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Malaysia's trade rose by 5.9 per cent to RM223.9 billion, driven by growth in export (+6.2%) and import (+5.5%)

PUTRAJAYA, 20 MARCH 2025 – Malaysia's trade performance in February 2025 reflected improving global demand and domestic economic stability, as seen in the consistent rise in exports and imports. Total trade experienced steady growth of 5.9 per cent to RM223.9 billion, attributable to the growth of exports (+6.2%) to RM118.3 billion and imports (+5.5%) to RM105.6 billion. Moreover, the trade balance recorded a better performance, increasing by 12.2 per cent to RM12.6 billion in February 2025 as reported today in **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 2025**. This bulletin also presents the performance of export and import products with its trading partners.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin emphasized that Malaysia's export growth was driven by increases in both domestic exports and re-exports in February 2025. Domestic exports, which accounted for 82.0 per cent of total exports, rose by 5.9 per cent to RM97.0 billion, while re-exports, making up 18.0 per cent of total exports, expanded by 7.3 per cent to RM21.3 billion compared to February 2024. Additionally, imports amounted to RM105.6 billion, an increase of 5.5 per cent or RM5.5 billion. The trade surplus improved by 12.2 per cent,

reaching RM12.6 billion, marking the 58th consecutive month of surplus since May 2020. However, a month-on-month comparison with January 2025 showed declines in exports, imports and total trade, contracting by 3.7 per cent, 11.3 per cent, and 7.5 per cent, respectively, while the trade balance recorded a sharp increase of 244.8 per cent.

From the perspective of the commodity group, 134 out of 256 export groups and 135 out of 259 import groups showed an increase as compared to the same month of the previous year.

Chief Statistician Malaysia further explained higher exports was attributable mainly to the United States (+RM3.9 billion), followed by Singapore (+RM2.7 billion), Hong Kong (+RM1.8 billion), the European Union (+RM674.0 million), Thailand (+RM600.4 million), Indonesia (+RM362.2 million) and Mexico (+RM347.7 million). On top of that, higher imports were mainly contributed from China (+RM2.8 billion), followed by the United States (+RM2.2 billion), Taiwan (+RM1.8 billion), Viet Nam (+RM625.5 million), Thailand (+RM531.9 million), Indonesia (+RM528.4 million) and Ecuador (+RM520.3 million).

Commenting further on exports, the increase was reflecting the rise in electrical & electronic products (+RM7.2 billion); palm oil & palm-based agriculture products (+RM1.5 billion); other manufactures (+RM846.8 million); machinery, equipment & parts (+RM642.5 million); optical & scientific equipment (+RM529.4 million); and processed food (+RM487.9 million). In addition, the increase in imports was logged for electrical & electronic products (+RM6.8 billion); other agriculture (+RM1.9 billion); transport equipment (+RM1.8 billion); crude petroleum (+RM1.1 billion); machinery, equipment & parts (+RM855.6 million); and other manufactures (+RM407.6 million).

Adding to this, the Chief Statistician Malaysia also underscored the upsurge in imports by End Use which was in accordance with higher demand for capital goods, consumption goods and intermediate goods. Imports of capital goods (13.1% of total imports), grew by 35.3 per cent or RM3.6 billion to post a value of RM13.8 billion. Imports of consumption goods (8.6% of total imports), was up by 7.4 per cent or RM625.5 million to reach RM9.0 billion. Imports of intermediate goods (55.6% of total imports), valued at RM58.7 billion, registered an increase of 5.8 per cent or RM3.2 billion as compared to February 2024.

Total trade, exports and imports for the period of January to February 2025 registered an improvement. Total trade grew by 4.4 per cent, from RM446.1 billion to RM465.9 billion, in line with the rise in exports (+3.1%) as well as imports (+5.9%). On the contrary, trade surplus decreased by 24.0 per cent to post a value of RM16.3 billion

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The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th 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 October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

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Chart 1: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Feb 2025 (Value)

