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MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES AUGUST 2015

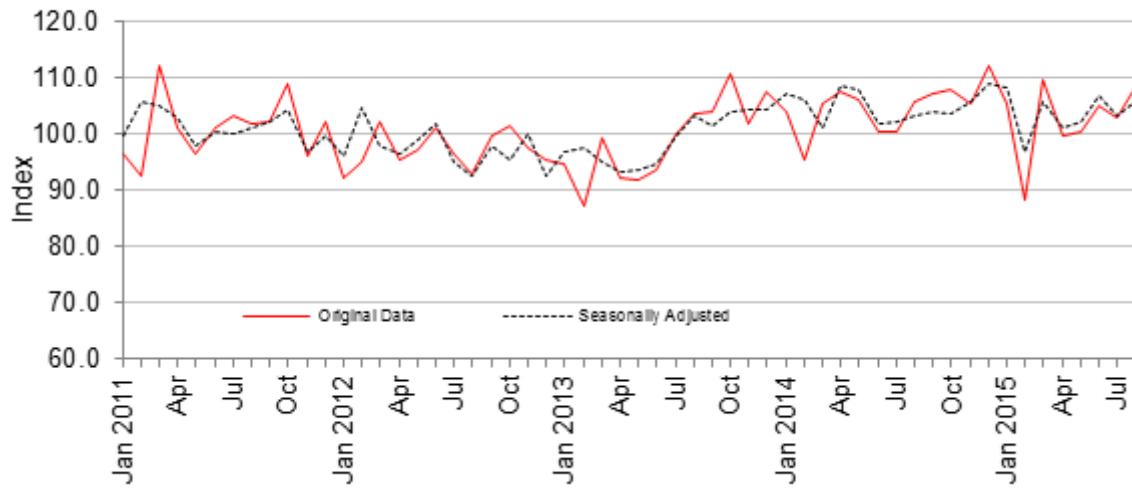
MONTH-ON-MONTH COMPARISON:

Exports

Malaysia's export value recorded a rise of 5.2% to RM66.5 billion where the export volume index posted an increase of 5.4% to 108.3 points. The increase was mainly due to manufactured goods (+14.2%), machinery & transport equipment (+8.1%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+6.7%).

Meanwhile, the export unit value index decreased 0.2% to 138.8 points which was mainly contributed by animal & vegetable oils & fats (-3.6%) and mineral fuels (-2.6%).

Export Volume Indices - Original Data & Seasonally Adjusted



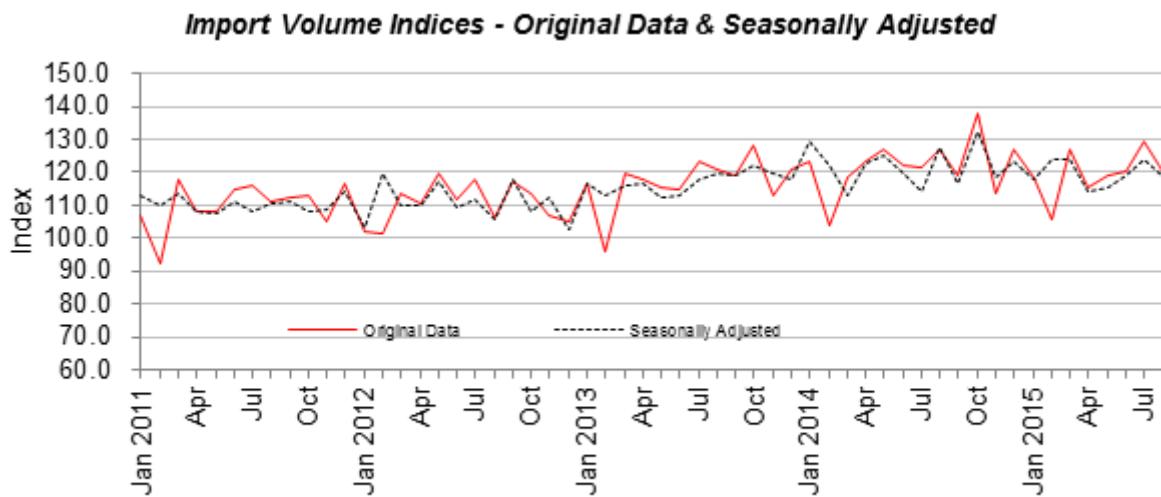
Seasonally adjusted figure

In seasonally adjusted terms, the export volume index in August 2015 rose 2.5% to 105.9 points.

Imports

Meanwhile, Malaysia's total value of imports for August 2015 declined 7.4% to RM56.3 billion where the import volume index decreased 7.6% to 119.4 points. The decrease was led by mineral fuels (-26.6%), manufactured goods (-8.0%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (-5.3%).

Meanwhile, the import unit value index increased marginally by 0.2 % to 132.7 points. The increase was attributed to manufactured goods (+2.4%), chemicals (+0.5%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+0.5%).



Seasonally adjusted figure

In seasonally adjusted terms, the import volume index decreased 4.7% to 118.4 points.

YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON

Exports

Compared with August 2014, Malaysia's export value posted an expansion of 4.1% from RM63.9 billion where the export volume index rose 2.6% from 105.5 points. The rise was led by animal & vegetable oils & fats (+15.8%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+11.2%) and machinery & transport equipment (+11.0%).

Similarly, the export unit value index also recorded an increase of 1.5% from 136.8 points. The increase was due to chemicals (+5.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+5.0%) and machinery & transport equipment (+4.7%).

Imports

In August 2015, Malaysia's import value decreased 6.1% from RM60.0 billion where the import volume index dropped 5.9% from 126.9 points. This decrease was mainly registered in mineral fuels (-10.7%), machinery & transport equipment (-8.0%) and manufactured good (-6.6%).

Meanwhile, the import unit value index decreased marginally by 0.2% from 133.0 points. This was mainly attributed to mineral fuels (-12.1%).

TERMS OF TRADE

In August 2015, Malaysia's terms of trade decreased by 0.4% to 104.6 points as compared with the preceding month. The decrease was attributed to animal & vegetable oils & fats (-3.7%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-2.6%) and manufactured goods (-2.1%).

On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's terms of trade increased 1.7% from 102.9 points. Chemicals increased 5.5%, followed by manufactured goods (+4.9%) and beverages & tobacco (+4.2%).

***Notes:**

The August 2015 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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