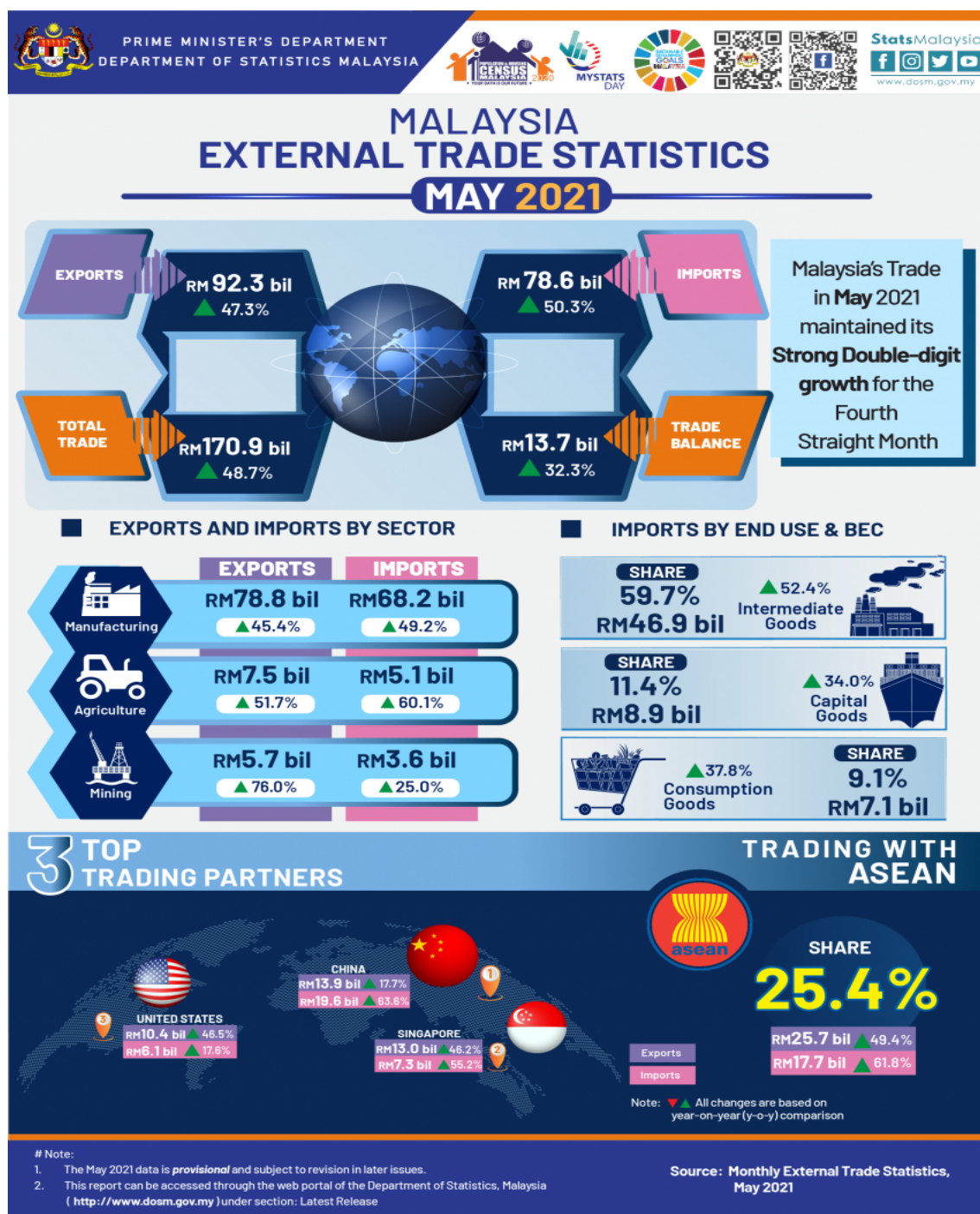




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## MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BULLETIN, MAY 2021



## KEY FACTS

Malaysia's total trade in May 2021 surged by 48.7 per cent, reaching RM170.9 billion as compared with RM114.9 billion in May 2020. Exports stayed strong at a higher level, increasing by 47.3 per cent to RM92.3 billion as against a year ago. Imports in May 2021 was valued at RM78.6 billion soared by 50.3 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y). Trade balance continued to record a surplus with a value of RM13.7 billion with an increase of 32.3 per cent.

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports, imports, total trade and trade surplus recorded decreases of 12.6 per cent, 7.8 per cent, 10.4 per cent and 32.5 per cent, respectively.

