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Malaysia's trade performance rebounded to positive growth in September 2025 in line with the increase in both exports and imports. Total trade rose by RM23.1 billion or 9.8 per cent, year-on-year (y-o-y), to reach a value of RM257.5 billion. Trade surplus also surged by 54.7 per cent to RM19.9 billion compared to RM12.8 billion in the same month of the previous year.

Month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison showed that total trade and trade surplus expanded by 4.3 per cent and 25.3 per cent, respectively.

For the period of January to September 2025, exports increased by 4.8 per cent, imports grew by 4.0 per cent, total trade strengthened by 4.4 per cent and trade surplus rose by 13.6 per cent.

In the third quarter of 2025, good performance was shown with notable growth in exports (+6.7%), imports (+0.4%), total trade (+3.7%) and trade surplus (+93.6%).



Performance of Exports

In September 2025, Malaysia's exports posted a robust increase of 12.2 per cent, rising from RM123.6 billion in September 2024 to RM138.7 billion.

This growth aligned with a sharp increase in re-exports which accounted for 24.9 per cent of total exports, soaring by 46.1 per cent to RM34.5 billion.

Meanwhile, domestic exports grew by 4.2 per cent to RM104.2 billion, representing 75.1 per cent of total exports.

On a m-o-m basis, re-exports climbed by 23.5 per cent, while domestic exports edged up marginally by 0.8 per cent. Seasonally adjusted terms m-o-m analysis indicated that exports grew by 2.3 per cent to RM134.1 billion.



Performance of Imports

Malaysia imports rebounded in September 2025, registering a 7.3 per cent increase or RM8.0 billion to reach RM118.8 billion. On a m-o-m basis, imports rose by 2.9 per cent or RM3.4 billion. With regards to analysis of the seasonally adjusted terms m-o-m, imports increased by 7.8 per cent to RM120.4 billion.

On a y-o-y basis, imports by End Use showed positive growth in capital goods (+9.3%) and consumption goods (+5.1%), but intermediate goods declined by 7.6 per cent.



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