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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES

**MARCH**

**2018**

Both the Export & Import Unit Value Indices recorded the **same increase** of **0.3%**.



**EXPORTS**

VALUE (RM Billion)

70.3      84.5  
Feb'18      Mar'18



**20.1%**

UNIT VALUE INDEX

**0.3 %**



Mineral Fuels

**1.3 %**



Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

**0.3 %**



Machinery & Transport Equipment

**0.2 %**

VOLUME INDEX

**19.8 %**



Machinery & Transport Equipment



Food



Manufactured goods



**IMPORTS**

VALUE (RM Billion)

61.3      69.8  
Feb'18      Mar'18



**13.8 %**

UNIT VALUE INDEX

**0.3 %**



Inedible Crude Materials

**1.3 %**



Mineral Fuels

**0.5 %**



Chemicals

**0.4 %**

VOLUME INDEX

**13.5 %**



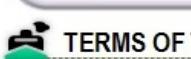
Machinery & Transport Equipment



Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats



Chemicals



**TERMS OF TRADE**



**0.01%**

**+2.1%**



Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

**+0.8%**



Mineral Fuels

Note:



All changes are based on month-on-month comparison

## **Exports**

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, in March 2018, the export unit value index increased 0.3% to 112.8 points which was attributed to mineral fuels (+1.3%), animals & vegetable oils & fats (+0.3%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.2%). The export volume index registered an increase of 19.8% to 140.8 points. This increase was led by machinery & transport equipment (+29.5%), food (+26.0%) and manufactured goods (+23.2%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the export volume index increased 3.4% to 133.9 points.

When compared to the previous year, the export unit value index posted a decrease of 0.7% and export volume index posted an increase of 2.9%.

## **Imports**

In March 2018, the import unit value index also increased 0.3% to 115.7 points which was mainly led by inedible crude materials (+1.3%) followed by mineral fuels (+0.5%) and chemicals (+0.4%). The import volume index recorded an increase of 13.5% to 137.0 points. This was mainly attributed to machinery & transport equipment (+16.0%), animals & vegetable oils & fats (+14.5%) and chemicals (+13.5%). In seasonally adjusted terms, the import volume index in March 2018 dropped 1.1% to 134.3 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the import unit value index and import volume index registered decreases of 0.4% and 9.3% respectively.

## **Terms of trade**

Malaysia's terms of trade registered a marginal increase of 0.01% to 97.4 points when compared with February 2018. On a year-on-year basis, a declined 0.3% from 97.7 points was recorded.

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: [www.dosm.gov.my](http://www.dosm.gov.my)

### **\*Notes:**

The March 2018 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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