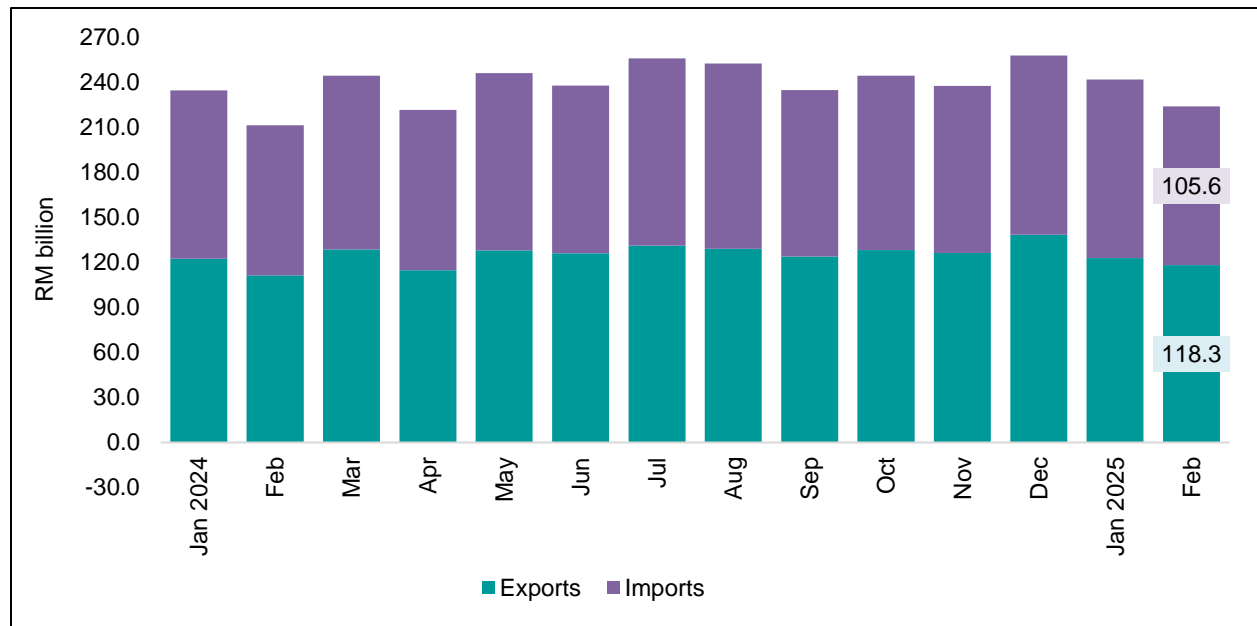


Chart 2: External Trade Statistics, Jan 2024 – Feb 2025
(Annual Percentage Change)

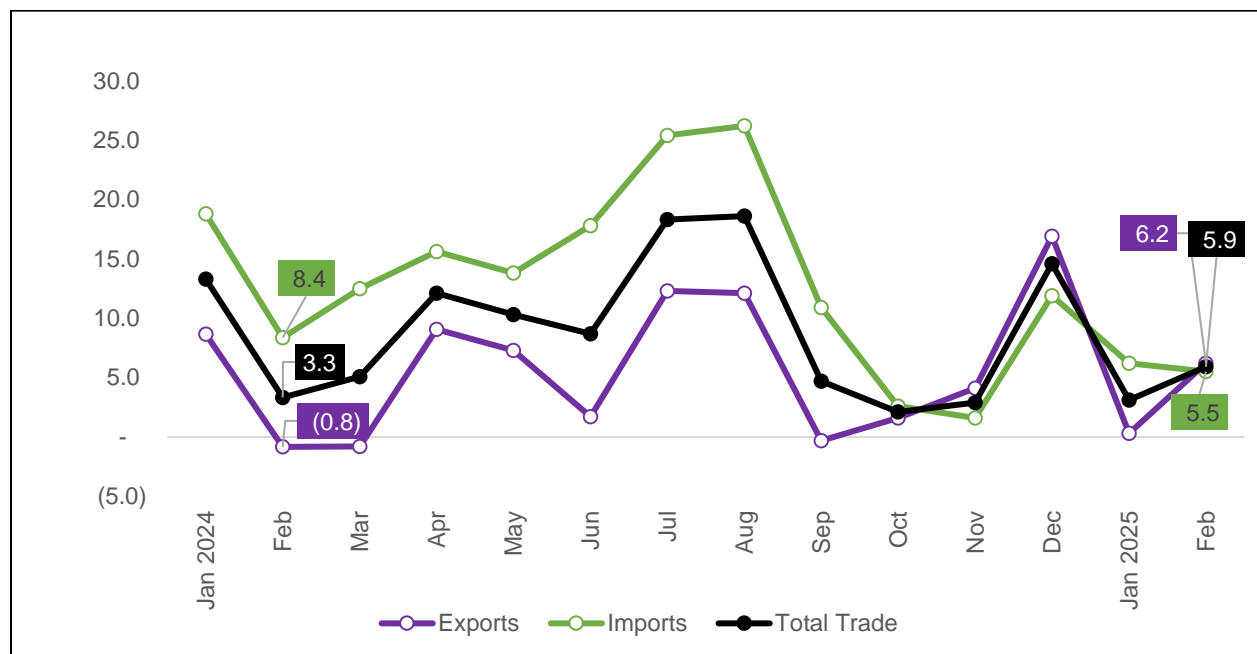


Chart 3: External Trade Statistics, 2020 – 2025 (Jan – Feb)

