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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2020

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### **Domestic consumption of natural rubber increase 1.8 percent on March 2020**

Monthly Rubber Census March 2020 showed that the implementation of MCO affects the production of natural rubber as well as the prevailing wintering period. Production of natural rubber decreased **23.3** per cent in March 2020 to **35,961** tonnes as compared to the previous month (**46,881** tonnes).

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **45,198** tonnes, decreased by **12.8** per cent against **51,852** tonnes in February 2020. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **41.8** per cent from total exports in March 2020 followed by Germany (**9.3%**), Iran (**5.8%**), U.S.A (**5.7%**) and Brazil (**3.3%**). The highest exports were for glove items with a value of **RM1,777.6 million**, an increase of **11.9** per cent compared to February 2020. In addition, there was also an increase for condoms (**21.7%**) and tubes (**19.3%**) with values of **RM28.6 million** and **RM0.8 million** respectively for the same period. This increase was also due to the implementation of lockdown caused by the COVID-19. Meanwhile, stocks of natural rubber continuously recorded an increase of **1.4** per cent from **296,328** tonnes in February 2020 to **300,448** tonnes in current month.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decline of **435.66** sen per kilogramme compared to February 2020 (**456.73** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also dropped to **517.45** sen per kilogramme compared to **549.68** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **42,244** tonnes, an increase of **1.8** per cent as compared from the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **34,086** tonnes (**80.7%**) from the total domestic consumption.



# MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

## MARCH 2020

46,881

February 2020<sup>P</sup>

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

23.3%

35,961

March 2020<sup>P</sup>

AVERAGE PRICE



4.6%

LATEX  
CONCENTRATE

5.9%

S.M.R 20

March 2020 : 435.66  
Feb. 2020 : 456.73March 2020 : 517.45  
Feb. 2020 : 549.68

(sen/Kg)

STOCKS

March 2020<sup>P</sup> : 300,448 tonnesRubber  
processors  
90.1%Rubber  
consumers  
9.4%Rubber  
estates  
0.5%Rubber  
gloves

80.7%

Rubber  
thread

7.7%

DOMESTIC  
CONSUMPTIONMarch 2020<sup>P</sup> : 42,244 tonnesTyres and  
tubes

5.8%

Others



5.8%

P.R. China



41.8%

Germany



9.3%

EXPORTS

March 2020<sup>P</sup> : 45,198 tonnes

Brazil



3.3%

Iran  
5.8%U.S.A  
5.7%<sup>P</sup> : preliminary  
<sup>e</sup> : estimateProduction of natural rubber by main producing countries\*,  
March 2020

('000 tonnes)

Malaysia  
36.0<sup>P</sup>Vietnam  
65.0<sup>e</sup>Thailand  
361.6<sup>e</sup>Sri Lanka  
7.1<sup>e</sup>Philippines  
3.0<sup>e</sup>

Cambodia

14.8<sup>e</sup>

India

45.0<sup>e</sup>

Indonesia

277.0<sup>e</sup>

P.R. China

23.0<sup>e</sup>

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

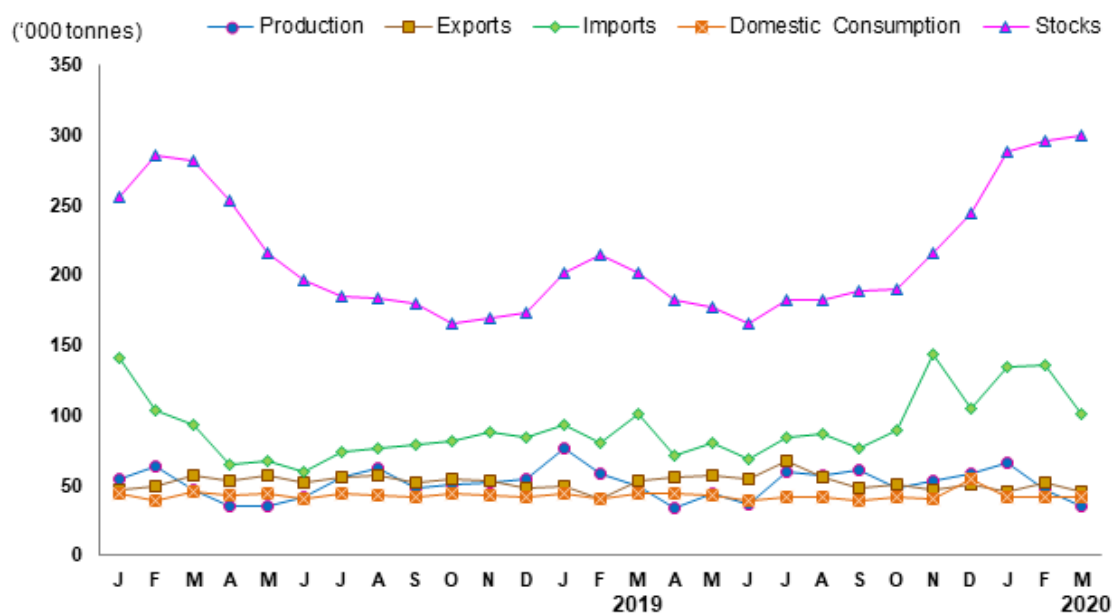
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, March 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for March 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from March 2019 to March 2020.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, March 2020**

| Principal Statistics               | March 2019 | February 2020 | March 2020 | Change month-on-month<br>March 2020/<br>February 2020<br>(%) | Change year-on-year<br>March 2020/<br>March 2019<br>(%) |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|---|
| Production (tonnes)                | 50,109     | 46,881        | 35,961     | -23.3  | -28.2   |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 53,265     | 51,852        | 45,198     | -12.8  | -15.1   |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 101,646    | 135,494       | 100,937    | -25.5  | -0.7  |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 43,981     | 41,512        | 42,244     | 1.8  | -3.9  |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 202,246    | 296,328       | 300,448    | 1.4  | 48.6  |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 11,330     | 8,822         | 9,722      | 10.2   | -14.2   |
| Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000) | 15,264     | 12,801        | 13,700     | 7.0  | -10.2   |

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020**



\*Notes:

Data for Macrh 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2020 publication.

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