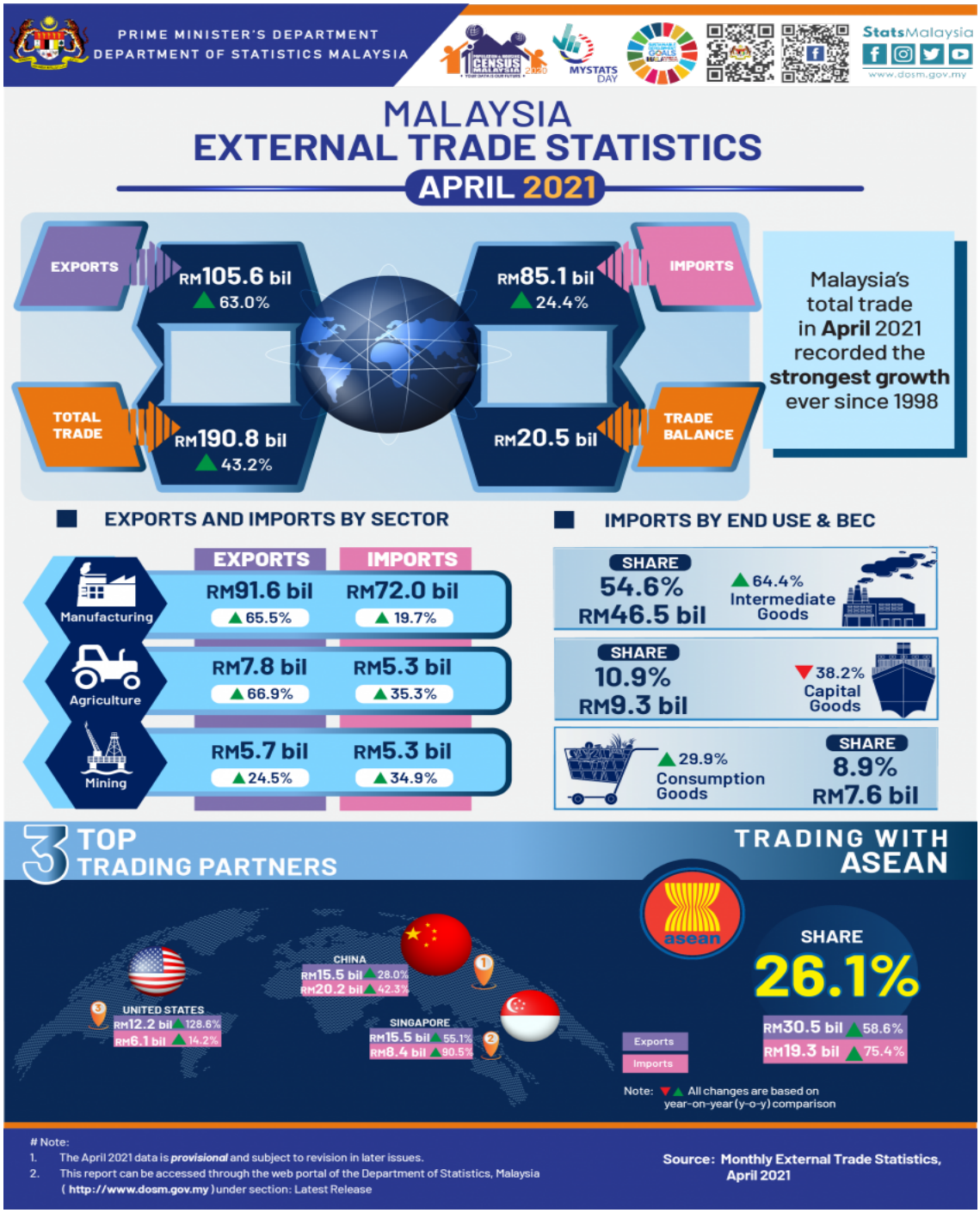
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KEY FACTS

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On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports, imports and total trade posted an increase of 0.6 per cent, 5.4 per cent and 2.7 per cent, respectively. In contrast, trade surplus declined by 15.4 per cent.