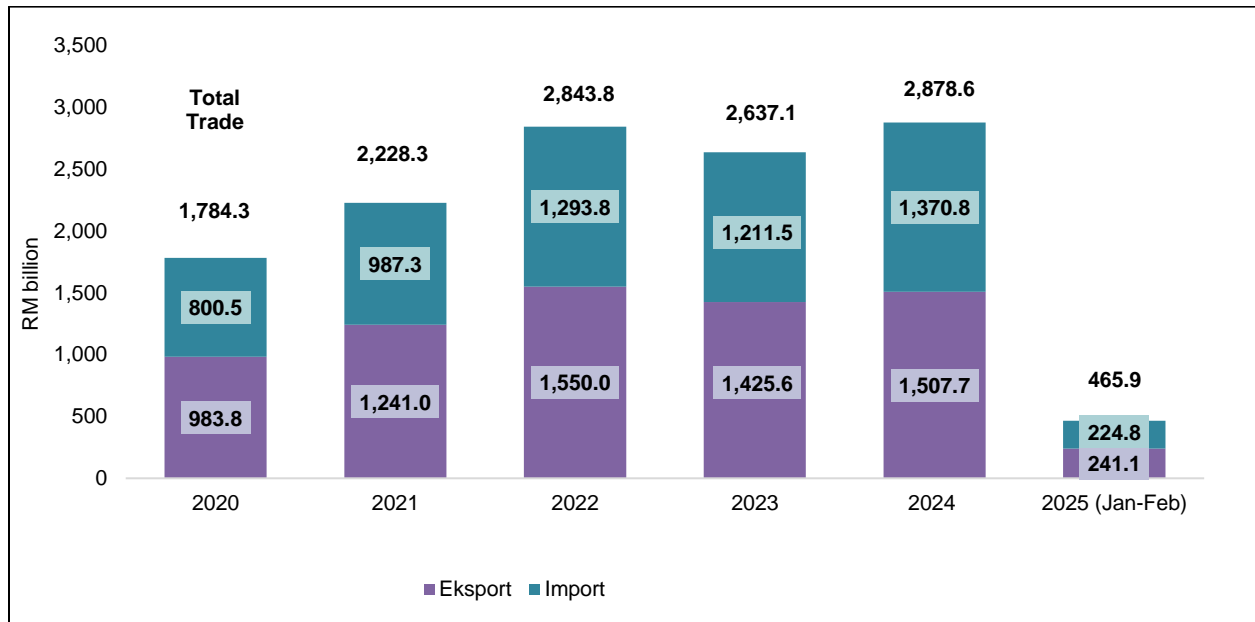


Chart 4: Imports for End Use & Broad Economic Categories (BEC) Classification, Jan 2024 – Feb 2025
(Value and Annual Percentage Change)

