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### **EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, MALAYSIA, APRIL 2025**

***Malaysia's Terms of Trade slipped by 0.3 per cent in April 2025, driven by Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats.***

**PUTRAJAYA, MAY 28, 2025** – Malaysia's export prices in April 2025 down by 0.9 per cent from 151.8 points in the previous month to 150.3 points. Likewise, import unit value index registered a decrease of 0.6 per cent from 127.0 points to 126.2 points. Malaysia's terms of trade also decline by 0.3 per cent month-on-month to 119.1 points in April 2025 as reported today in **EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES (2010=100), APRIL 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 edged down by 0.9 per cent in April 2025 as compared to the previous month. This decrease was primarily driven by a decrement in the indices of mineral fuels (-3.7%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-1.8%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.3%). Likewise, the export volume index decreased by 1.8 per cent in line with the decline in the index of manufactured goods (-7.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-5.9%) and machinery & transport equipment (-2.7%). The seasonally adjusted export volume index up

by 6.0 per cent from 161.2 points to 170.9 points. Referring to the annual comparison, the unit value index and volume index went up by 0.7 per cent and 15.6 per cent, respectively.

The import unit value index decreased by 0.6 per cent in April 2025, contributed by lack of the index of mineral fuels (-6.5%), manufactured goods (-0.2%) and chemicals (-0.1%). However, the import volume index climbed by 14.8 per cent in April 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the increment in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+28.7%), manufactured goods (+8.7%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+6.8%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index went up by 23.4 per cent from 193.3 points to 238.6 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the unit value index edged down by 3.6 per cent while volume index edged up by 24.5 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade slipped 0.3 per cent month-on-month to 119.1 points in April 2025, driven by the decrease in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-2.8%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.6%). Meanwhile, Malaysia's terms of trade expanded by 4.5 per cent year-on-year from 114.0 points in April previous year.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 198 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 20<sup>th</sup> as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 – April 2025**

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