



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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***The sales value of the Manufacturing sector registering a decline of 3.3 per cent to record RM152.3 billion in August 2023***

***PUTRAJAYA, 12 October 2023 – The sales value of the Manufacturing sector registering a decline of 3.3 per cent year-on-year to record RM152.3 billion in August 2023. The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) reported today in the release of Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia, August 2023.***

*Commenting on the latest Manufacturing sales performance, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, said, "The sales value of the Manufacturing sector declined further to 3.3 per cent in August 2023 after recording negative 3.0 per cent in the preceding month. The downturn was primarily influenced by the Petroleum chemical, rubber & plastic sub-sector, which decreased by 12.1 per cent, marking three consecutive months of double-digit declines. In addition, the deterioration was also attributable to the contraction of Food, beverages & tobacco (-6.6%); and Wood, furniture, paper products & printing (-0.1%) sub-sectors. On a month-on-month comparison, the sales value rebounded to 5.8 per cent as compared to the negative 2.4 per cent recorded in July 2023."*

*The sales value of export-oriented industries which accounted for 72.7 per cent of total sales decreased by 6.7 per cent in August 2023 (July 2023: -7.0%). The decline was mainly due to the Manufacture of coke & refined petroleum products (-19.7%); Manufacture of vegetable & animal oils & fats (-15.1%); and Manufacture of rubber products (-8.8%). On the other hand, domestic-oriented industries continued to mitigate the decline in sales value, with a growth of 7.2 per cent in August 2023 (July 2023: 9.1%). The steady momentum was predominantly backed by the strong increase in sales value of the Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers & semi-trailers, which surged by 15.0 per cent, as well as Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery & equipment at 10.4 per cent. In addition, Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products and Manufacture of food processing products increased by 7.1 per cent and 6.0 per cent respectively. On month-on-month basis, export-oriented and domestic industries increased by 6.7 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively.*

*Commenting on the number of employees, the Chief Statistician stated, “The Manufacturing sector engaged 2.36 million persons in August 2023, posted a 2.0 per cent increase as compared to the 2.31 million persons recorded a year ago. The addition was largely in the Food, beverages and tobacco (6.2%); Wood, furniture, paper products & printing (2.6%); and Non-metallic mineral products, basic metal & fabricated metal (2.2%) sub-sectors. As compared to the preceding month, the number of employees in this sector increased marginally by 0.6 per cent.”*

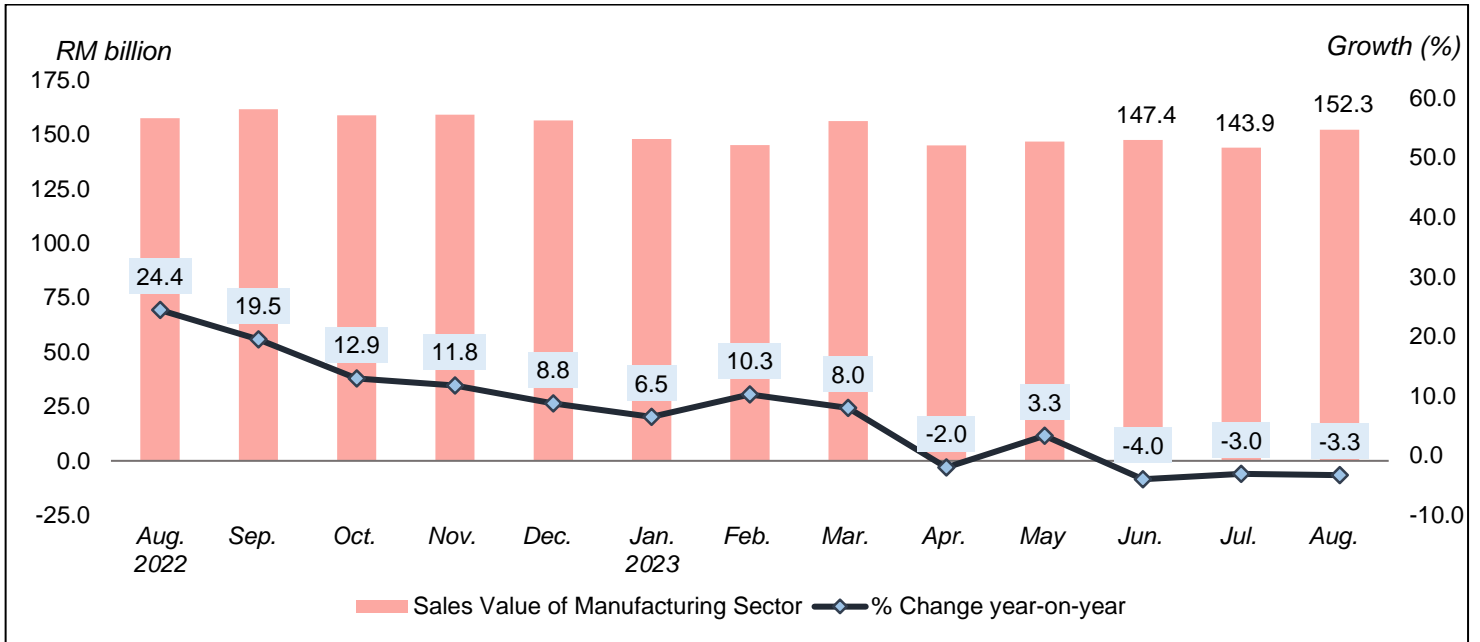
*In line with the increase in employment, the salaries & wages paid in the Manufacturing sector grew by 3.0 per cent year-on-year, amounting to RM8.0 billion in August 2023. On a month-on-month comparison, the salaries & wages increased by 0.9 per cent from RM7.9 billion recorded in July 2023. In addition, the average salaries & wages per employee went up by 1.0 per cent with a value of RM3,397 while the sales value per employee dropped by 5.2 per cent to RM64,660.*