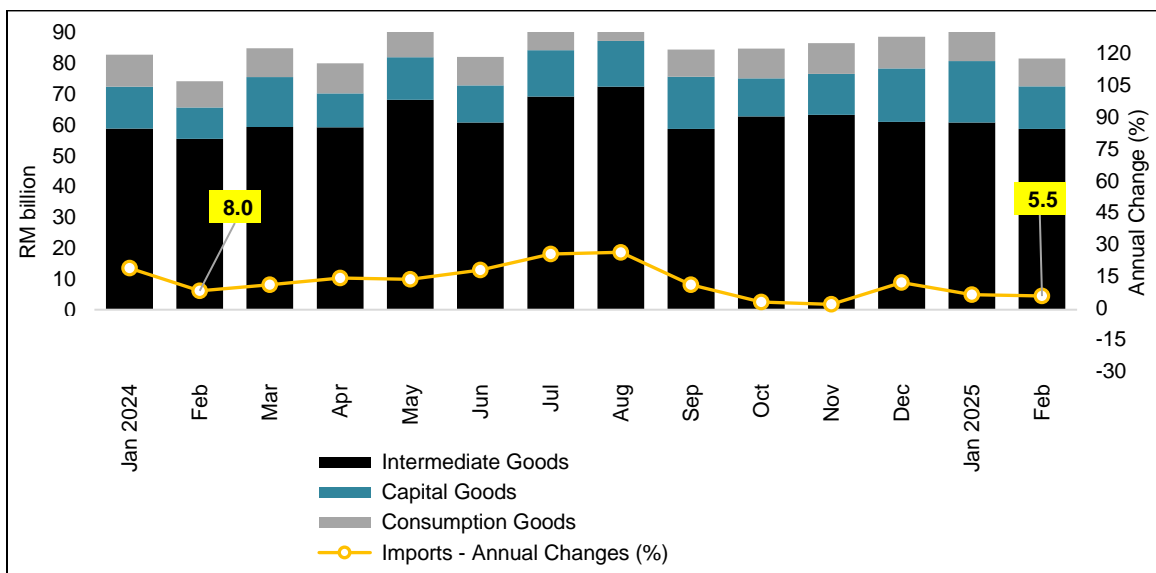


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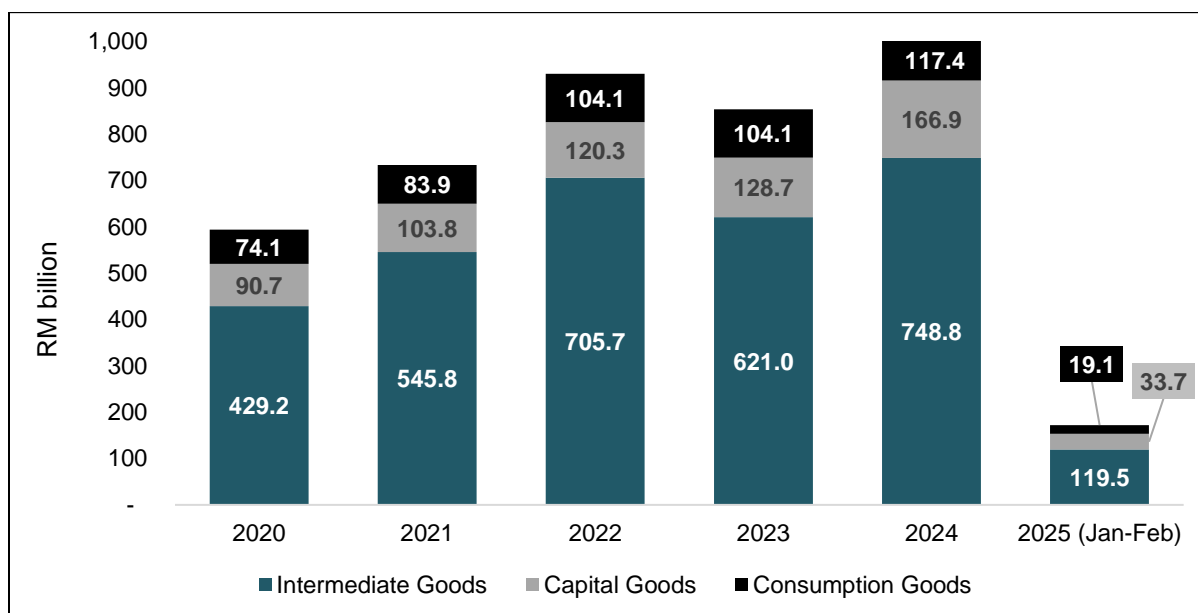


Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Export

COMMODITY DESC	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	FEB RM MIL.	JAN RM MIL.	FEB RM MIL.		VAL. RM MIL.	%
Total	111,357	122,814	118,255	100.0	6,898	6.2
Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)	40,028	50,565	47,273	40.0	7,245	18.1
Petroleum Products	10,540	9,759	9,246	7.8	(1,294)	(12.3)
Palm Oil & Palm-Based Agriculture Products	4,791	6,687	6,313	5.3	1,522	31.8
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	5,190	5,868	5,832	4.9	642.5	12.4
Chemical & Chemical Products	5,807	5,504	5,644	4.8	(162.6)	(2.8)

Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Import

COMMODITY DESC	2024	2025	2025	SHARE TO TOTAL %	Y.O.Y	
	FEB	JAN	FEB		VAL.	%
	RM MIL.	RM MIL.	RM MIL.		RM MIL.	
Total	100,116	119,155	105,639	100.0	5,522	5.5
<i>Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E)</i>	29,635	46,319	36,482	34.5	6,847	23.1
<i>Machinery, Equipment & Parts</i>	7,880	9,611	8,736	8.3	855.6	10.9
<i>Petroleum Products</i>	13,650	9,108	8,040	7.6	(5,611)	(41.1)
<i>Chemical & Chemical Products</i>	7,843	7,747	7,070	6.7	(773.3)	(9.9)
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	3,667	4,530	5,480	5.2	1,812	49.4

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