# MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JANUARY 2021

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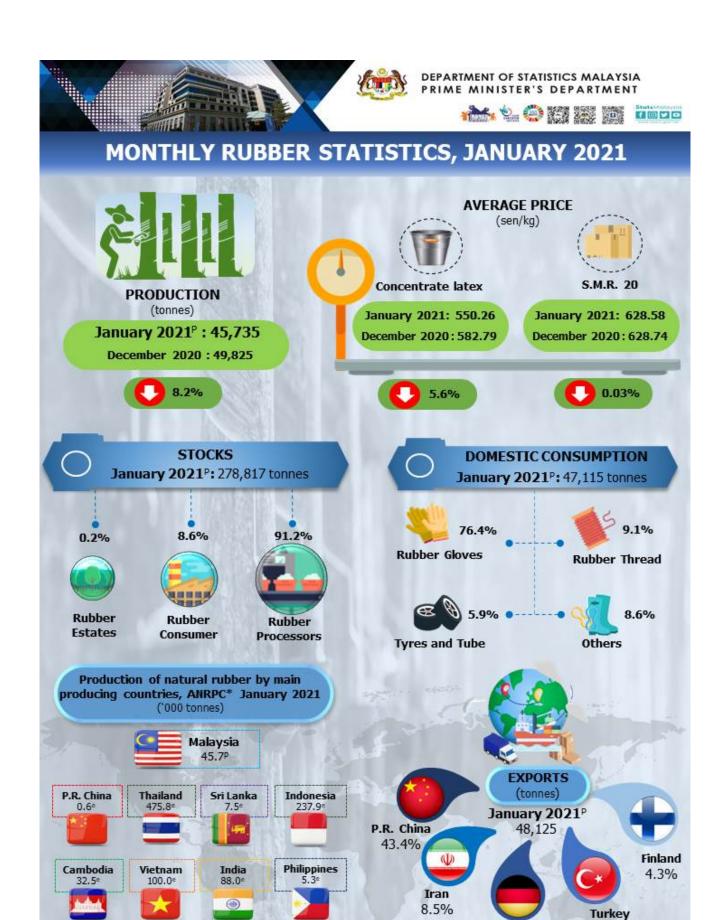
Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **48,125** tonnes in January 2021, a decrease of **21.8** per cent against **61,547** tonnes in December 2020. P.R. China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with **43.4** per cent of total exports in January 2021 followed by Iran (**8.5**%), Germany (**5.9**%), Turkey (**5.1**%) and Finland (**4.3**%).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with export value **RM4.6** billion in December 2020, an increase of **21.6** per cent to **RM5.6** billion in January 2021. United States of America, Germany and P.R. China were among the highest importer of rubber gloves.

The stocks of natural rubber increased in January 2021 to **278,817** tonnes as compared to **249,551** tonnes in December 2020 with an increase of **11.7** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decrease of **550.26** sen per kilogramme as compared to December 2020 (**582.79** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also decreased to **628.58** sen per kilogramme as compared to **628.74** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **47,115** tonnes, an increase of **11.2** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry continues to dominate the use of natural rubber with **35,978** tonnes or **76.4** per cent from the total domestic consumption.



Germany

5.9%

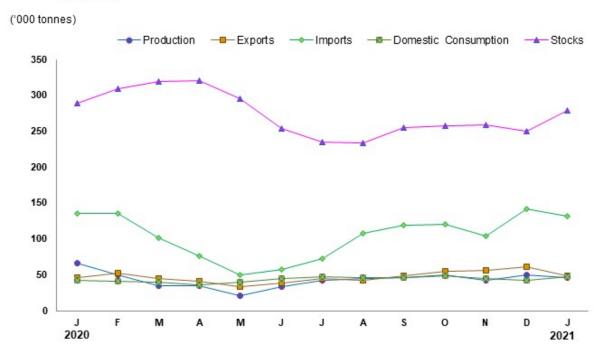
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for January 2021 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from January 2020 to January 2021.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, January 2021

| Principal Statistics                  | January<br>2020 | December<br>2020 | January<br>2021 | Change<br>month-on-month<br>January 2020/<br>December 2020<br>(%) | Change<br>year-on-year<br>January 2021/<br>January 2020<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Production (tonnes)                   | 66,259          | 49,825           | 45,735          | -8.2  | -31.0  |
| Exports (tonnes)                      | 45,827          | 61,547           | 48,125          | -21.8   | 5.0  |
| Imports<br>(tonnes)                   | 134,868         | 142,441          | 132,152         | -7.2  | -2.0   |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)         | 42,015          | 42,356           | 47,115          | 11.2  | 12.1   |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)               | 288,842         | 249,551          | 278,817         | 11.7  | -3.5   |
| Number of paid workers (estate)       | 10,723          | 9,728            | 9,305           | -4.3  | -13.2  |
| Salaries & wages<br>(estate) (RM'000) | 17,283          | 18,334           | 15,056          | -17.9   | -12.9  |

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2020/2021



The full publication of the Monthly Rubber Statistics, January 2021 can be downloaded through eStatistik Portal.

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

#### \*Notes:

Data for January 2021 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the February 2021 publication.

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