# MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES OCTOBER 2018



### **Exports**

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, in October 2018, the **export unit value index** recorded a rise of 0.2% to 116.3 points which was contributed by mineral fuels (+1.0%) followed by miscellaneous manufactured articles (+0.4%) and manufactured goods (+0.4%). Meanwhile, the **export volume index** registered an increase of 15.9% to 155.8 points. The increase was led by mineral fuels (+31.6%), manufactured goods (+19.7%) and machinery & transport equipment (+15.7%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** expanded 14.2% to 149.2 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** and **volume index** posted an increase of 3.4% and 13.9%.

## **Imports**

In October 2018, the **import unit value index** increased 0.4% to 120.7 point as compared to September 2018 which was mainly led by mineral fuels (+1.6%) followed by manufactured goods (+0.6%) and chemicals (+0.4%). Meanwhile, the **import volume index** also rose 17.7% to 150.7 points. This was mainly contributed by mineral fuels (+56.5%), machinery & transport equipment (+16.3%) and manufactured goods (+10.3%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** in October 2018 expanded 15.0% to 144.8 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value index** and **volume index** grew 4.2% and 6.9% respectively.

#### **Terms of trade**

Malaysia's **terms of trade** registered a decline of 0.2% to 96.3 points when compared with September 2018. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** fell 0.8% from 97.1 points.

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

#### \*Notes:

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

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