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MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES APRIL 2019



Exports

On a month-on-month basis, in April 2019, the **export unit value index** recorded a decline of 0.1% to 114.8 points which was mainly attributed to the decrease in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-3.6%), inedible crude materials (-0.4%) and mineral fuels (-0.3%). In contrast, the **export volume index** grew 1.5% to 139.5 points. This was led by the increase in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+3.5%), manufactured goods (+3.4%) and mineral fuels (+2.4%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** rose 10.0% to 142.9 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** expanded 2.1% while the **export volume index** declined 1.0%.

Imports

In April 2019, the **import unit value index** grew 1.2% to 118.2 points when compared to the previous month, which was mainly led by the rise in the index of mineral fuels (+7.0%) followed by inedible crude materials (+2.0%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.3%). Meanwhile, the **import volume index** also increased 5.5% to 143.0 points which was mainly contributed by the increase in the index of inedible crude materials (+12.3%), mineral fuels (+11.9%) and manufactured goods (+11.5%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** in April 2019 rose 10.7% to 149.6 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value and volume index** rose 2.3% and 2.1% respectively.

Terms of trade

Malaysia's **terms of trade** dropped 1.2% to 97.1 points when compared with March 2019. On a year-onyear basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** also registered a decline of 0.2% from 97.3 points.

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: www.dosm.gov.my

*Notes:

The April 2019 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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