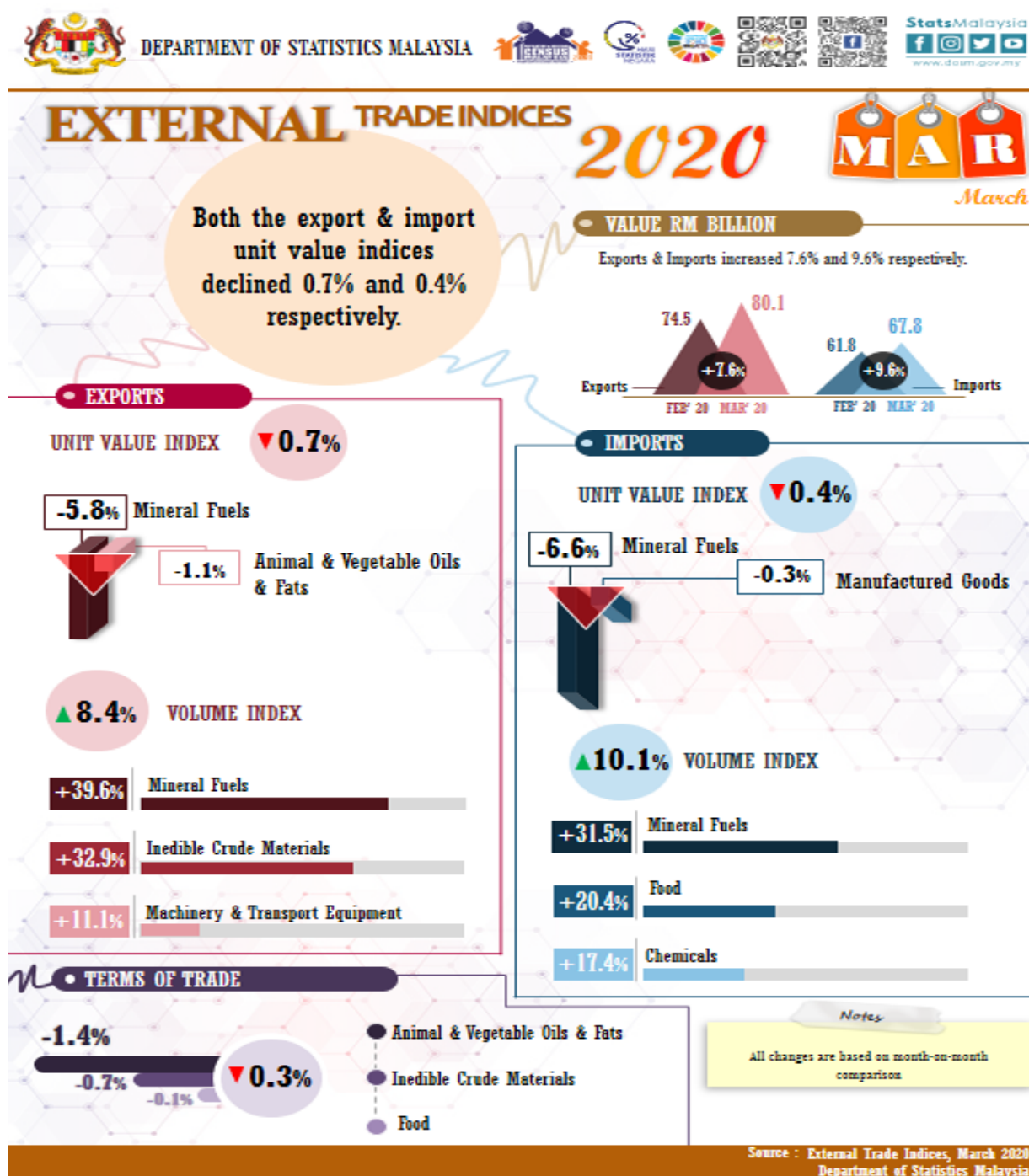




## MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES MARCH 2020



## **Exports**

On a month-on-month basis, in March 2020, the **export unit value index** shrank 0.7% to 116.1 points which was attributed to the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-5.8%) and animal & vegetable oils & fats (-1.1%). In contrast, the **export volume index** expanded 8.4% to 129.8 points. The expansion was led by the growth in the index of mineral fuels (+39.6%), inedible crude materials (+32.9%) and machinery & transport equipment (+11.1%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** declined 8.0% to 124.2 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** rose 1.0% while the **export volume index** declined 5.6%.

## **Imports**

In March 2020, the **import unit value index** recorded a decline of 0.4% to 116.2 points which was due to the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-6.6%) and manufactured goods (-0.3%). While, the **import volume index** rose 10.1% to 132.6 points. This was contributed by the increase in the index of mineral fuels (+31.5%), food (+20.4%) and chemicals (+17.4%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** in March 2020 dropped 1.4% to 134.8 points.

On a year-on-year basis, both the **import unit value** and **volume indices** decreased 0.6% and 2.1% respectively.

## **Terms of trade**

Malaysia's **terms of trade** dropped 0.3% to 99.9 points when compared with February 2020. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** rose 1.6% from 98.3 points.

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: [www.dosm.gov.my](http://www.dosm.gov.my)

\*Notes:

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