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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, FEBRUARY 2017

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### **Natural Rubber (NR) increased by 29.5 per cent in February 2017**

Production of NR in February 2017 increased by **29.5** percent to **86,403** tonnes as compared to previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector which is more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 were **798.33** sen per kilogramme and **966.94** sen per kilogramme, rose by **12.3** per cent and **1.0** per cent respectively from January 2017.

In February 2017, exports of NR increased by **15.0** per cent to **57,959** tonnes as compared to January 2017. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, U.S.A. and Finland.

In the meantime, domestic consumption of natural rubber declined by **7.9** per cent to **36,528** tonnes within the same period. Rubber gloves industry remain as the main domestic consumer of over **70** per cent.

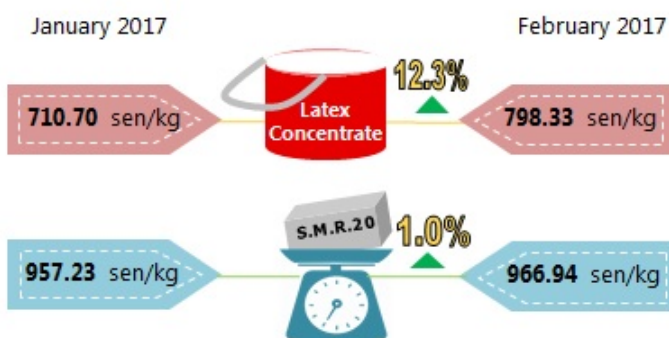
At the end of February 2017, level of NR stocks went up by **11.3** per cent to **246,599** tonnes.

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NR production dominated by smallholding sector with contribution more than 90%.



## Average price



## Domestic Consumption

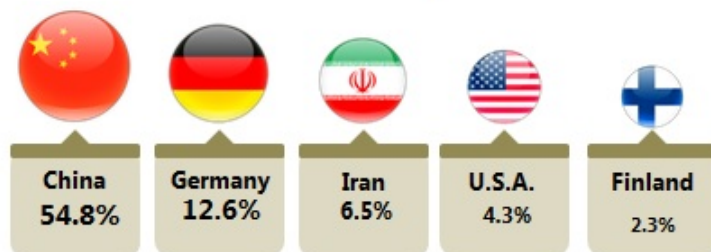
Total : 36,528 tonnes

More than 7/10 domestic consumption of NR was rubber gloves industry.



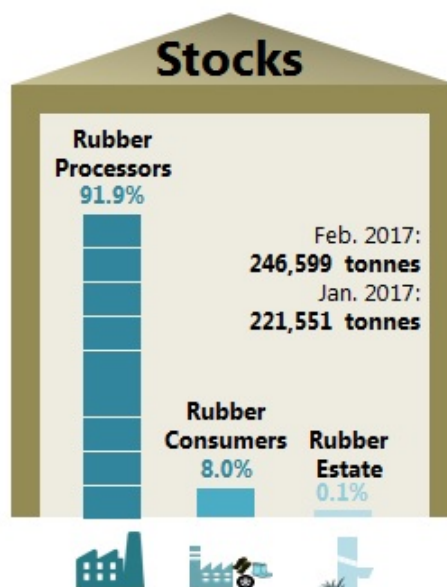
## Exports

Exports of NR increased by 15.0% as compared to January 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.

