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MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES APRIL 2020



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Both export & import unit value indices declined 1.7% and 1.2% respectively.

VALUE RM BILLION

Exports dropped 19.0% while imports increased 0.9%.



UNIT VALUE INDEX

Mineral Fuels

▼ 10.8%

Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

▼ 5.2%

Inedible Crude Materials

▼ 0.2%

EXPORTS ▼ 1.7

▼ 14.0%

Mineral Fuels

▼ 6.7%

Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

▼ 0.3%

Inedible Crude Materials

IMPORTS ▲ 1.2

VOLUME INDEX

▼ 25.5

▼ 49.6

Inedible Crude Materials

Machinery & Transport Equipment

Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

EXPORTS ▼ 17.6

34.3

Machinery & Transport Equipment

IMPORTS ▲ 2.2

TERMS OF TRADE

▼ 0.5

▼ 0.5

▼ 0.1

Food

Chemicals

## **Exports**

On a month-on-month basis, in April 2020, the **export unit value index** shrank 1.7% to 114.1 points which was attributed to the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-10.8%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-5.2%) and inedible crude materials (-0.2%). Meanwhile, **the export volume index** also dropped 17.6% to 107.0 points which was led by the decline in the index of machinery & transport equipment (-26.5%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-25.5%) and mineral fuels (-20.3%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **export volume index** declined 14.4% to 106.4 points.

When compared to the previous year, both the **export unit value** and **volume indices** declined 0.6% and 23.3% respectively.

## **Imports**

In April 2020, the **import unit value index** recorded a decline of 1.2% to 114.8 points which was due to the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-14.0%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-6.7%) and inedible crude materials (-0.3%). In contrast, the **import volume index** rose 2.2% to 135.6 points. This was contributed by the increase in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+34.3%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the **import volume index** in April 2020 rose 4.5% to 140.8 points.

On a year-on-year basis, both the **import unit value** and **volume indices** decreased 2.9% and 5.1% respectively.

## **Terms of trade**

Malaysia's **terms of trade** dropped 0.5% to 99.4 points as compared with March 2020. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** rose 2.4% from 97.1 points.

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: [www.dosm.gov.my](http://www.dosm.gov.my)

\*Notes:

The April 2020 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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