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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, MALAYSIA MARCH 2026

Both the Export and Import Volume Indices increased 12.0 per cent and 6.8 per cent respectively, in March 2026.

PUTRAJAYA, April 28, 2026 – Malaysia's export unit value index in March 2026 increased by 1.4 per cent from 153.1 points in the previous month to 155.3 points. Import unit value index also increased by 1.8 per cent from 122.6 points to 124.8 points. In the meantime, Malaysia's terms of trade decreased 0.3 per cent month-on-month from 124.9 points to 124.4 points in March 2026 as reported today in released the **External Trade Indices (2010=100), March 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 increased by 1.4 per cent in March 2026, attributed to increases in the index of mineral fuels (+5.4%), chemicals (+0.6%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.5%). The export volume index also rose by 12.0 per cent in line with increases in the indices of mineral fuels (+26.1%), manufactured goods (+19.4%) and machinery & transport equipment (+17.8%). Meanwhile seasonally adjusted export volume index increased by 13.4 per cent from 158.9 points to 180.1 points. Referring to the annual comparison, both the exports unit value index and the volume index expanded by 2.3 per cent and 5.9 per cent respectively.

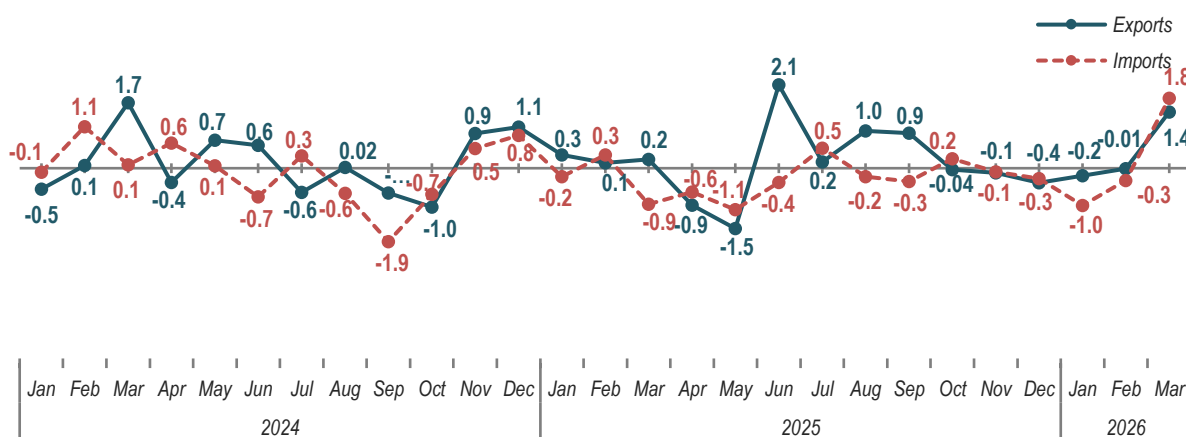
The import unit value index also increased by 1.8 per cent in March 2026, resulting from the increases in the indices of mineral fuels (+17.1%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (+0.7%) and food (+0.1%). Meanwhile, the import volume index also increased by 6.8 per cent in 2026 as compared to the previous month, driven by the increases in the indices of chemicals (+15.3%), machinery & transport equipment (+10.5%) and manufactured goods (+10.0%). The seasonally adjusted import volume index increased by 6.3 per cent from 152.9 points to 162.5 points. A year-on-year comparison showed that the import unit value index declined by 1.7 per cent, while volume index edged up by 12.3 per cent.

Malaysia's terms of trade declined 0.3 per cent month-on-month to 124.4 points in March 2026, driven by the decrease in the index of mineral fuels (-10.0%), animal & vegetable oils & fats (-0.5%) and manufactured goods (-0.1%). Meanwhile, Malaysia terms of trade increased 4.1 per cent year-on-year from 119.5 points in March 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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