*Summarising the performance for the first eight months of 2023, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, “The sales value of the Manufacturing sector attained RM1,184.8 billion, rose by 1.7 per cent as compared to the same period in the preceding year. During this period, the number of employees increased by 2.0 per cent to record a total of 2.36 million persons while salaries & wages grew by 3.7 per cent, registering RM64.6 billion. Meanwhile, the sales value per employee declined slightly by 0.2 per cent, amounting to RM503,093.”*

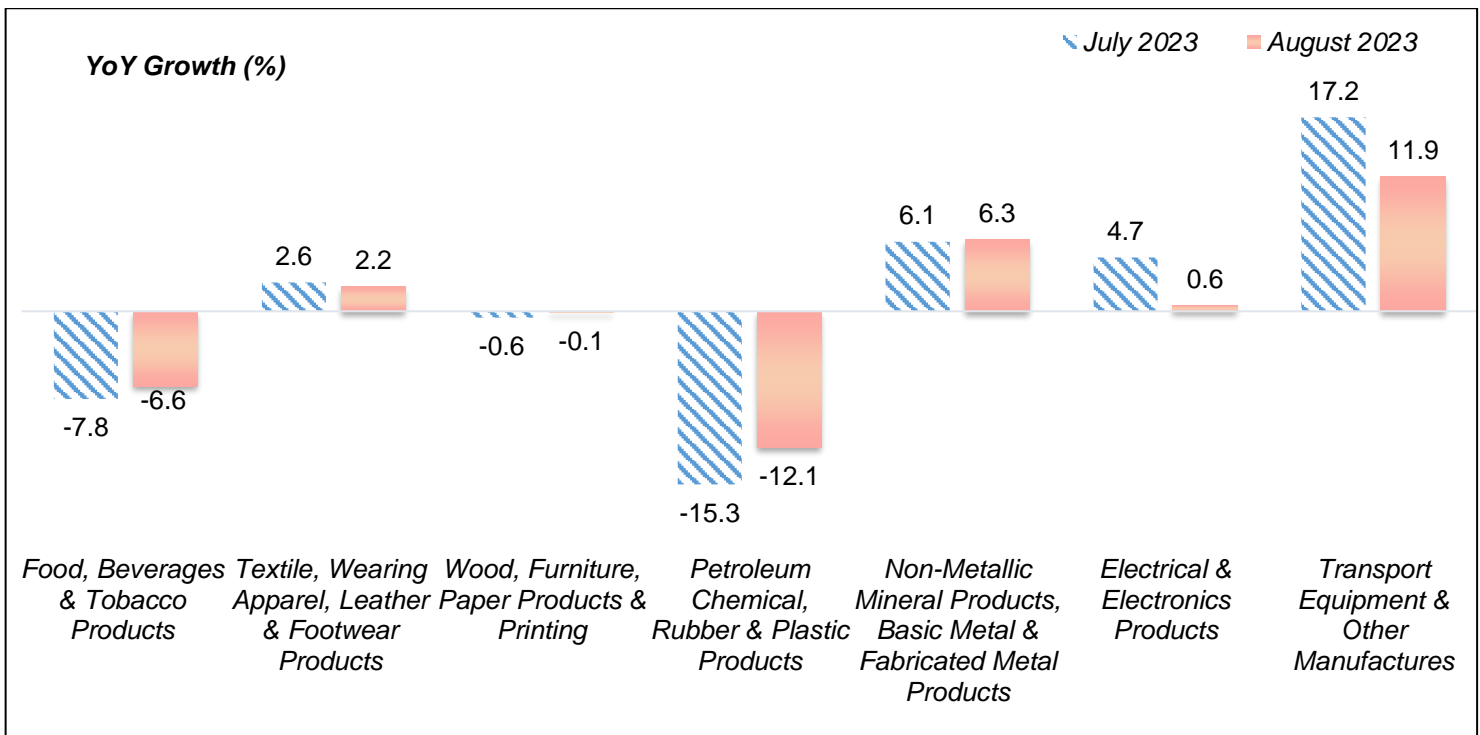
*DOSM has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides a catalogue of data and visualisation to facilitate users in analysing various data. OpenDOSM NextGen is an open source data sharing platform and accessible through <https://open.dosm.gov.my> portal.*

