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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, MALAYSIA, SEPTEMBER 2025

The Export Unit Value Index continues to grow by 0.9 per cent in September 2025, reaching 154.2 points.

PUTRAJAYA, OCTOBER 28, 2025 – Malaysia's export unit value index in September 2025 continues to grow by 0.9 per cent from 152.9 points in the previous month to 154.2 points. Meanwhile, import unit value index descended 0.2 per cent from 124.8 points to 124.5 points. Nevertheless, Malaysia's terms of trade grew 1.1 per cent month-on-month from 122.5 points to 123.9 points in September 2025 as reported today in EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES (2010=100), SEPTEMBER 2025. This publication presents the unit value index, volume index and terms of trade for 10 commodity sections of merchandise products in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted, the export unit value index rose by 0.9 per cent in September 2025 as compared to the previous month. This growth was primarily driven by the increases in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (+3.4%), food (+0.8%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.7%). Likewise, the export volume index also grew by 4.7 per cent in line with the increase in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+13.0%) and inedible crude materials (+7.9%). The seasonally adjusted export volume index also increased by 0.9 per cent from 162.5 points

to 163.9 points. Referring to the annual comparison, both the exports unit value index and volume index expanded 3.3 per cent and 8.6 per cent respectively.

The import unit value index declined 0.2 per cent in September 2025, contributed by the decline in the index of mineral fuels (-2.8%), machinery & transport equipment (-0.6%) and manufactured goods (-0.4%). Meanwhile, the import volume index increased by 3.2 per cent in September 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the increment in the index of mineral fuels (+30.6%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+30.1%) and machinery & transport equipment (+2.9%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index also ascended by 7.6 per cent from 205.8 points to 221.4 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the import unit value index edged down by 2.1 per cent while volume index edged up by 9.5 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade ascended 1.1 per cent month-on-month to 123.9 points in September 2025, driven by the increase in the index of mineral fuels (+2.5%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+2.4%) and machinery & transport equipment (+1.3%). In addition, Malaysia's terms of trade rose 5.5 per cent year-on-year from 117.5 points in September previous year.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day was celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through https://open.dosm.gov.my.

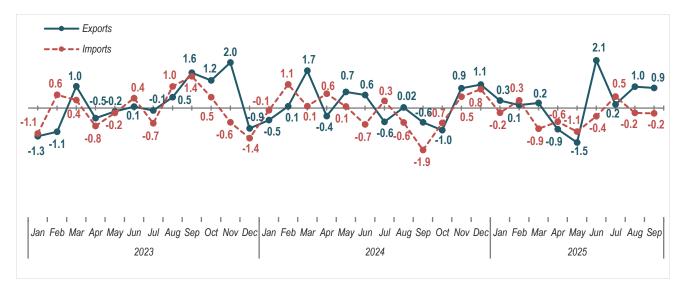


Chart 1: Month-on-Month Percentage Change of Export & Import Unit Value Indices
January 2023 – September 2025

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