feb-24	2,608	2,667		
Mar-24	2,496	2,546		
Apr-24	2,461	2,513		
May-24	2,408	2,482		
Jun-24	2,581	2,657		
Jul-24	2,868	2,951		
Aug-24	3,048	3,129		
Sep-24	3,294	3,376		
Oct-24	3,277	3,358		

2024 Premium Diesel Per Month





#### Tachileik Border

- Import Licenses: Approximately 5%-10% approved for Tachileik border
- Truck size & Delays: Limited to 6-wheelers (10 MT) and 12-wheelers (17 MT), with 20-day lead time to Yangon due to poor roads
- Cargo Compliance: Mostly non-compliant, localized cargo transiting via Taunggyi
- Road Conditions: Taunggyi Tachileik route in disrepair due to recent flooding
- EOs Taxes: Increased fees from Ethnic Armed Organizations due to regional security issues





#### **Muse Border**

- Limited Operations: Only Kanpaikti, Lweje, and Chin Shwe Haw borders for local trade.
- Non-Complaint Cargo: Open borders primarily handle non-compliant imports
- Trade Disruptions: Regional conflicts heavily impact cross-border activity
- Increased Uncertainty: Businesses face limited compliant routes.
- Latest update: Border Closure: Trade halted at Muse in last week by Chinese Government. not official.





#### Myawaddy - Maesot Border

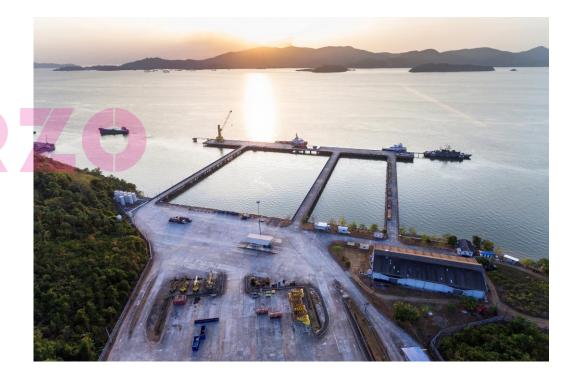
- Import Licenses: Less than 10% approved for Myawaddy-Maesot border
- Highway Closure: Myanwaddy-Hpa-an road closed for over 1 year, affecting lead time and handling of cargo
- Current Access: Old road becomes early impassable in the rainy season, limiting access to 4x4 pickups and 6-wheelers (10mT) & 12 wheelers (17mT)
- Cost Surge: Trucking prices up 200% due to logistical challenges. MMK 2,500,000 per mT to Yangon.





#### Kawthaung-Ranong Border

- Major Import Route: 60% of cross-border imports are through Ranong-Kawthaung
- Bulk cargo and containerization services are available
- Primary Operators: Some logistics agencies and other costal water-way operators are mainly operating
- Transloading Process: Land transloading and costal transloading are now being available but facing high entrance taxes and double handling costs
- Logistical Challenges: This includes road closures, lead time delays, and cargo damage
- Current cost for 20/CTR YGN to BKK or LCBP is approx \$3,500 all in





#### **Yangon Ports**

#### General Operations, & Truck Supply

- Container Arrivals: 52 vessels from 15 shipping lines expected in October
- Export Container Shortage: Shortage of 20ft
   containers due to lower imports
- Customs Delays: Customs processing halts after 4 PM at Myanmar Industrial Port
- Increased Costs: Delays lead to extra night and day charges
- Truck Capacities: Container truck supply normalizing post-peaked garment export season
- Higher Port Charges: Increased lift-on/lift-off fees and AWPT demurrage fees due to the exchange rates





# Customs Clearance, Import/Export Licenses & Major Regulatory Changes

- Export/Import Customs Clearance timeline is 2 to 3 days
- If include duty exemption for import, it takes about 4 to 5 days
- For export license, even for auto-license applying time is taking longer than before. Before it was maximum 3 days only and now it takes about 7 to 10 days.
- For import license, to get approval business has to show export earnings
- Starting from 1st August 2024, Commodity lines ( 1460) are changed from Automatic Licensing to Non-Automatic Licensing and still allow for commodity lines 72 with Automatic Licensing for import process.
- Suggest that to apply first, advance ruling at customs house
- Export Earning % changed from 65%-35% to 75 %-25%





# **Karzo's Mekong Regional Logistics Services**



Transportation & Distribution



Cross Border Operations



Warehousing



Container Drayage



Customs Clearance



Freight Forwarding



**Bulk Shipments** 



Project Logistics







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