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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MAY 2017

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### **Natural Rubber (NR) decreased by 10.0 per cent in May 2017**

Production of NR in May 2017 decreased by **10.0** per cent to **44,010** tonnes as compared to the previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector with a contribution exceeding **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 were **630.52** sen per kilogramme and **650.05** sen per kilogramme, decreased by **1.6** per cent and **9.6** per cent respectively from April 2017.

In May 2017, exports of NR decreased by **14.8** per cent to **50,630** tonnes as compared to April 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, Finland and USA.

In the meantime, domestic consumption of NR increased by **4.4** per cent to **40,896** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remains as the main domestic consumer with consumption of more than **70** per cent.

At the end of May 2017, level of NR stocks declined by **10.1** per cent to **208,299** tonnes.



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### Average price



### Domestic Consumption

Total : **40,896 tonnes**

Rubber gloves industry is the main domestic consumer with consumption more than 70%.



**Rubber  
Gloves**  
70.7%



**Rubber  
Thread**  
9.6%



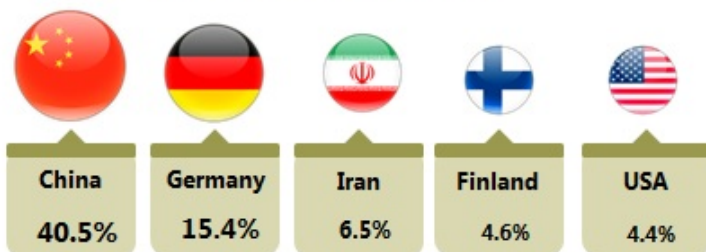
**Tyres and  
Tubes**  
8.1%



**Others**  
11.6%

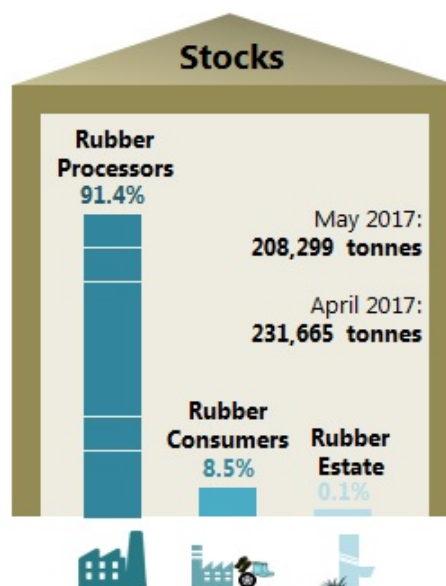
### Exports

Exports of NR decreased by 14.8% as compared to April 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

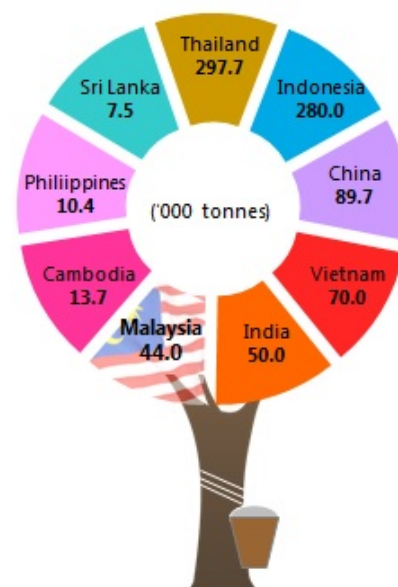


Total exports : **50,630 tonnes**

### Stocks



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



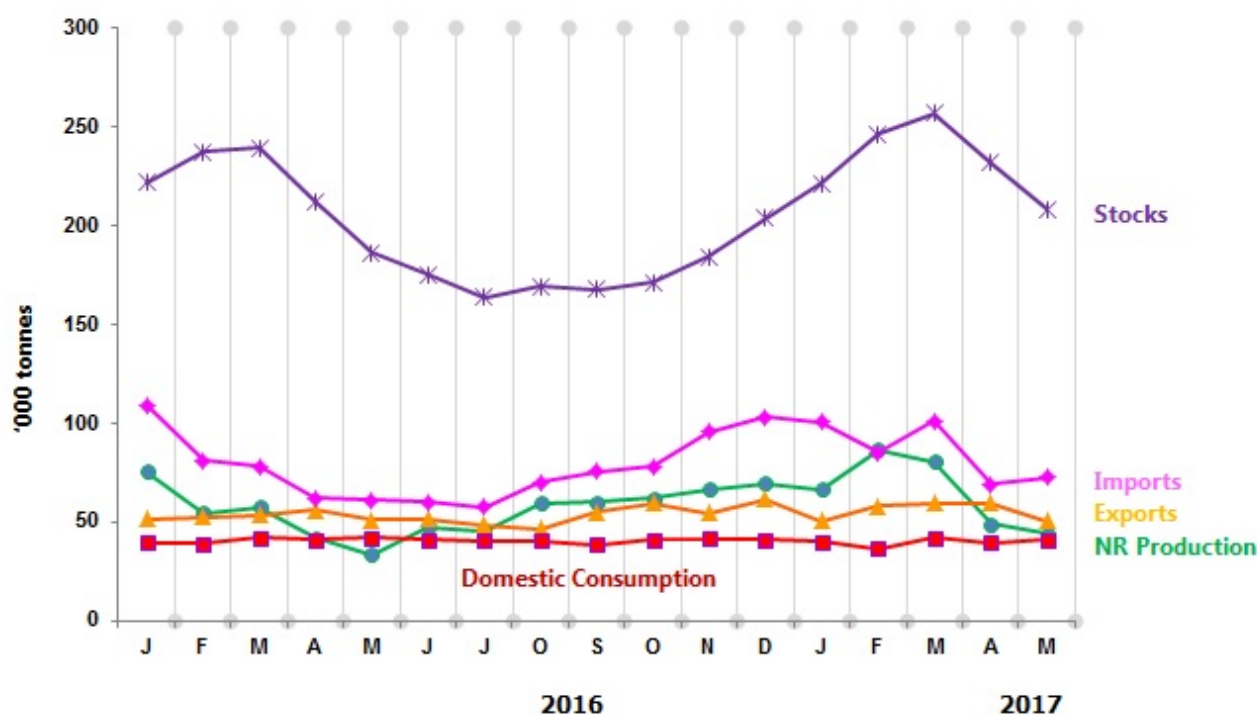
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

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

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, May 2017

Principal Statistics	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	44,010	48,889	33,558	-10.0	31.1
Exports (tonnes)	50,630	59,437	51,146	-14.8	-1.0
Imports (tonnes)	72,665	68,843	60,800	5.6	19.5
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,896	39,168	41,751	4.4	-2.0
Closing stocks (tonnes)	208,299	231,665	186,377	-10.1	11.8
Number of paid workers (estate)	9,723	9,548	10,844	1.8	-10.3
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	12,355	11,399	11,413	8.4	8.3

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



\*Notes:

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

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