



MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES AUGUST 2018



Exports

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, in August 2018, the **export unit value index** rose 0.5% to 115.5 points which was contributed by mineral fuels (+3.2%) followed by miscellaneous manufactured articles (+0.5%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.3%). In contrast, the **export volume index** registered a decrease of 5.5% to 133.2 points. The decrease was led by mineral fuels (-10.7%), machinery & transport equipment (-7.7%) and manufactured goods (-5.0%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** decreased 12.2% to 128.7 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** posted an increase of 3.3% while the **export volume index** fell 3.5%.

Imports

In August 2018, the **import unit value index** grew 0.4% to 118.9 points when compared to July 2018 which was mainly led by mineral fuels (+2.4%) followed by machinery & transport equipment (+0.5%) and chemicals (+0.2%). Meanwhile, the **import volume index** also rose 2.6% to 153.4 points. This was mainly contributed by animal & vegetable oils & fats (+16.5%), food (+8.1%) and machinery & transport equipment (+7.9%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** increased 3.3% to 150.9 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value index** and **volume index** expanded 3.4% and 7.6% respectively.

Terms of trade

Malaysia's **terms of trade** rose 0.1% to 97.1 points when compared with July 2018. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's terms of trade fell 0.1% from 97.2 points.

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

***Notes:**

The August 2018 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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