



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY  
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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, MALAYSIA DECEMBER 2025

***Both the Export and Import Volume Indices increased 13.8 per cent and 4.0 per cent in December 2025 respectively.***

**PUTRAJAYA, JANUARY 28, 2026** – Malaysia's export unit value index in December 2025 decreased by 0.4 per cent from 154.0 points in the previous month to 153.4 points. Similarly, import unit value index decreased by 0.3 per cent from 124.5 points to 124.2 points. Consequently, Malaysia's terms of trade slightly declined 0.1 per cent month-on-month from 123.7 points to 123.6 points in December 2025 as reported today in released the **EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES (2010=100), DECEMBER 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 declined by 0.4 per cent in December 2025, contributed by a decreased in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-2.7%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-0.5%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.3%). Meanwhile, the export volume index increased by 13.8 per cent in line with the increment in the indices of machinery & transport equipment (+23.6%), manufactured goods (+22.2%) and animal & vegetable oils & fats (+14.5%). The seasonally adjusted export volume index also increased by 7.0 per cent from 165.8 points to 177.4 points. Referring to the annual comparison, both the exports unit value index and volume index expanded 1.8 per cent and 8.4 per cent respectively.

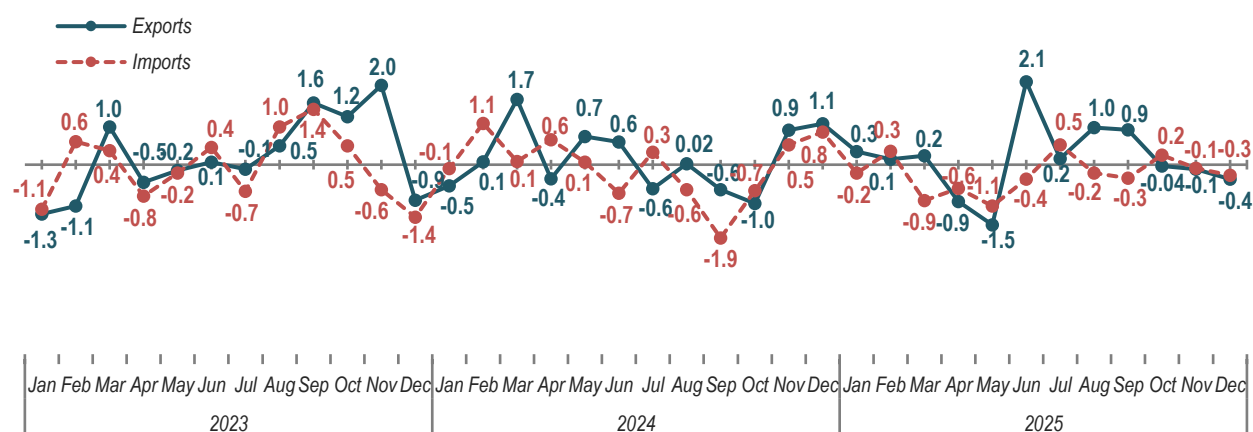
The import unit value index also declined by 0.3 per cent in December 2025, contributed by the decreases in the indices of mineral fuels (-1.8%), chemicals (-0.5%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.3%). Meanwhile, the import volume index increased by 4.0 per cent in December 2025 as compared to the previous month, contributed by the increment in the index of miscellaneous manufactured articles (+32.3%), chemicals (+27.9%) and food (+25.2%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index increased by 3.4 per cent from 234.3 point to 242.3 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the import unit value index declined by 3.0 per cent, while volume index edged up by 15.4 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade dropped 0.1 per cent month-on-month to 123.6 points in December 2025, driven by the decrease in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-1.3%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (-0.2%) and chemicals (-0.2%). Meanwhile, Malaysia terms of trade increased 4.9 per cent year-on-year from 117.8 points in December 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 5<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 67<sup>th</sup> position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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 – December 2025**

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