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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2017

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### **Production of natural rubber (NR) increased 11.1 per cent in August 2017**

Production of NR in August 2017 was **61,252** tonnes against 55,121 tonnes in July 2017 with an increase of **11.1** per cent. Smallholding sector was the main contributor to the NR production of **93.0** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate was **543.52** sen per kilogramme, rose by **25.95** sen per kilogramme (**5.0%**) from July 2017. Meanwhile, Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 went up by **9.01** sen per kilogramme to **644.25** sen per kilogramme (**1.4%**).

Exports of NR recorded in August 2017 was **55,563** tonnes, **17.1** per cent higher than the previous month. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, U.S.A. and Finland.

Domestic consumption of NR increased by **2.0** per cent to **41,715** tonnes over the same period. Rubber gloves industry remains as the main domestic consumer with consumption of **73.3** per cent.

Level of NR stocks at the end of August 2017 went up by **1.1** per cent to **194,281** tonnes as compared to the previous month.



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9/10 of NR production was contributed by the smallholding sector

July 2017



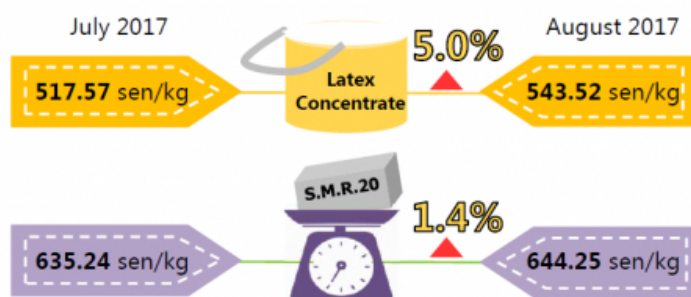
55,121 tonnes

August 2017



61,252 tonnes

### Average price



### Domestic consumption

Total: 41,715 tonnes

More than 70% of domestic consumption was from rubber gloves industry



Rubber Gloves

73.3%



Rubber Thread

8.6%



Tyres and Tubes

8.2%

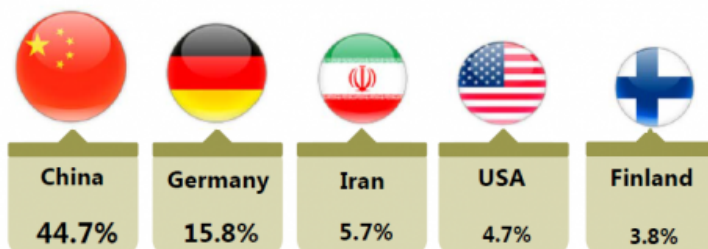


Others

9.9%

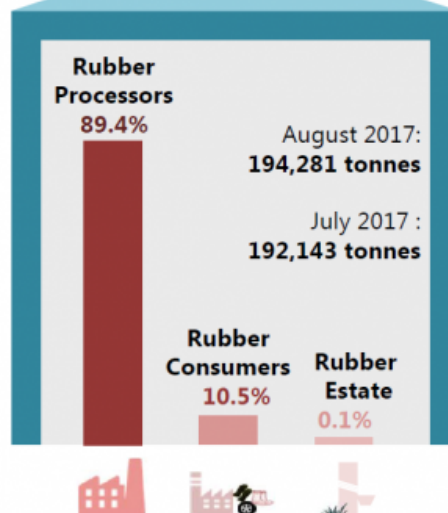
### Exports

Exports of NR rose by 17.1% as compared to July 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

