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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, MALAYSIA, MAY 2025

Malaysia's Terms of Trade decreased by 0.5 per cent in May 2025, mainly driven by Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats.

PUTRAJAYA, JUNE 26, 2025 – Malaysia's export unit value index in May 2025 edged down by 1.5 per cent from 150.3 points in the previous month to 148.0 points. Likewise, import unit value index also registered a fall of 1.1 per cent from 126.2 points to 124.8 points. Malaysia's terms of trade also decline by 0.5 per cent month-on-month to 118.6 points in May 2025 as reported today in **EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES (2010=100), MAY 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 slipped by 1.5 per cent in May 2025 as compared to the previous month. This decrement was primarily driven by the declines in the index of mineral fuels (-4.1%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-4.1%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.5%). Likewise, the export volume index dropped by 3.7 per cent in line with the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-14.5%) and machinery & transport equipment (-9.8%). The seasonally adjusted export volume index also dropped by 2.7 per cent from 170.8 points to

166.1 points. Referring to the annual comparison, the exports unit value index went down by 1.5 per cent while volume index went up by 0.4 per cent.

The import unit value index fell 1.1 per cent in May 2025, contributed by the decline in the index of mineral fuels (-6.5%), chemicals (-0.4%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.1%). Furthermore, the import volume index also declined by 0.9 per cent in May 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the decrement in the index of machinery & transport equipment (-8.1%) and chemicals (-1.4%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index decreased by 2.4 per cent from 238.6 points to 232.7 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the unit value index edged down by 4.7 per cent while volume index edged up by 11.8 per cent.

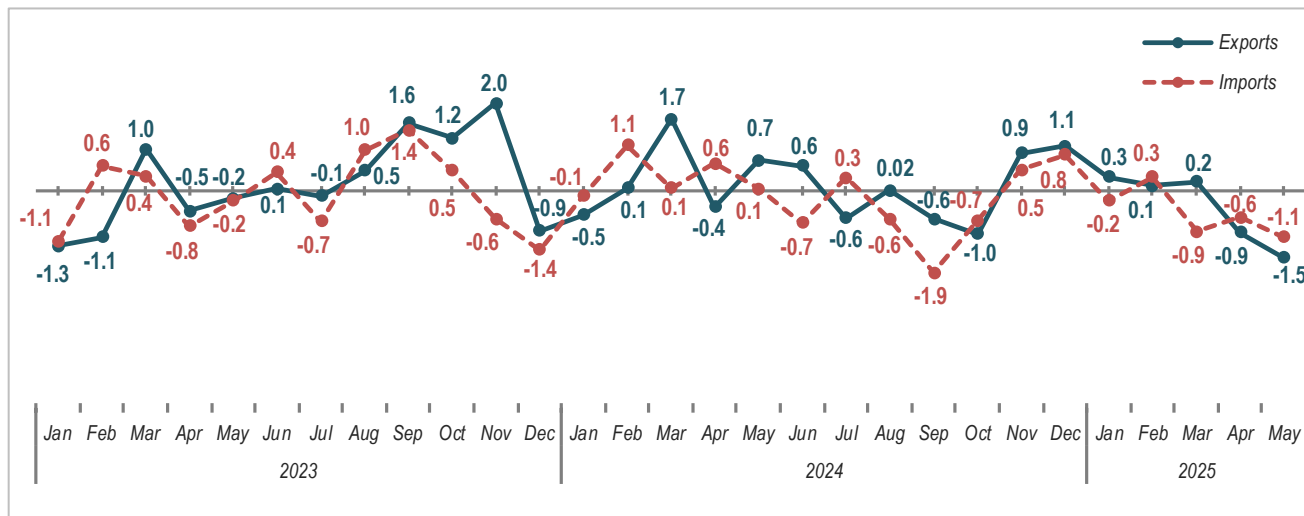
Malaysia's terms of trade dropped 0.5 per cent month-on-month to 118.6 points in May 2025, driven by the decrease in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-1.2%), chemicals (-0.4%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.4%). Meanwhile, Malaysia's terms of trade risen 3.3 per cent year-on-year from 114.8 points in May previous year.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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 20th 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 – May 2025**

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