



MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES MAY 2018



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Both the Export & Import Unit Value Indices recorded **increases** of **0.8%** and **1.1%** respectively.



EXPORTS

VALUE (RM Billion) 84.2 82.1
Apr'18 May'18 **↓ 2.5%**

UNIT VALUE INDEX

↑ 0.8%

VOLUME INDEX

↓ 3.4%



Mineral Fuels

2.6% **↑**

↓ 10.6%

Machinery & Transport Equipment



Chemicals

1.2% **↑**

↓ 9.3%

Animals & Vegetable oils & Fats



Manufactured Goods

0.6% **↑**

↓ 3.9%

Manufactured Goods



IMPORTS

VALUE (RM Billion) 71.2 74.0
Apr'18 May'18 **↑ 3.9%**

UNIT VALUE INDEX

↑ 1.1%

VOLUME INDEX

↑ 2.7%



Mineral Fuels

6.2% **↑**

↑ 6.1%

Mineral Fuels



Manufactured Goods

0.6% **↑**

↑ 4.5%

Manufactured Goods



Machinery & Transport Equipment

0.4% **↑**

↑ 3.0%

Chemicals



TERMS OF TRADE

↓ 0.3%

-3.4%



Mineral Fuels

-1.5%



Animals & Vegetable oils & Fats

-0.2%



Inedible Crude Materials

Note: **↓** **↑** All changes are based on month-on-month comparison

Exports

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, in May 2018, the export unit value index increased 0.8% to 113.3 points which was attributed to mineral fuels (+2.6%), chemicals (+1.2%) and manufactured goods (+0.6%). The export volume index registered a decrease of 3.4% to 136.1 points which was attributed to machinery & transport equipment (-10.6%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-9.3%) and manufactured goods (-3.9%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the export volume index increased 5.3% to 138.5 points.

When compared to the previous year, the export unit value index posted increased 0.7% and export volume index posted increases of 2.6%

Imports

In May 2018, the import unit value index also increased by 1.1% to 116.8 points which was mainly led by mineral fuels (+6.2%) followed by manufactured goods (+0.6%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.4%). The import volume index recorded an increase of 2.7% to 143.8 points. This was mainly attributed to mineral fuels (+6.1%), manufactured goods (+4.5%) and chemicals (+3.0%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the import volume index in May 2018 dropped 4.2% to 140.9 points.

When compared to the previous year, the import unit value index increased 1.2% and import volume index declined 1.2%.

Terms of trade

Malaysia's terms of trade registered a decrease of 0.3% to 97.0 points when compared with April 2018. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's terms of trade also decreased 0.5% from 97.5 points

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

***Notes:**

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

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