External Trade Indices August 2025

VALUE (RM BILLION)

Exports

JULY '25	140.1	▼ 6.0%
AUG '25ᴾ	131.6	

Imports

JULY '25	125.5	▼ 8.0%
AUG '25ᴾ	115.5	

▲ All changes are based on month-on-month comparison. ▼

TERMS OF TRADE

▲ 1.2%

▲ 2.1% Mineral Fuels

▲ 1.3% Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

▲ 0.7% Machinery & Transport Equipment
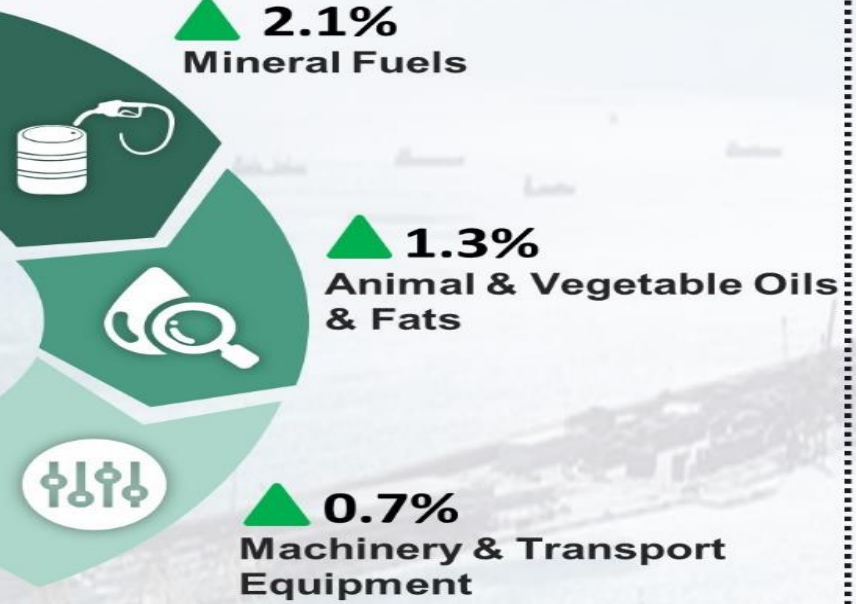
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EXPORTS