*The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20 each year. MyStats Day theme is “Statistics is the Essence of Life”.*

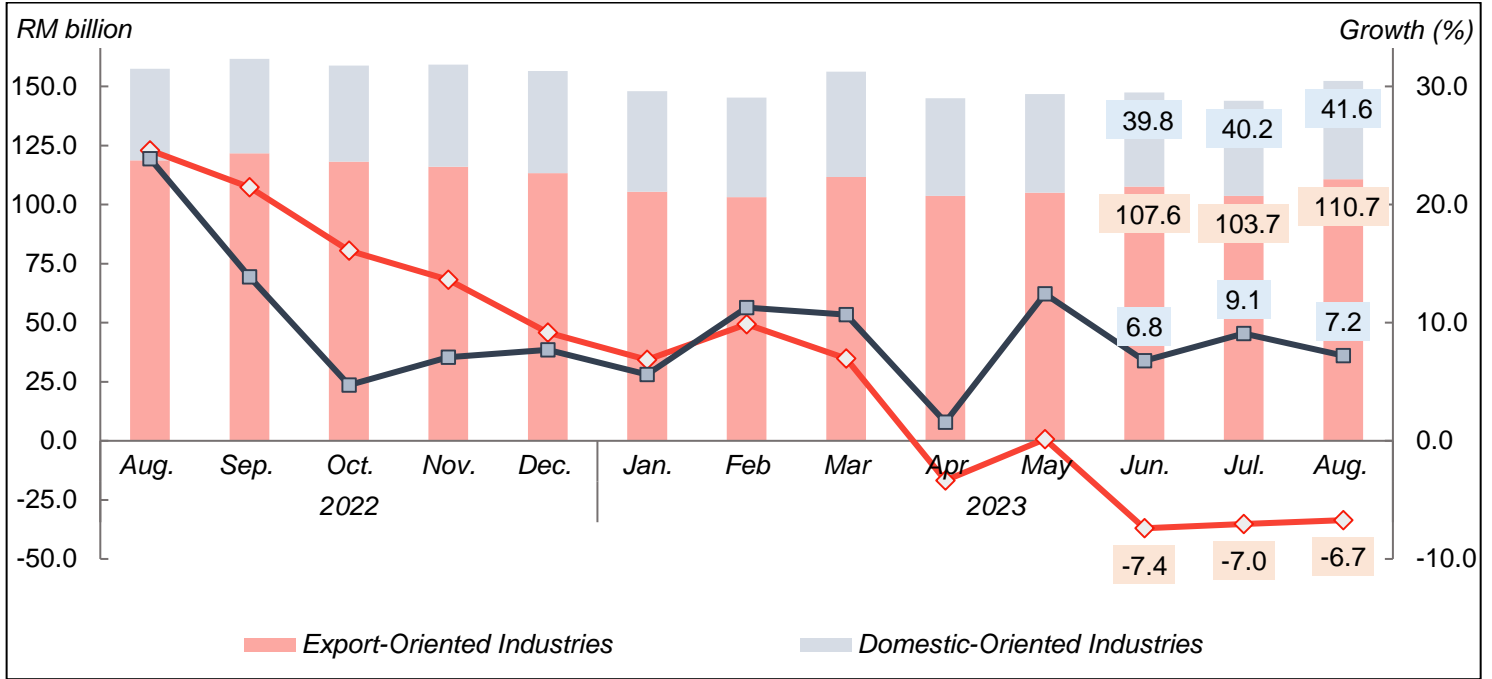
**Chart 1: Sales Value of the Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia  
August 2022 – August 2023**



