



MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES MARCH 2020



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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES

2020



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EXPORTS

UNIT VALUE INDEX ▼ 0.7%

-5.8% Mineral Fuels

-1.1% Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

▲ 8.4% VOLUME INDEX

+39.6% Mineral Fuels

+32.9% Inedible Crude Materials

+11.1% Machinery & Transport Equipment

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-1.4%

-0.7% -0.1% ▼ 0.3%

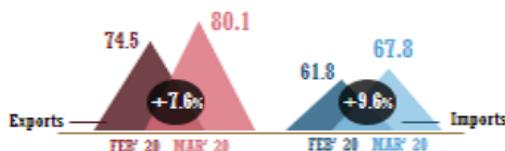
● Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

● Inedible Crude Materials

● Food

VALUE RM BILLION

Exports & Imports increased 7.6% and 9.6% respectively.



IMPORTS

UNIT VALUE INDEX ▼ 0.4%

-6.6% Mineral Fuels

-0.3% Manufactured Goods

▲ 10.1% VOLUME INDEX

+31.5% Mineral Fuels

+20.4% Food

+17.4% Chemicals

Notes

All changes are based on month-on-month comparison

Source : External Trade Indices, March 2020
Department of Statistics Malaysia

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

*Notes:

The March 2020 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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