Unit Value Index ▲ 1.0%

- ▲ 2.4%
- ▲ 0.9%
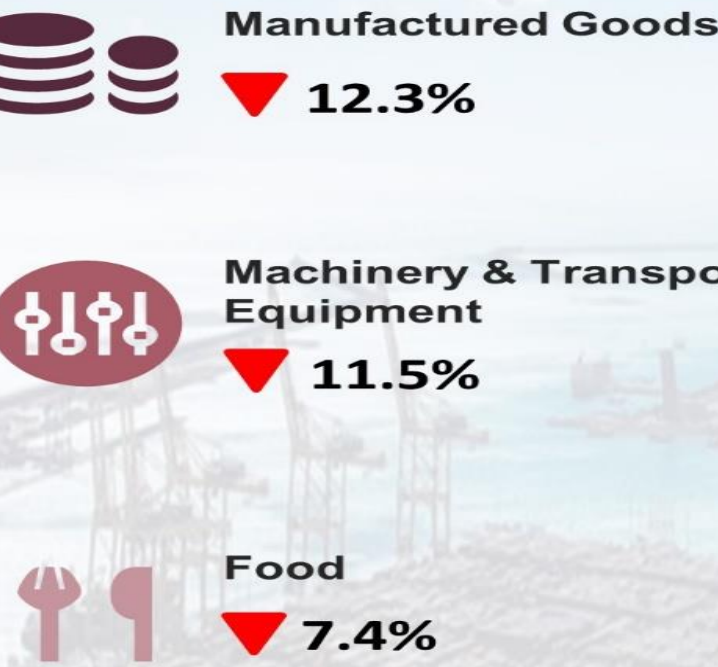- ▲ 0.6%
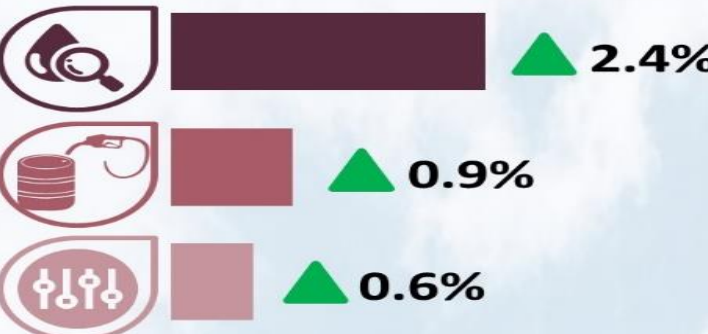
- Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats
- Mineral Fuels
- Machinery & Transport Equipment
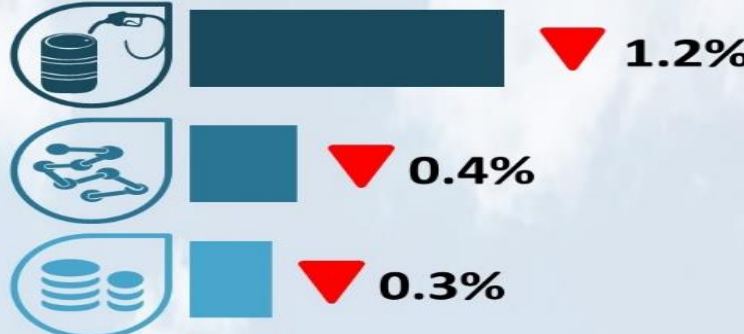
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Volume Index ▼ 6.9%

- Manufactured Goods ▼ 12.3%
- Machinery & Transport Equipment ▼ 11.5%
- Food ▼ 7.4%

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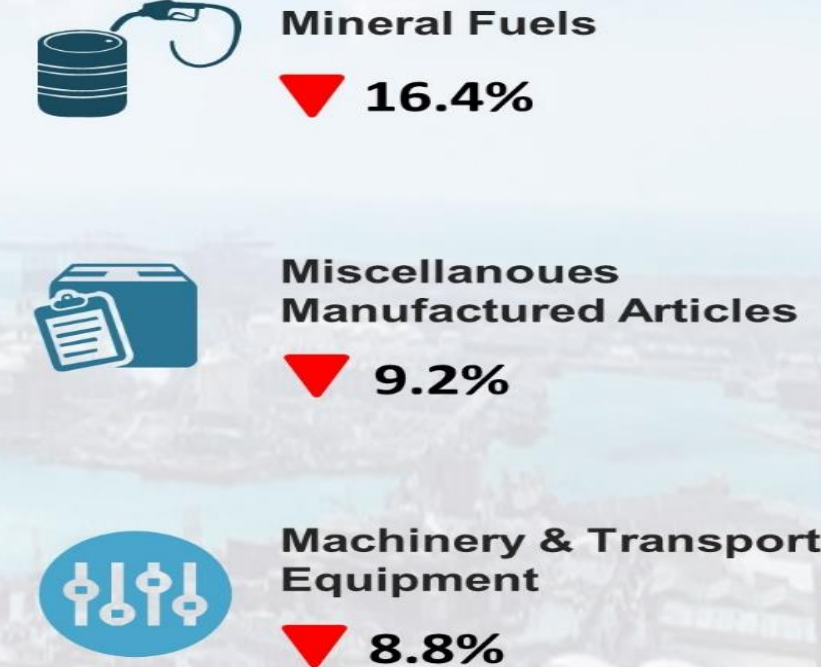
IMPORTS

