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The Manufacturing sector sales reached RM153.1 billion in February 2025; grew 4.7 per cent

The sales value of the Manufacturing sector in February 2025 improved 4.7 per cent (January 2025: 3.5%), reached RM153.1 billion. The growth in sales value within the Manufacturing sector was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco sub-sector which recorded a favourable growth of 14.6 per cent in February 2025 (January 2025: 10.6%). This was followed by the Electrical & electronics products and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products sub-sectors at 7.7 per cent (January 2025: 7.3%) and 4.4 per cent (January 2025: 2.1%), respectively. Comparison with the preceding month, the sales value decreased by 3.2 per cent to RM153.1 billion as against RM158.1 billion recorded in the preceding month.

The sales value of export-oriented industries which representing 70.1 per cent of total sales, expanded by 5.9 per cent in February 2025 (January 2025: 5.1%). The expansion was primarily due to the increase in the Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats by 18.3 per cent (January 2025: 11.1%). Furthermore, Manufacture of computer, electronics & optical products also rose by 7.8 per cent (January 2025: 7.7%), while Manufacture of rubber products grew by 8.4 per cent (January 2025: 8.9%).

The domestic-oriented industries grew by 2.1 per cent in February 2025, after registered marginal increase of 0.1 per cent in January 2025. The performance was due to the year-on-year increase in the Manufacture of food processing products which continued to grow at 11.3 per cent (January 2025: 10.4%); followed by the Manufacture of fabricated metal products industry except machinery & equipment (5.5%); and the Manufacture of basic metals (5.2%). On a month-on-month basis, both export and domestic-oriented industries dropped by 3.2 per cent and 3.1 per cent, respectively.

There are 2.39 million persons engaged in this sector during February 2025, augmented by 1.2 per cent (January 2025: 0.9%). The augmentation was mainly driven by the Food, beverages & tobacco (2.2%); Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal products (1.7%); and Electrical & electronics products (1.2%) sub-sectors. On a month-on-month basis, the number of employees in this sector decreased 0.1 per cent.

The salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector also posted an increase of 2.0 per cent (January 2025: 1.5%), amounted to RM8.4 billion in February 2025. Comparison by month-on-month, the salaries & wages paid dropped by 0.8 per cent. Subsequently, the sales value per employee went up to RM63,961 (3.5%), while the average salaries & wages per employee was RM3,513, rose by 0.8 per cent year-on-year

Throughout the first two months this year (January - February 2025), the sales value of the Manufacturing sector was amounted to RM311.2 billion, increased by 4.1 per cent as compared to the same period of 2024 (January - February 2024: 1.9%). The number of employee uptick by 1.2 per cent to 2.39 million persons, while salaries & wages increased by 1.8 per cent to RM16.9 billion with the sales value per employee stood at RM130,009, grew 2.9 per cent.

The full publication of the Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, February 2025 can be downloaded

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