### A. THE PERFORMANCE OF EXPORTS

Malaysia's exports remained at a higher level, jumped by 47.3 per cent to RM92.3 billion. The expansion was driven by both domestic exports and re-exports. Domestic exports stood at RM78.7 billion contributed 85.2 per cent to total exports, grew by 45.9 per cent. On the same note, re-exports which was valued at RM13.7 billion, grew by 56.1 per cent y-o-y. In comparison to April 2021, exports fell 12.6 per cent or RM13.3 billion. Analysis of the seasonally adjusted terms m-o-m, exports decreased by 2.1 per cent or RM12.8 billion to RM92.9 billion.

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

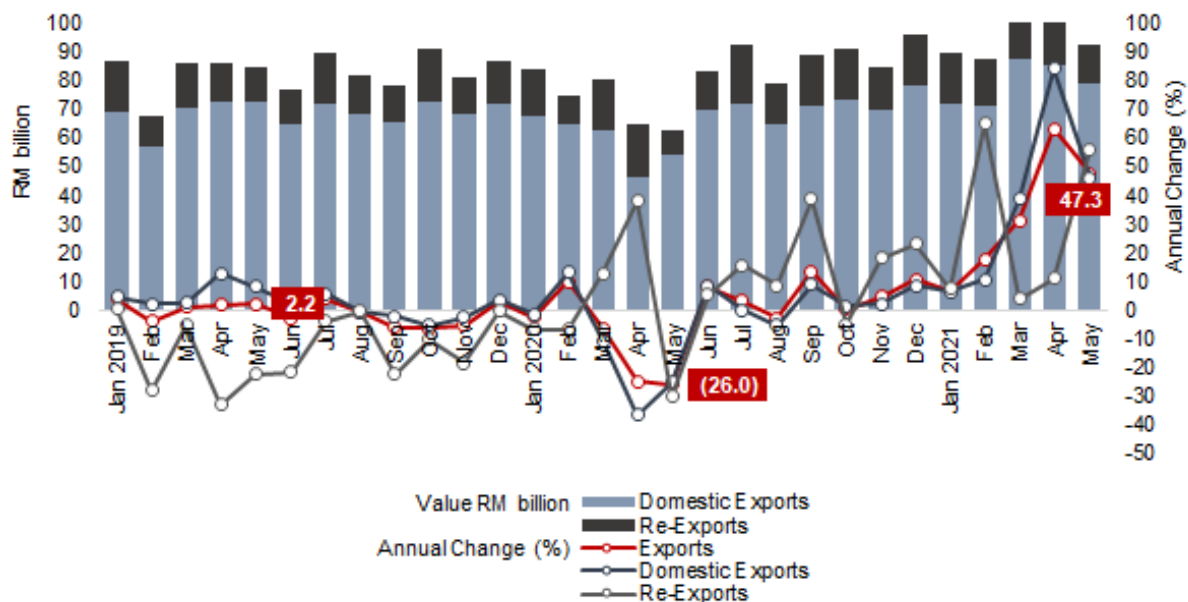
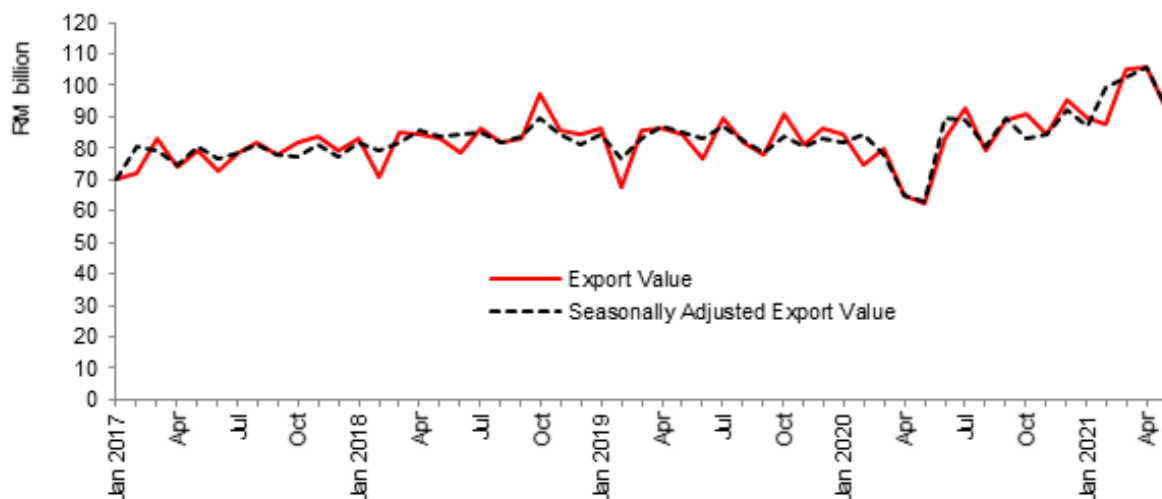


Chart 2: Actual Export Value and Seasonally Adjusted Export Value, RM billion





## B. THE PERFORMANCE OF IMPORTS

Malaysia's imports in May 2021 totaled RM78.6 billion, registered the sharpest expansion growth ever since 1998 of 50.3 per cent or RM26.3 billion. On a m-o-m basis, imports fell 7.8 per cent or RM6.7 billion. Based on seasonally adjusted terms, imports shrank 10.6 per cent.