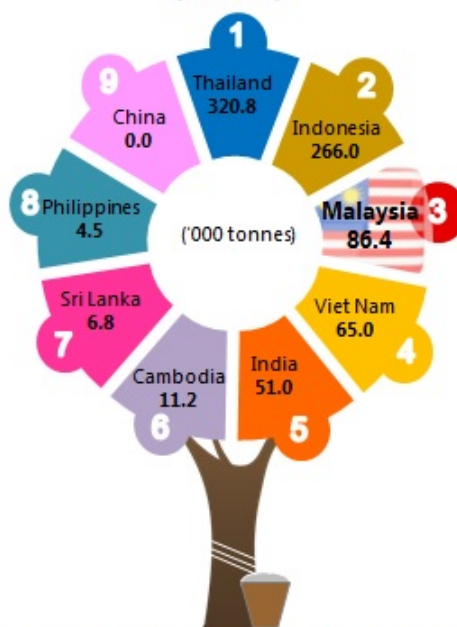


Total exports : 57,959 tonnes

## Stocks



## Production of NR by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, February 2017

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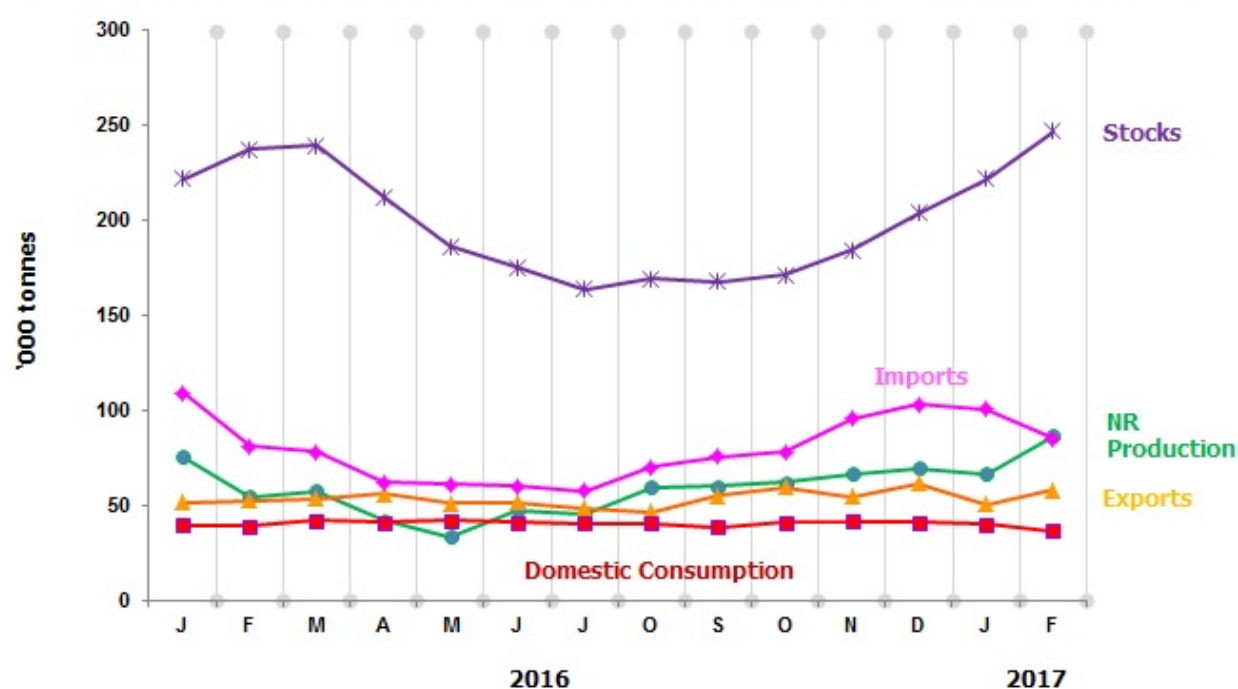
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Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for February 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from January 2016 to February 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, February 2017

| Principal Statistics               | February 2017 | January 2017 | February 2016 | Change month-on-month (%) | Change year-on-year (%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Production (tonnes)                | 86,403        | 66,712       | 54,564        | 29.5                      | 58.4                    |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 57,959        | 50,410       | 52,651        | 15.0                      | 10.1                    |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 84,787        | 100,488      | 80,759        | -15.6                     | 5.0                     |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 36,528        | 39,677       | 38,918        | -7.9                      | -6.1                    |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 246,599       | 221,551      | 237,266       | 11.3                      | 3.9                     |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 9,818         | 10,055       | 11,435        | -2.4                      | -14.1                   |
| Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate) | 13,759        | 13,393       | 13,159        | 2.7                       | 4.6                     |

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



\*Notes:

Data for February 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the March 2017 publication.

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