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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JULY 2015

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### 1. PRODUCTION

In July 2015, production of natural rubber (NR) was recorded at **54,728** tonnes. The production was increased by **956** tonnes (**+1.8%**) from June 2015, whereas for year-on-year, it fell by **5,603** tonnes (**-9.3%**). The largest contributor of total NR production was from the smallholding sector at **91.2** per cent and the remaining is from the estate sector. For month-on-month, production from smallholding sectors showed an increase of **2.0** per cent while the production from estate decreased by **0.1** per cent.

### 2. EXPORTS

A total of **80,288** tonnes of Malaysia's natural rubber (NR) was exported in July 2015. Exports increased by **13,903** tonnes (**+20.9%**) from June 2015 and **28,516** tonnes (**+55.1%**) from July 2014. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **96.7** per cent of the total NR exports that comprised **70.6** per cent of S.M.R. 20.

NR was mainly exported to the People's Rep. of China (**62.9%**), followed by Germany (**10.5%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**4.2%**), U.S.A. (**3.7%**), Finland (**1.6%**), Taiwan (**1.3%**), Rep. of Korea (**1.1%**), France (**0.9%**) and Mexico (**0.9%**).

### 3. IMPORTS

The total imports of NR in July 2015 amounted to **78,608** tonnes. Imports increased by **10,123** tonnes (**+14.8%**) from June 2015 but fell by **3,970** tonnes (**-4.8%**) from July 2014. Standard Rubber and Latex Concentrate were the main types of NR imported, at **37.8** per cent and **35.1** per cent respectively.

NR was imported mainly from Thailand (**48.7%**) and Viet Nam (**27.8%**).

### 4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

The domestic consumption of NR in July 2015 was **40,129** tonnes, dropped by **644** tonnes (**-1.6%**) from June 2015. However, when comparing to July 2014, domestic consumption of NR shows an increase of **3,708** tonnes (**+10.2%**).

The rubber gloves industry is the major industry in consuming NR with a total of **29,396** tonnes (**73.3%**), followed by rubber thread (**10.0%**) and tyre & tubes (**7.1%**). The total consumption for these three industries comprised of **90.4** per cent from the overall domestic consumption of NR.

### 5. STOCKS

The level of stocks at the end of July 2015 was recorded at **129,694** tonnes. The level of stocks decreased when compared to month-on-month and year-on-year that is **1,387** tonnes (**-1.1%**) and **16,777** tonnes (**-11.5%**) respectively.

### 6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

In July 2015, the average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **438.23** sen per kilogramme, dropped by **58.29** sen (-**11.7%**) from the previous month and **15.67** sen (-**3.5%**) when compared to July 2014.

The price of S.M.R. 20 in July 2015 was **540.57** cents, reduced by **6.9** per cent compared to June 2015. Nevertheless, the price of G.M.M 20 increased by **1.2** per cent on the same month in 2014.

## 7. EMPLOYMENT

A total of **12,180** persons were engaged in the rubber estates in July 2015, where **12,176** persons were paid employees with total salaries & wages paid amounting to **RM14.9** million. The number of paid employees increased by **0.3** per cent from the previous month but decreased by **3.4** per cent from a year ago.

## 8. PRODUCTIVITY

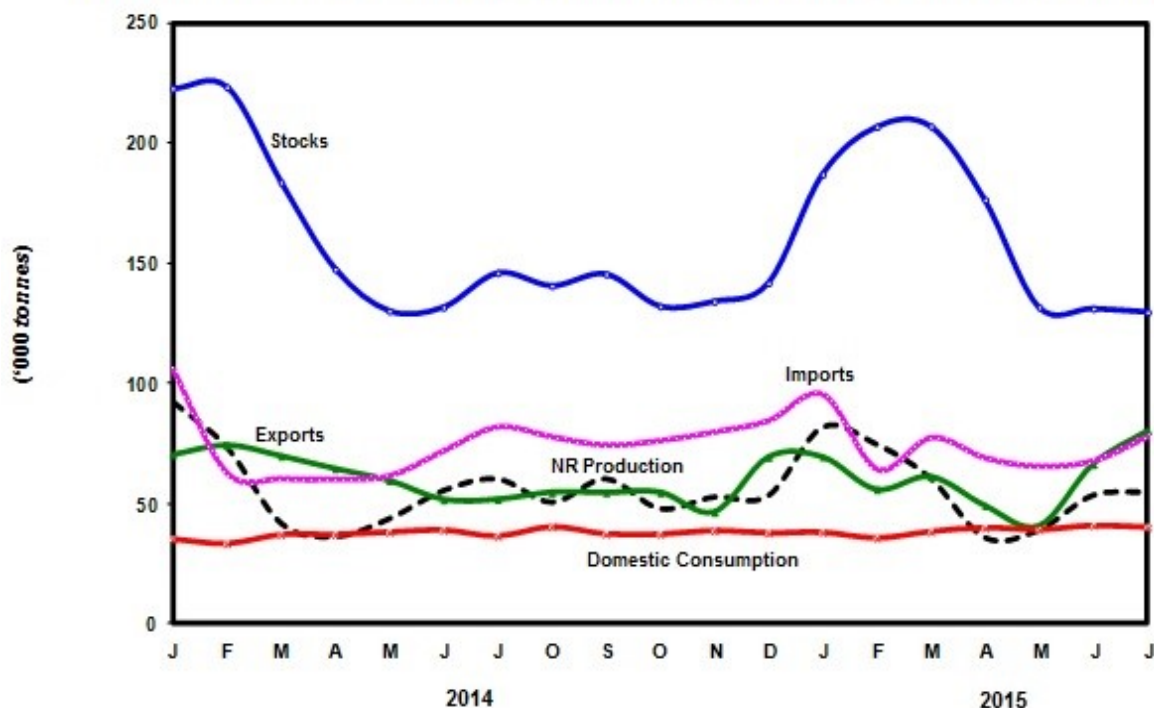
The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **124.9** kilogramme per hectare in July 2015.

The productivity of NR production showed an increase when compared to month-on-month at **0.3** kilogramme per hectare (**+0.2%**) whereas year-on-year it dropped by **7.9** kilogramme per hectare (**-5.9%**).

## 9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.

Chart 1 - Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2014/2015



\*Notes:

Data for July 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the August 2015 publication.

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