Unit Value Index ▼ 0.2%

- ▼ 1.2%
- ▼ 0.4%
- ▼ 0.3%

- Mineral Fuels
- Chemicals
- Manufactured Goods

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Volume Index ▼ 7.8%

- Mineral Fuels ▼ 16.4%
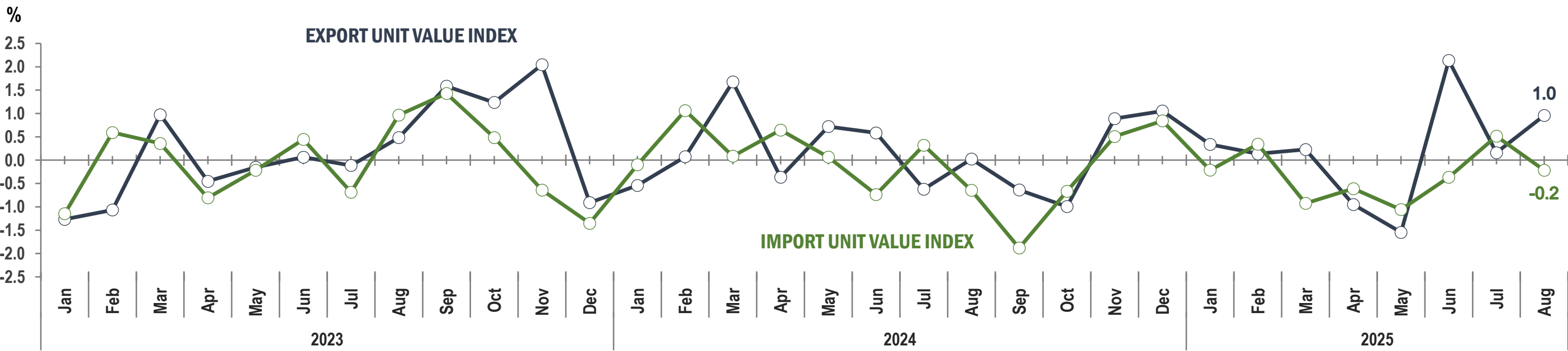- Miscellanoues Manufactured Articles ▼ 9.2%
- Machinery & Transport Equipment ▼ 8.8%

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Source: External Trade Indices August 2025, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

MONTH-ON-MONTH PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN EXPORT & IMPORT UNIT VALUE INDICES

EXPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX

IMPORT UNIT VALUE INDEX

1.0

-0.2

2023   2024   2025

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The Export Unit Value Index increased 1.0 per cent to 152.9 points in August 2025.

- *The **export unit value index** rose by 1.0 per cent in August 2025 as compared to the previous month. This growth was primarily driven by the increases in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (+2.4%), mineral fuels (+0.9%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.6%). In contrast, the **export volume index** fell by 6.9 per cent in line with the decrease in the index of manufactured goods (-12.3%), machinery & transport equipment (-11.5%) and food (-7.4%). The **seasonally adjusted export volume index** also slipped by 6.9 per cent from 174.9 points to 162.8 points. Referring to the **annual comparison**, both the exports unit value index and volume index expanded 1.7 per cent and 1.2 per cent respectively.*

- *The **import unit value index** declined 0.2 per cent in August 2025, contributed by the decline in the index of mineral fuels (-1.2%), chemicals (-0.4%) and manufactured goods (-0.3%). Furthermore, the **import volume index** also decreased by 7.8 per cent in August 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the decrement in the index of mineral fuels (-16.4%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-9.2%) and machinery & transport equipment (-8.8%). The **seasonally adjusted import volume index** also descended by 7.2 per cent from 221.8 points to 205.8 points. A **year-on-year comparison** showed that both the import unit value index and volume index edged down by 3.7 per cent and 2.3 per cent respectively.*

- *Malaysia's **terms of trade** ascended 1.2 per cent month-on-month to 122.5 points in August 2025, driven by the increase in the index of mineral fuels (+2.1%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+1.3%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.7%). In addition, Malaysia's **terms of trade** rose 5.6 per cent year-on-year from 116.0 points in August previous year.*