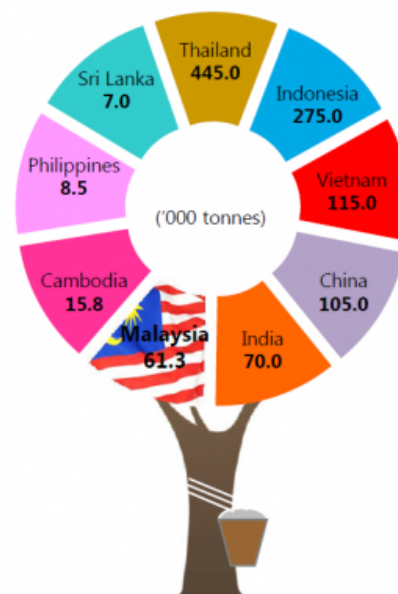


Total exports: 55,563 tonnes

### Stocks



### Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



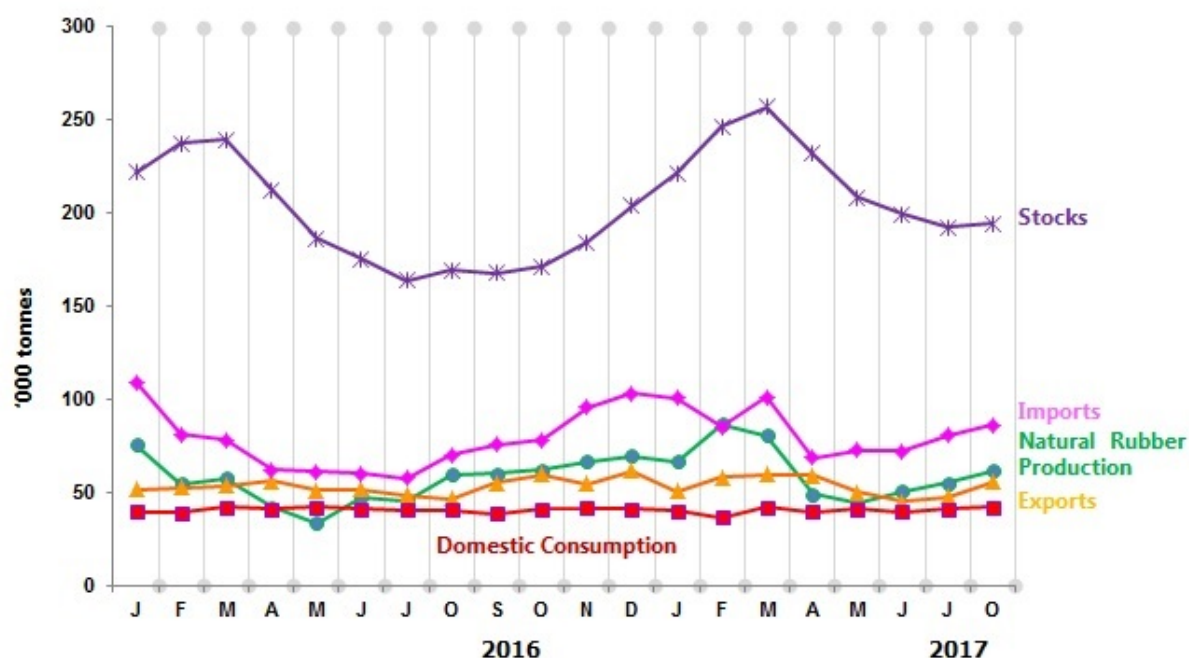
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for August 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from August 2016 to August 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, August 2017

Principal Statistics	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017	Change month-on-month August 2017/July 2017 (%)	Change year-on-year August 2017/August 2016 (%)
Production (tonnes)	59,673	55,121	61,252	11.1	2.6
Exports (tonnes)	46,548	47,458	55,563	17.1	19.4
Imports (tonnes)	69,928	80,367	86,129	7.2	23.2
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,479	40,881	41,715	2.0	3.1
Closing stocks (tonnes)	169,116	192,143	194,281	1.1	14.9
Number of paidworkers (estate)	10,671	10,037	10,170	1.3	-4.7
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	15,595	14,025	13,324	-5.0	-14.6

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



\*Notes:

Data for August 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the September 2017 publication.

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