EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

TOPICS	ELEMENTS	SUBJECT: MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS
		INFORMATION
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	Data sources used:	Administrative Data
	Name of collection / source used:	1. Custom Import and export declarations (hard/soft copy) 2. Free Zone Import and export 3. Particulars on postal/courier packages 4. Statements and export declarations on bunkers and stores supplied to ships and aircraft 5. Statements on goods sold by Duty Free Shops 6. Statements on the sale of electricity

	Direct source:	1. Malaysian Royal Customs Department
		2. Free Zone Authorities
		3. Pos Malaysia Bhd
		4. Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd. (KTMB)
		5. Malaysian Airline Berhad (MAB)
		6. Petroleum companies
		7. Duty Free Shops
		8. Power Producer Companies
	Source periodicity:	Monthly
	Source metadata:	(Under development) Central Repository
	Date last input received from source:	On the 10th after reference month
2. Data Characteristic and Collection	Variables collected:	Imports / Exports / Re-exports of merchandise items by quantity, value, country and by port.
	Sampling:	n.a.
	Periodicity:	Monthly
	Reference period:	Calendar Year
	Base period:	n.a.
	Date last updated:	Monthly

	Link to release calendar:	Advance Released Calendar
	Other data characteristics and collection:	n.a.
	Statistical population:	All merchandise items imported into Malaysia and exported to other countries of the world
	Geographical coverage:	Malaysia
	Sector coverage:	All economic sectors except services industry
3. Statistical Population and Scope of the Data	Institutional coverage:	Goods imported and exported by, or on behalf of, diplomatic services and non-Malaysian Armed Forces;
	Item coverage:	n.a.
	Population coverage:	All goods transacted for imports and exports
	Product coverage:	Commodities stipulated as per Harmonised System (HS) Coding.
	Other coverage:	n.a.
	Key statistical concepts used:	With effect from reference month January 2012, concepts and definitions used for the purpose of compiling these statistics are based on International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) Published by the United Nations, New York, 2011.
	Classifications used:	Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System 2017 (HS2017) also known as Customs Duties Order 2017 (PDK2017) was implemented from reference month April 2017 for the processing of external trade statistics (merchandise). This single coding classification replaced the dual classification of commodities; Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System 2012 (HS2012) and ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature 2012 (AHTN2012) which were in use from January 2013 to March 2017. However, for Standard International Trade Classification (S.I.T.C.), S.I.T.C. Rev. 4 with some revisions/ updates is still in use.

	Aggregation and consolidation:	Imports / exports / re-exports
4. Statistical Concepts and Classifications Used	Estimation:	n.a.
	Imputation:	n.a.
5. Statistical Computation and Dissemination	Transformations:	n.a.
	Validation:	Coverage, Error check (value, quantity, commodity code, and country code), Range & Logical check and Average unit value check.
	Index type:	-
	Weights:	-
	Seasonal adjustment:	Total import and export
	Other computation and adjustments:	n.a.
	Dissemination formats:	Printed & Digital
7. Other Aspects	Recommended uses and limitations:	n.a.
	Quality comments:	n.a.

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	History:	First publication = 1948 year
	Availability of data:	Time series since 1990-current month