# MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES SEPTEMBER 2019



All changes are based on month-on-month comparison.

Source : External Trade Indices, September 2019

#### **Exports**

On a month-on-month basis, in September 2019, the **export unit value index** recorded an expansion of 0.9% to 116.3 points which was mainly contributed by the increase in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (+6.4%), mineral fuels (+2.1%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.2%). In contrast, the **export volume index** dropped 5.3% to 125.6 points. The drop was led by the decline in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-18.9%), manufactured goods (-13.0%) and mineral fuels (-5.8%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** decreased 3.2% to 124.2 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** rose 0.2% while the **export volume index** declined 7.0%.

#### **Imports**

In September 2019, the **import unit value index** recorded a marginal decrease of 0.1% to 117.4 points when compared to the previous month, which was due to the decline in the index of mineral fuels (-2.6%) followed by inedible crude materials (-1.0%) and manufactured goods (-0.1%). Meanwhile, the **import volume index** decreased 1.4% to 134.3 points. The decrease was mainly attributed to the decline in the index of chemicals (-11.5%), food (-9.8%) and machinery & transport equipment (-3.5%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** in September 2019 increased marginally by 0.01% to 132.1 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value index** shrank 2.3% while the **import volume index** increased 4.8%.

#### **Terms of trade**

Malaysia's **terms of trade** grew 0.9% to 99.0 points when compared with August 2019. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** also registered a rise of 2.6% from 96.5 points.

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

\*Notes:

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

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