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

***Malaysia's Terms of Trade increased by 1.2 per cent in March 2025,  
driven by mineral fuels.***

**PUTRAJAYA, APRIL 28, 2025** – Malaysia's export prices in March 2025 up by 0.2 per cent from 151.4 points in the previous month to 151.8 points. However, import unit value index registered a decrease of 0.9 per cent from 128.1 points to 127.0 points. Malaysia's terms of trade increased by 1.2 per cent month-on-month to 119.5 points in March 2025 as reported today in **EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES (2010=100), MARCH 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 up by 0.2 per cent in March 2025 as compared to the previous month. This increase was primarily driven by an increment in the indices of food (+1.1%), inedible crude materials (+0.9%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.8%). Likewise, the export volume index increased by 15.9 per cent in line with the increment in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+28.8%), manufactured goods (+15.2%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (+7.1%). The seasonally adjusted export volume index down by 1.0 per cent from 162.8 points to 161.2 points. Referring to the annual comparison, the unit value index and volume index went up by 1.3 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively.

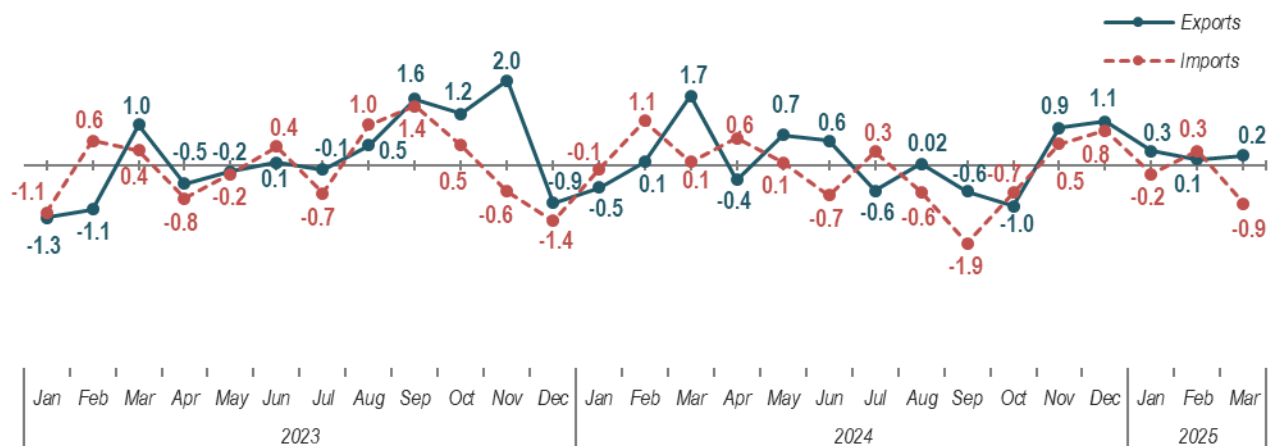
*The index of mineral fuels (-2.7%), machinery & transport equipment (-0.5%) and chemicals (-0.4%) contributed to a 0.9 per cent slipped in the import unit value index in March 2025. However, the import volume index climbed by 7.6 per cent in March 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the increment in the index of chemicals (+17.0%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+10.0%) and machinery & transport equipment (+8.6%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index went down by 7.3 per cent from 208.7 points to 193.4 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the unit value index and volume index edged down by 2.4 per cent and 0.5 per cent, respectively.*

*Malaysia's terms of trade expanded 1.2 per cent month-on-month to 119.5 points in March 2025, driven by the increase in the index of mineral fuels (+2.0%), machinery & transport equipment (+1.3%) and food (+1.0%). Meanwhile, Malaysia's terms of trade edged up by 3.8 per cent year-on-year from 115.2 points in March 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.*

*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 – March 2025**

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