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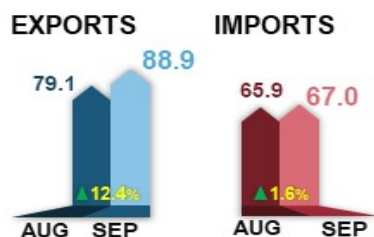
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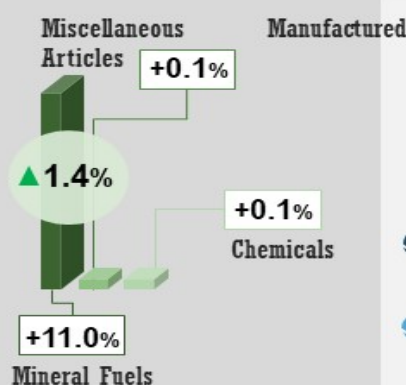
The export unit value index grew 0.7% while the import unit value index declined 0.7%.

VALUE RM BILLION

Both exports and imports increased 12.4% and 1.6% respectively.



TERMS OF TRADE



UNIT VALUE INDEX

EXPORTS | ▲ 0.7%

+5.3%

+5.3%

Mineral Fuels

Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

IMPORT | ▼ 0.7%

-5.1%

-0.5%

-0.2%

Mineral Fuels

Machinery & Transport Equipment

Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

VOLUME INDEX

EXPORTS | ▲ 11.6%

+20.6%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

+14.3%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

+13.3%
Chemicals

IMPORT | ▲ 2.3%

+10.2%
Manufactured Goods

+5.5%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

+4.4%
Chemicals

Exports

On a month-on-month basis, the **export unit value index** posted a positive growth at 0.7% from 109.7 points to 110.5 points which was due to the increases in the index of mineral fuels (+5.3%) and animal & vegetable oils & fats (+5.3%). Similarly, the **export volume index** also showed an increase of 11.6% from 135.6 points to 151.3 points which was contributed by the rise in the index of machinery & transport equipment (+20.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+14.3%) and chemicals (+13.3%). The seasonally adjusted **export volume index** registered a rise of 15.4% from 134.5 points to 155.2 points.

When compared to the previous year, the **export unit value index** dropped 5.0% while the **export volume index** rose 19.6%.

Imports

In September 2020, the **import unit value index** slipped from 113.4 points to 112.6 points, decreased 0.7% compared with the previous month. The deterioration was due to the decreases in the index of mineral fuels (-5.1%), machinery & transport equipment (-0.5%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (-0.2%). Nevertheless, the **import volume index** grew 2.3% to 135.2 points as against 132.2 points in August 2020. The growth was contributed by the increases in the index of manufactured goods (+10.2%), machinery & transport equipment (+5.5%) and chemicals (+4.4%). The seasonally adjusted **import volume index** in September 2020 registered a rise of 6.1% from 127.5 points to 135.3 points.

On a year-on-year basis, the **import unit value index** declined 4.1% while the **import volume index** increased 0.6%.

Terms of trade

Malaysia's **terms of trade** showed a growth of 1.4% month-on-month to 98.1 points from 96.7 points. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's **terms of trade** remained negative at 0.9% from 99.0 points.


For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: www.dosm.gov.my

*Notes:

The September 2020 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

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