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Manufacturing sales in March increase to RM173 billion

KUALA LUMPUR: The manufacturing sector posted sales value of RM173.1 billion in March 2026, a increase of 5.3% year-on-year (y-o-y), the Department of Statistics Malaysia announced yesterday.

In a statement, Chief Statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the growth in sales value within the manufacturing sector was mainly contributed by the electrical and electronics products sub-sector, which rose 13.3% in March.

"This was further supported by the food, beverages and tobacco sub-sector; as well as non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products sub-sector, which increased by 7.8% and 3.7% respectively," he said.

On a month-on-month basis, sales value rose by 8.7%, from RM159.2 billion recorded in February.

Sales value in the export-oriented industries, which account for 71.7% of total sales, expanded by 6.5% in March, led by the increase in the manufacture of computers, electronics and optical products at 15.2%.

Compared to the sales value in the preceding month, the export-oriented industries surged by 10.7%.

Domestic-oriented industries increased 2.5% in March, after registering 2.7% in the previous month, mainly supported by the growth in the manufacture of food processing products industry at 5% in March, as well as the manufacture of basic metals and the manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (3.2%).

For the first quarter of 2026, the manufacturing sector recorded sales value of RM 501.5 billion, a growth of 5.5% (fourth quarter 2025: 5.8%). – Bernama