On a y-o-y basis, imports by end use registered an increase with the rise of the intermediate goods, capital goods and consumption goods.

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

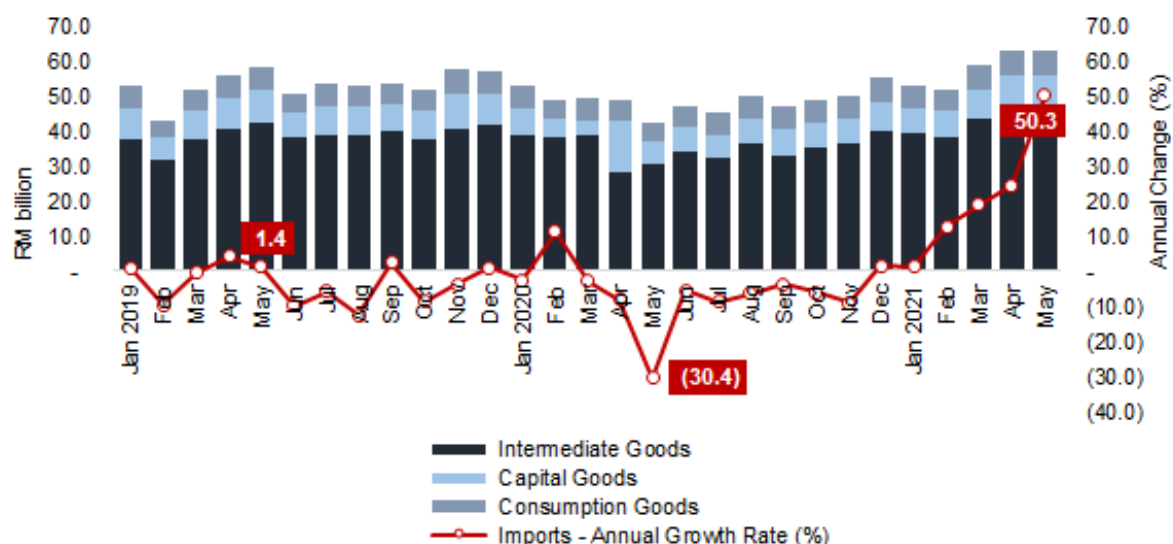
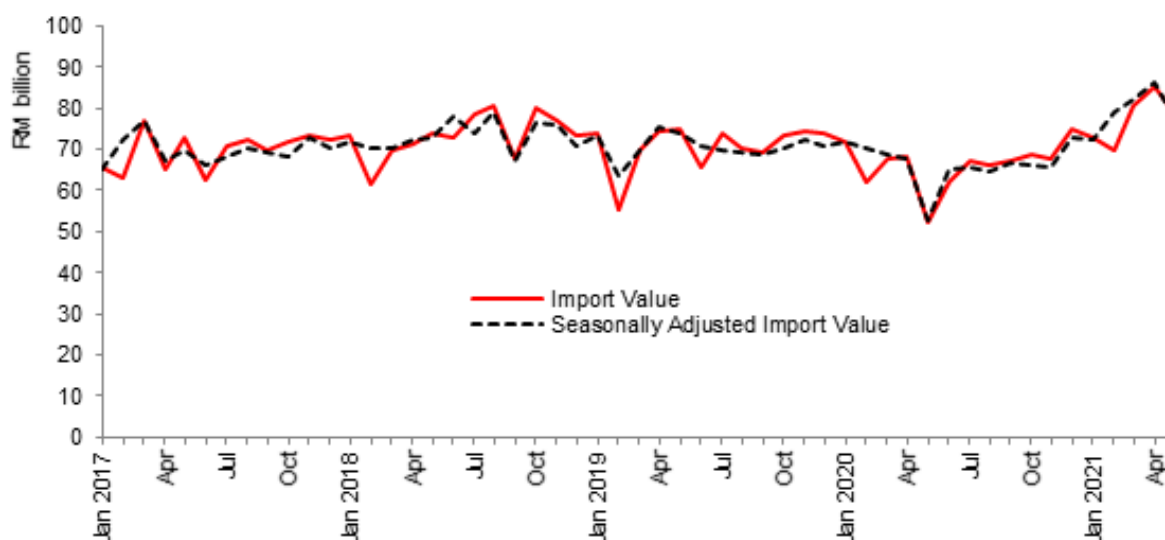


Chart 4: Actual Import Value and Seasonally Adjusted Import Value, RM billion



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### #Notes:

1. The May 2021 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.
2. This report can be accessed through the web portal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (<https://www.dosm.gov.my>) under section: Latest Release.

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