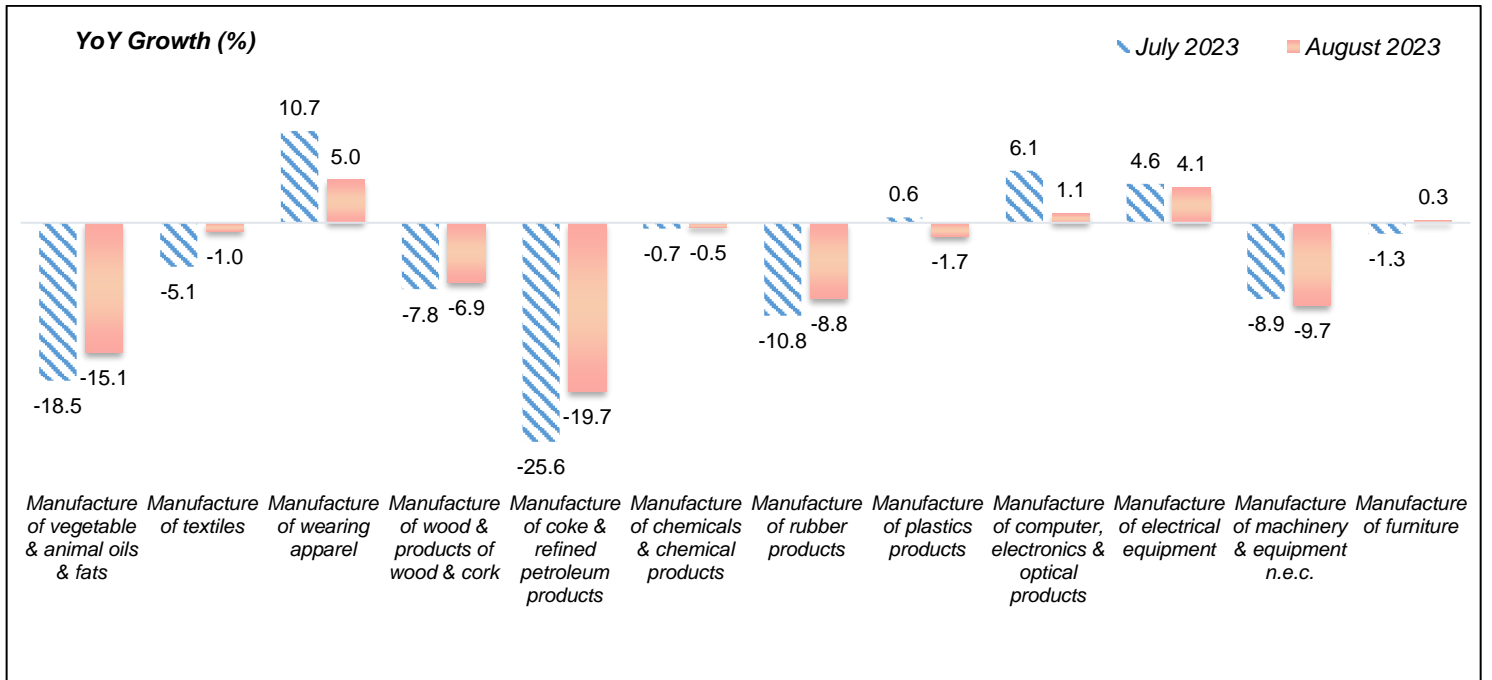
**Chart 2: Growth of Sales of Manufacturing by Sub-sector, Malaysia,  
July and August 2023**



