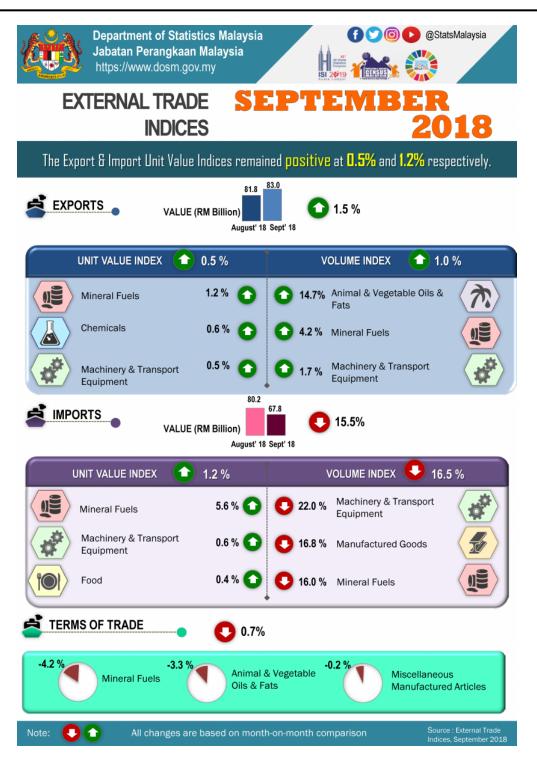
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# MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES SEPTEMBER 2018



# **Exports**

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, in September 2018, the **export unit value index** rose 0.5% to 116.0 points which was contributed by mineral fuels (+1.2%) followed by chemicals (+0.6%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.5%). The **export volume index** also registered an increase of 1.0% to 134.5 points. The increase was led by animal & vegetable oils & fats (+14.7%), mineral fuels (+4.2%) and machinery & transport equipment (+1.7%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** increased 1.7% to 130.9 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** and **export volume index** posted an increase of 3.5% and 3.1% respectively."

## **Imports**

In September 2018, the **import unit value index** grew 1.2% to 120.2 points which was mainly led by mineral fuels (+5.6%) followed by machinery & transport equipment (+0.6%) and food (+0.4%). Meanwhile, the **import volume index** decreased 16.5% to 128.1 points. This was mainly attributed to machinery & transport equipment (-22.0%), manufactured goods (-16.8%) and mineral fuels (-16.0%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** decreased 16.5% to 126.0 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **import unit value index** posted an increase of 4.4% while the **import volume index** fell 6.7%.

## Terms of trade

Malaysia's **terms of trade** decreased 0.7% to 96.5 points when compared with August 2018. On a yearon-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** fell 0.9% from 97.3 points.

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

#### \*Notes:

The September 2018 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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