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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, MARCH 2020

Domestic consumption of natural rubber increase 1.8 percent on March 2020

Monthly Rubber Census March 2020 showed that the implementation of MCO affects the production of natural rubber as well as the prevailing wintering period. Production of natural rubber decreased **23.3** per cent in March 2020 to **35,961** tonnes as compared to the previous month (**46,881** tonnes).

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **45,198** tonnes, decreased by **12.8** per cent against **51,852** tonnes in February 2020. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **41.8** per cent from total exports in March 2020 followed by Germany (**9.3%**), Iran (**5.8%**), U.S.A (**5.7%**) and Brazil (**3.3%**). The highest exports were for glove items with a value of **RM1,777.6 million**, an increase of **11.9** per cent compared to February 2020. In addition, there was also an increase for condoms (**21.7%**) and tubes (**19.3%**) with values of **RM28.6 million** and **RM0.8 million** respectively for the same period. This increase was also due to the implementation of lockdown caused by the COVID-19. Meanwhile, stocks of natural rubber continuously recorded an increase of **1.4** per cent from **296,328** tonnes in February 2020 to **300,448** tonnes in current month.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decline of **435.66** sen per kilogramme compared to February 2020 (**456.73** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also dropped to **517.45** sen per kilogramme compared to **549.68** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **42,244** tonnes, an increase of **1.8** per cent as compared from the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **34,086** tonnes (**80.7%**) from the total domestic consumption.



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

MARCH 2020

46,881

February 2020^P

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

23.3%

35,961

March 2020^P

AVERAGE PRICE



4.6%

LATEX
CONCENTRATE

5.9%

S.M.R 20

March 2020 : 435.66
Feb. 2020 : 456.73March 2020 : 517.45
Feb. 2020 : 549.68

(sen/Kg)

STOCKS

March 2020^P : 300,448 tonnesRubber
processors
90.1%Rubber
consumers
9.4%Rubber
estates
0.5%Rubber
gloves

80.7%

Rubber
thread

7.7%

DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTIONMarch 2020^P : 42,244 tonnesTyres and
tubes

5.8%

Others



5.8%

P.R. China



41.8%

Germany



9.3%

EXPORTS

March 2020^P : 45,198 tonnes

Brazil



3.3%

Iran
5.8%U.S.A
5.7%^P : preliminary
^e : estimateProduction of natural rubber by main producing countries*,
March 2020

('000 tonnes)

Malaysia
36.0^PVietnam
65.0^eThailand
361.6^eSri Lanka
7.1^ePhilippines
3.0^e

Cambodia

14.8^e

India

45.0^e

Indonesia

277.0^e

P.R. China

23.0^e

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

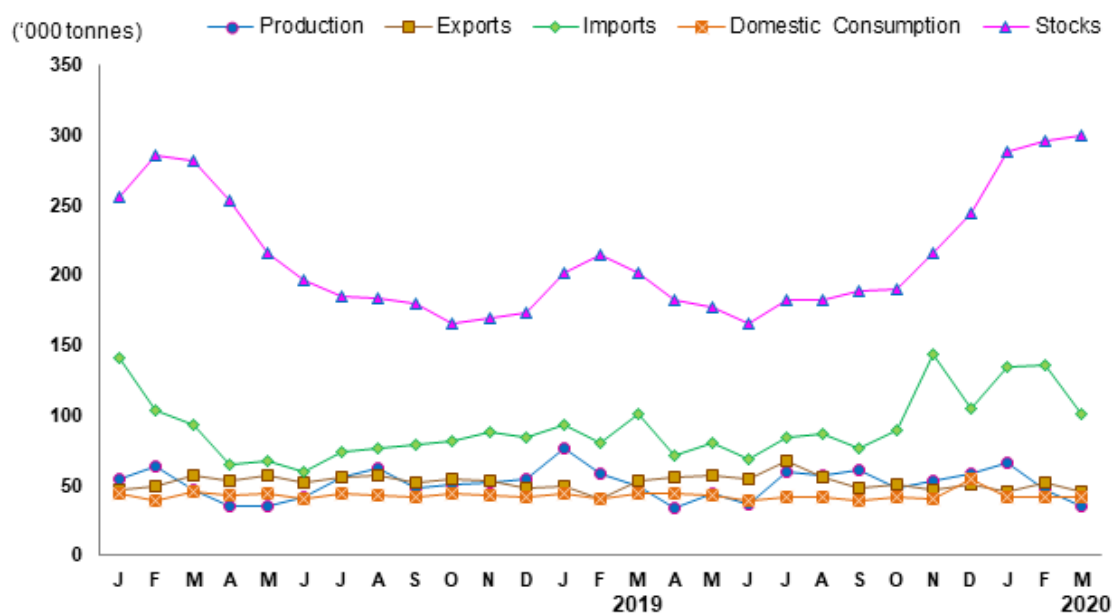
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, March 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for March 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from March 2019 to March 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, March 2020

| Principal Statistics | March 2019 | February 2020 | March 2020 | Change month-on-month March 2020/ February 2020 (%) | Change year-on-year March 2020/ March 2019 (%) |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|---|
| Production (tonnes) | 50,109 | 46,881 | 35,961 | -23.3 | -28.2 |
| Exports (tonnes) | 53,265 | 51,852 | 45,198 | -12.8 | -15.1 |
| Imports (tonnes) | 101,646 | 135,494 | 100,937 | -25.5 | -0.7 |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes) | 43,981 | 41,512 | 42,244 | 1.8 | -3.9 |
| Closing stocks (tonnes) | 202,246 | 296,328 | 300,448 | 1.4 | 48.6 |
| Number of paid workers (estate) | 11,330 | 8,822 | 9,722 | 10.2 | -14.2 |
| Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000) | 15,264 | 12,801 | 13,700 | 7.0 | -10.2 |

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



*Notes:

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

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