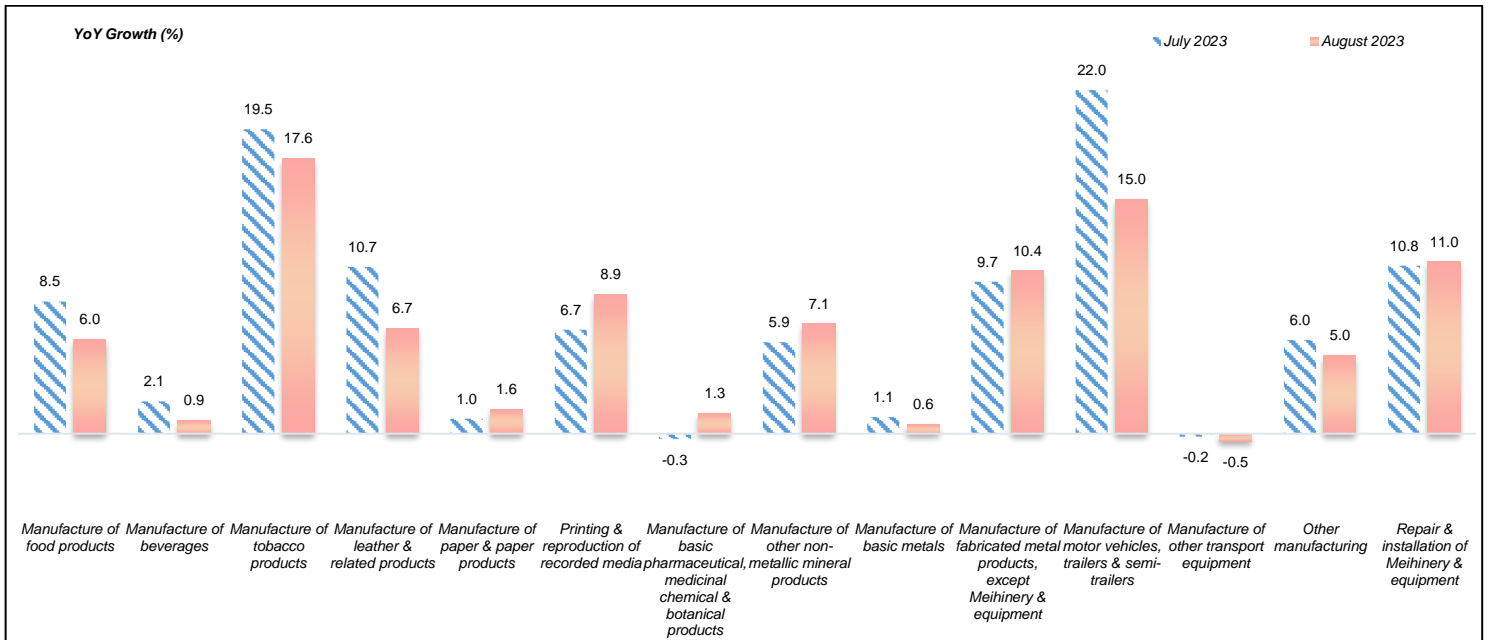
**Chart 3: Sales Value of the Export and Domestic-oriented Industries for Manufacturing Sector, Malaysia, August 2022 – August 2023**



**Chart 4: Manufacturing Export-Oriented by Group, Malaysia, July and August 2023**



**Chart 5: Manufacturing Domestic-Oriented by Group, Malaysia, July and August 2023**



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