A. THE PERFORMANCE OF EXPORTS

Malaysia's exports remained at a higher level, picked up sharply by 63.0 per cent to RM105.6 billion, compared to an increase of 31.1 per cent in March 2021. The expansion was driven by both domestic exports and re-exports. Domestic exports stood at RM85.0 billion contributed 80.5 per cent to total exports, grew by 84.0 per cent. On the same note, re-exports which was valued at RM20.6 billion, grew by 11.0 per cent y-o-y. In comparison to March 2021, exports rose 0.6 per cent or RM622.2 million. Analysis of the seasonally adjusted terms m-o-m, exports increased by 3.2 per cent or RM3.3 billion to RM105.7 billion.

Chart 1: Domestic Exports, Re-Exports (RM billion) and Annual Change (%)

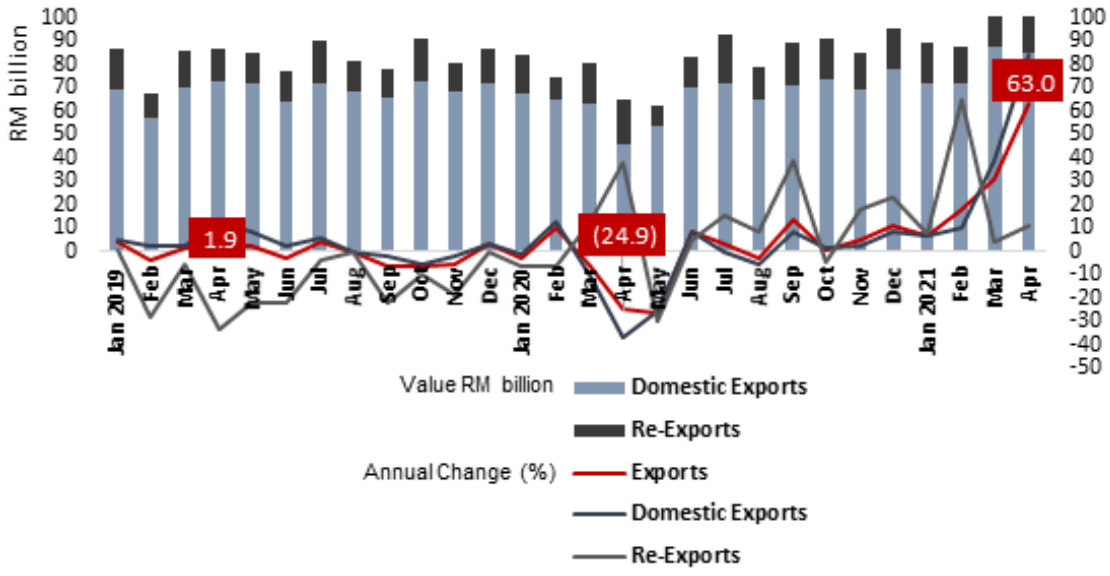
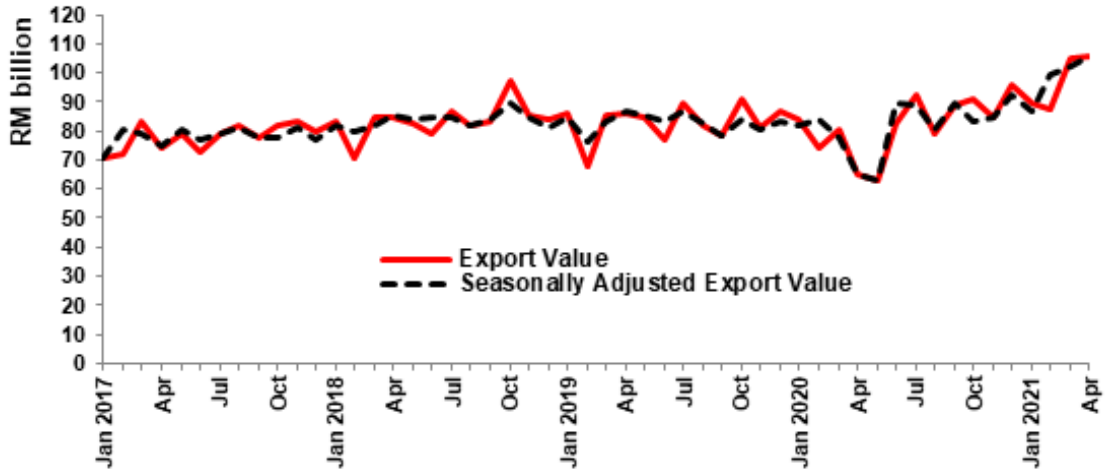


