



MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, SEPTEMBER 2020



DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA



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The export unit value index grew 0.7% while the import unit value index declined 0.7%.

VALUE RM BILLION	UNIT VALUE INDEX	VOLUME INDEX
<p>Both exports and imports increased 12.4% and 1.6% respectively.</p> <p>EXPORTS IMPORTS</p> <p>AUG SEP AUG SEP</p>	<p>EXPORTS ▲ 0.7%</p> <p>+5.3% </p> <p>+5.3% </p> <p>Mineral Fuels</p> <p>Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats</p>	<p>EXPORTS ▲ 11.6%</p> <p>+20.6% Machinery & Transport Equipment</p> <p>+14.3% Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles</p> <p>+13.3% Chemicals</p>
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<p>Miscellaneous Articles +0.1%</p> <p>Manufactured +1.4%</p> <p>Chemicals +0.1%</p> <p>Mineral Fuels +11.0%</p>	<p>IMPORT ▼ 0.7%</p> <p>-5.1% </p> <p>-0.5% </p> <p>-0.2% </p> <p>Mineral Fuels</p> <p>Machinery & Transport Equipment</p> <p>Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles</p>	<p>IMPORT ▲ 2.3%</p> <p>+10.2% Manufactured Goods</p> <p>+5.5% Machinery & Transport Equipment</p> <p>+4.4% Chemicals</p>

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

External Trade Indices, September 2020

Exports

On a month-on-month basis, the **export unit value index** posted a positive growth at 0.7% from 109.7 points to 110.5 points which was due to the increases in the index of mineral fuels (+5.3%) and animal & vegetable oils & fats (+5.3%). Similarly, the **export volume index** also showed an increase of 11.6% from 135.6 points to 151.3 points which was contributed by the rise in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+20.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+14.3%) and chemicals (+13.3%). The seasonally adjusted **export volume index** registered a rise of 15.4% from 134.5 points to 155.2 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** dropped 5.0% while the **export volume index** rose 19.6%.

Imports

In September 2020, the **import unit value index** slipped from 113.4 points to 112.6 points, decreased 0.7% compared with the previous month. The deterioration was due to the decreases in the index of mineral fuels (-5.1%), machinery & transport equipment (-0.5%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (-0.2%). Nevertheless, the **import volume index** grew 2.3% to 135.2 points as against 132.2 points in August 2020. The growth was contributed by the increases in the index of manufactured goods (+10.2%), machinery & transport equipment (+5.5%) and chemicals (+4.4%). The seasonally adjusted **import volume index** in September 2020 registered a rise of 6.1% from 127.5 points to 135.3 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value index** declined 4.1% while the **import volume index** increased 0.6%.

Terms of trade

Malaysia's **terms of trade** showed a growth of 1.4% month-on-month to 98.1 points from 96.7 points. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** remained negative at 0.9% from 99.0 points.

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

*Notes:

The September 2020 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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