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Malaysia's Terms of Trade in January 2026 increased by 0.8 per cent to 124.5 points compared to the previous month.

PUTRAJAYA, FEBRUARY 27, 2026 – Malaysia's export unit value index in January 2026 decreased by 0.2 per cent from 153.4 points in the previous month to 153.1 points. The Import unit value index also decreased by 1.0 per cent from 124.2 points to 123.0 points. Meanwhile, Malaysia's terms of trade increased 0.8 per cent month-on-month from 123.6 points to 124.5 points in January 2026 as reported today in released the **External Trade Indices (2010=100), January 2026**. 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 declined by 0.2 per cent in January 2026, contributed by a decreased in the index of animals & vegetable oils & fats (-2.8%), machinery & transport equipment (-0.2%) and mineral fuels (-0.2%). The export volume index also decreased by 3.7 per cent in line with the declined in the indices of manufactured goods (-14.0%), chemicals (-7.5%) and machinery & transport equipment (-4.0%). Meanwhile seasonally adjusted export volume index increased by 1.0 per cent from 177.2 points to 179.0 points. Referring to the annual comparison, both the exports unit value index and the volume index expanded by 1.3 per cent and 18.1 per cent respectively.

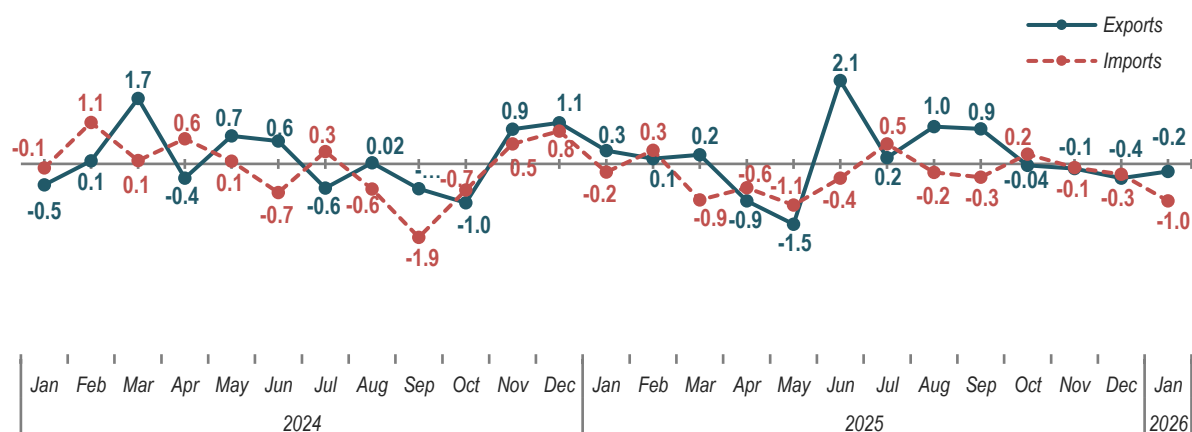
The import unit value index also declined by 1.0 per cent in January 2026, due to the decreases in the indices of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-5.7%), mineral fuels (-5.3%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.4%). The import volume index also decreased by 3.1 per cent in January 2026 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the decreased in the index of miscellaneous manufactured articles (-17.3%), machinery & transport equipment (-6.0%) and chemicals (-3.6%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index decreased by 28.7 per cent from 236.9 point to 168.8 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the import unit value index declined by 3.7 per cent, while volume index edged up by 9.4 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade increased 0.8 per cent month-on-month to 124.5 points in January 2026, driven by the increase in the index of mineral fuels (+5.4%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+3.0%) and food (+1.6%). Meanwhile, Malaysia terms of trade increased 5.1 per cent year-on-year from 118.4 points in January previous year.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the Economic Census 2026 (BE2026), themed “Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat”. The sixth Economic Census, running from 5th January to 31st October 2026. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive, structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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