Chart 2: Actual Export Value and Seasonally Adjusted Export Value, RM billion



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Chart 3: Imports, Value (RM billion) and Annual Change (%)

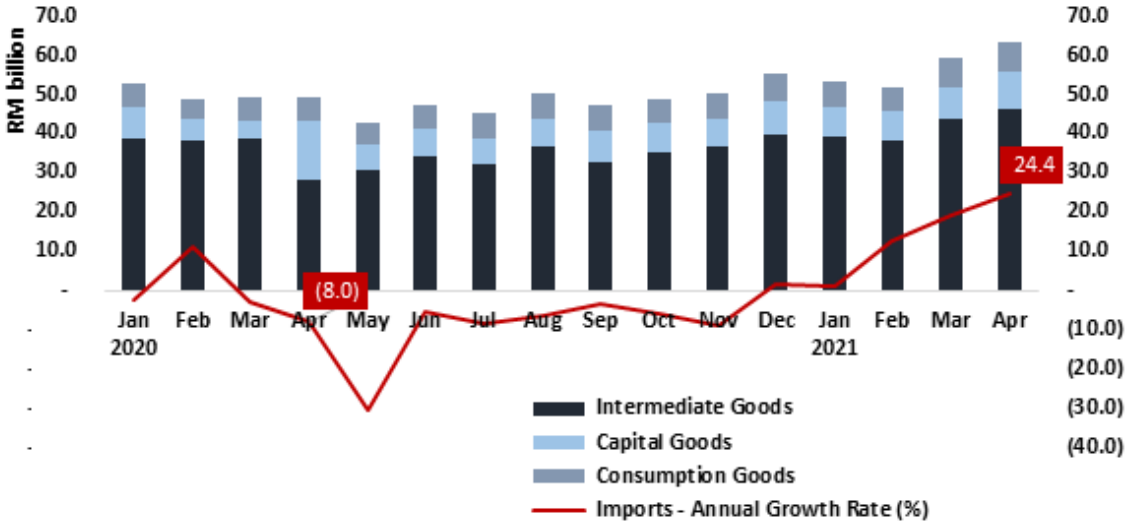
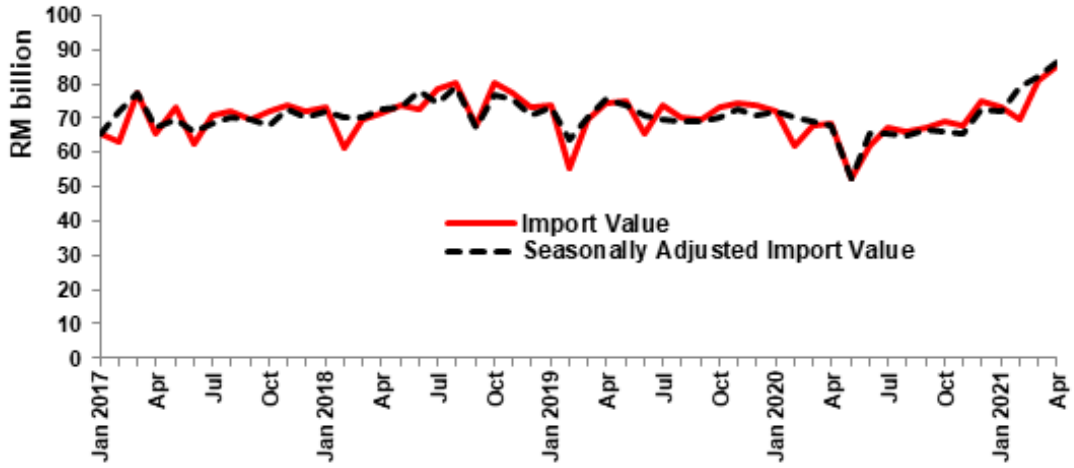


Chart 4: Actual Import Value and Seasonally Adjusted Import Value, RM billion



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