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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, DECEMBER 2019

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### **Natural rubber production in December 2019 increased 6.2 per cent year on year**

Malaysia's natural rubber production increased by **6.2** per cent in December 2019 to **58,437** tonnes as compared to the same month in the previous year. Comparison month on month also showed an increase of **10.2** per cent from **53,019** tonnes in November 2019.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted to **50,516** tonnes, increased by **6.4** per cent against **47,488** tonnes in November 2019. The primary natural rubber export destination is the People's Republic of China with a share of **55.9** per cent from total exports in December 2019 followed by Germany (**10.1%**), U.S.A (**3.7%**), Finland (**3.6%**) and Italy (**2.7%**).

Stocks of natural rubber in December 2019 was **245,002** tonnes as compared to **216,582** tonnes in November 2019, an increase of **13.1** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **455.17** sen per kilogramme in December 2019, increased by **3.3** per cent as compared to November 2019. The average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also increased by **5.2** per cent to **595.50** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption of natural rubber was **40,351** tonnes, a decrease of **2.7** per cent against **41,463** tonnes as reported in November 2019. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **30,517** tonnes or **75.6** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



# MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

DECEMBER  
2019

53,019



November 2019

## PRODUCTION

10.2%  
Tonnes

58,437



December 2019<sup>P</sup>

## AVERAGE PRICE



3.3%

LATEX  
CONCENTRATE

5.2%

S.M.R 20

Dec. 2019 : 455.17  
Nov. 2019 : 440.55

Dec. 2019 : 595.50  
Nov. 2019 : 566.12

(sen/Kg)

## STOCKS

December 2019<sup>P</sup> : 245,002 tonnes



Rubber  
processors  
88.2%



Rubber  
consumers  
11.3%



Rubber  
estates  
0.5%

Rubber  
gloves



75.6%

Rubber  
thread



7.9%

## DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Dec. 2019<sup>P</sup> : 40,351 tonnes

Tyres and  
tubes



6.2%

Others



10.3%

P.R. China



55.9%

Germany



10.1%

Italy



2.7%

## EXPORTS

Dec. 2019<sup>P</sup> : 50,516 tonnes



U.S.A  
3.7%



Finland  
3.6%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries\*,  
December 2019



Malaysia

58.4<sup>P</sup>



Vietnam

86.1<sup>P</sup>



Thailand

466.0<sup>e</sup>



Sri Lanka

8.1<sup>P</sup>



Philippines

13.8<sup>e</sup>

Cambodia

41.9<sup>P</sup>

India

87.0<sup>e</sup>

Indonesia

265.0<sup>P</sup>

P.R. China

36.0<sup>P</sup>

(\*000 tonnes)



<sup>P</sup> : preliminary  
<sup>e</sup> : estimate

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

\*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

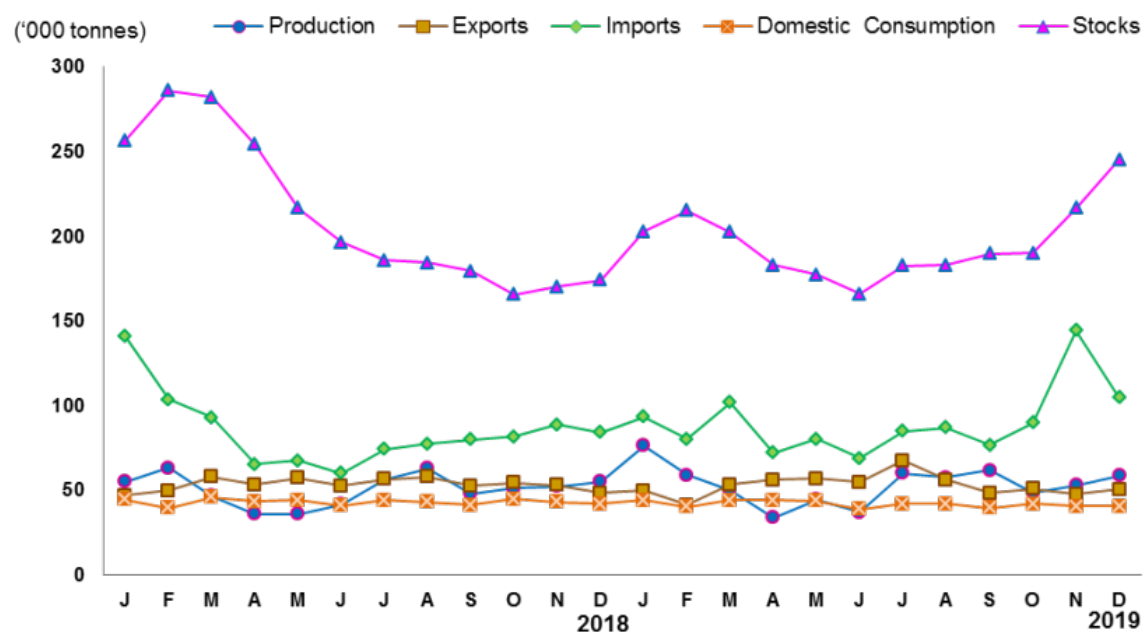
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, December 2019

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for December 2019 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from December 2018 to December 2019.

**Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, December 2019**

| Principal Statistics               | December 2018 | November 2019 | December 2019 | Change month-on-month December 2019/ October 2019 (%) | Change year-on-year November 2019/ November 2018 (%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Production (tonnes)                | 55,037        | 53,019        | 58,437        | 10.2                                                  | 6.2                                                  |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 48,183        | 47,488        | 50,516        | 6.4                                                   | 4.8                                                  |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 84,035        | 144,250       | 104,524       | -27.5                                                 | 24.4                                                 |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 41,833        | 41,463        | 40,351        | -2.7                                                  | -3.5                                                 |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 174,004       | 216,582       | 245,002       | 13.1                                                  | 40.8                                                 |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 11,481        | 11,002        | 11,053        | 0.5                                                   | -3.7                                                 |
| Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000) | 18,858        | 17,494        | 20,555        | 17.5                                                  | 9.0                                                  |

**Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2018/2019**



\*Notes:

Data for December 2019 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the January 2020 publication.

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