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**MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS  
SEPTEMBER 2026**

**Exports rose by 54.5 per cent to RM215.1 billion, mainly driven  
by electrical & electronic products**

**PUTRAJAYA, 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026** – Malaysia's trade performance further strengthened in September 2026, supported by sustained double-digit growth in both exports and imports. Total trade increased by 53.7 per cent from RM258.1 billion in September 2025 to RM396.5 billion in September 2026. Exports rose by 54.5 per cent to RM215.1 billion, while imports increased by 52.7 per cent to RM181.4 billion. Consequently, the trade surplus expanded by 64.9 per cent to RM33.7 billion. The **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULLETIN, SEPTEMBER 2026** was released today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The bulletin presents the latest performance of Malaysia's trade, including exports and imports by commodity group and trading partner.

Malaysia's export performance in September 2026 was supported by double-digit growth in both domestic exports and re-exports. Domestic exports, which accounted for 75.3 per cent of total exports, increased by 54.7 per cent to RM162.0 billion. Re-exports, which contributed 24.7 per cent of total exports, rose by 53.7 per cent to RM53.1 billion. Imports also recorded strong growth, increasing by 52.7 per cent to RM181.4 billion. Consequently, the trade surplus widened by 64.9 per cent to RM33.7 billion, marking the 77<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of trade surplus since May 2020. On a month-on-month basis, exports, imports and total trade increased by 12.6 per cent, 11.3 per cent and 12.0 per cent, respectively, compared with August 2026. Meanwhile, the trade surplus rose by 20.1 per cent, or RM5.6 billion.

By commodity group, 161 of 258 export commodity groups and 197 of 256 import commodity groups recorded increases compared with the same month of the previous year.

The growth in exports was mainly supported by higher shipments to the United States (+RM18.0 billion), followed by Taiwan (+RM13.7 billion), Singapore (+RM11.9 billion), Hong Kong (+RM6.9 billion), the European Union (+RM4.2 billion), China (+RM3.7 billion) and Thailand (+RM3.2 billion). Meanwhile, imports growth was primarily attributed to higher inflows from China (+RM21.1 billion), followed by Singapore (+RM10.9 billion), the Republic of Korea (+RM9.1 billion), Taiwan

(+RM6.9 billion), the United States (+RM3.0 billion), Viet Nam (+RM2.8 billion) and India (+RM1.8 billion).

Export growth was mainly driven by higher shipments of electrical & electronic products (+RM45.1 billion), other manufactures (+RM14.7 billion), petroleum products (+RM3.0 billion), optical & scientific equipment (+RM2.4 billion), machinery, equipment & parts (+RM2.4 billion) and liquefied natural gas (+RM1.7 billion). Similarly, the increase in imports was driven by higher inflows of electrical & electronic products (+RM42.2 billion), machinery, equipment & parts (+RM4.5 billion), petroleum products (+RM3.9 billion), manufacture of metals (+RM2.6 billion), other manufactures (+RM2.0 billion) and chemicals & chemical products (+RM2.0 billion).

By End Use Category, the increase in imports was mainly driven by intermediate goods, capital goods and consumption goods. Imports of intermediate goods (50.8% of total imports) increased by 69.6 per cent or RM37.8 billion to RM92.1 billion. Imports of capital goods (12.3% of total imports) rose by 20.9 per cent or RM3.9 billion to RM22.3 billion. Meanwhile, imports of consumption goods (6.0% of total imports) increased by 18.2 per cent or RM1.7 billion to RM10.9 billion compared with September 2025.

Malaysia's total trade for January to September 2026 increased by 30.1 per cent to RM2.9 trillion, compared with RM2.2 trillion in the corresponding period of 2025. This growth was driven by increases in exports (+34.0%) and imports (+25.7%). The trade surplus also expanded by 115.7 per cent to RM232.4 billion.

In the third quarter of 2026, total trade, exports, imports and trade surplus all increased compared with the same period in 2025. The total trade rose 44.7 per cent, driven by increases in exports (+46.0%) and imports (+43.3%). The trade surplus amounted to RM84.3 billion, an increase of 65.1 per cent.

Table 1: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Exports

| COMMODITY DESCRIPTION                  | 2025    | 2026    | 2026    | SHARE<br>TO<br>TOTAL<br>% | Y.O.Y   |       |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------|
|                                        | SEP     | AUG     | SEP     |                           | VALUE   | %     |
|                                        | RM MIL. | RM MIL. | RM MIL. |                           | RM MIL. |       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | 139,254 | 191,033 | 215,113 | 100                       | 75,859  | 54.5  |
| Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E) | 65,137  | 92,489  | 110,229 | 51.2                      | 45,092  | 69.2  |
| Other Manufactures                     | 5,580   | 19,086  | 20,275  | 9.4                       | 14,695  | 263.3 |
| Petroleum Products                     | 9,141   | 11,066  | 12,173  | 5.7                       | 3,032   | 33.2  |
| Optical & Scientific Equipment         | 5,665   | 7,517   | 8,111   | 3.8                       | 2,446   | 43.2  |
| Machinery, Equipment & Parts           | 6,307   | 8,629   | 8,726   | 4.1                       | 2,419   | 38.4  |
| Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)            | 3,769   | 6,096   | 5,492   | 2.6                       | 1,722   | 45.7  |

Table 2: Major Sub-sector Contributing to Imports

| COMMODITY DESCRIPTION                  | 2025    | 2026    | 2026    | SHARE<br>TO<br>TOTAL<br>% | Y.O.Y   |      |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|---------|------|
|                                        | SEP     | AUG     | SEP     |                           | VALUE   | %    |
|                                        | RM MIL. | RM MIL. | RM MIL. |                           | RM MIL. |      |
| <b>Total</b>                           | 118,797 | 162,948 | 181,389 | 100                       | 62,592  | 52.7 |
| Electrical & Electronic Products (E&E) | 45,730  | 81,289  | 87,927  | 48.5                      | 42,196  | 92.3 |
| Machinery, Equipment & Parts           | 9,586   | 12,038  | 14,128  | 7.8                       | 4,542   | 47.4 |
| Petroleum Products                     | 7,992   | 10,486  | 11,872  | 6.5                       | 3,880   | 48.5 |
| Manufacture Of Metal                   | 5,251   | 6,777   | 7,835   | 4.3                       | 2,583   | 49.2 |
| Other Manufactures                     | 2,978   | 3,699   | 4,975   | 2.7                       | 1,997   | 67.0 |
| Chemical & Chemical Products           | 7,480   | 7,857   | 9,468   | 5.2                       | 1,988   | 26.6 |

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