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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, OCTOBER 2019

Natural rubber production in October 2019 decreased 5.2 per cent year on year

Malaysia's natural rubber production decreased **5.2** per cent in October 2019 to **48,549** tonnes as compared to the same month in the previous year. Comparison month on month also showed a decrease of **21.4** per cent from **61,731** tonnes, which is recorded in September 2019.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **50,600** tonnes, increased by **5.3** per cent against **48,058** tonnes in September 2019. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **39.3** per cent from total exports in October 2019 followed by Germany (**11.2%**), Iran (**6.2%**), U.S.A. (**3.3%**) and Finland (**3.2%**).

Stocks of natural rubber was **189,895** tonnes in October 2019 as compared to **189,504** tonnes in September 2019, an increase of **0.2** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate was **425.61** sen per kilogramme in October 2019, decreased by **2.9** per cent as compared to September 2019. Similarly, the average price of Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also decreased by **2.7** per cent to **536.50** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption of natural rubber was **41,924** tonnes, an increase of **6.8** per cent against **39,264** tonnes as reported in September 2019. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **31,677** tonnes or **75.6** per cent of the total domestic consumption.



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PRODUCTION



AVERAGE PRICE



DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

Rubber gloves
75.6%



Rubber thread
7.6%

Others
9.7%



Tyres and tubes
7.1%

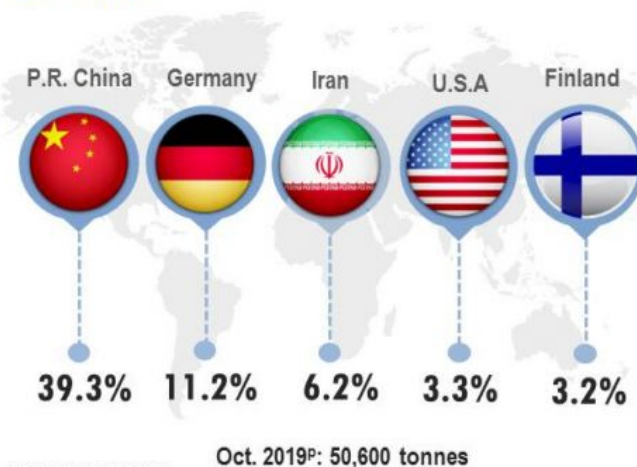
Oct. 2019^p: 41,924 tonnes

STOCKS



Oct. 2019^p: 189,895 tonnes

EXPORTS



p = preliminary

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*, July 2019



Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

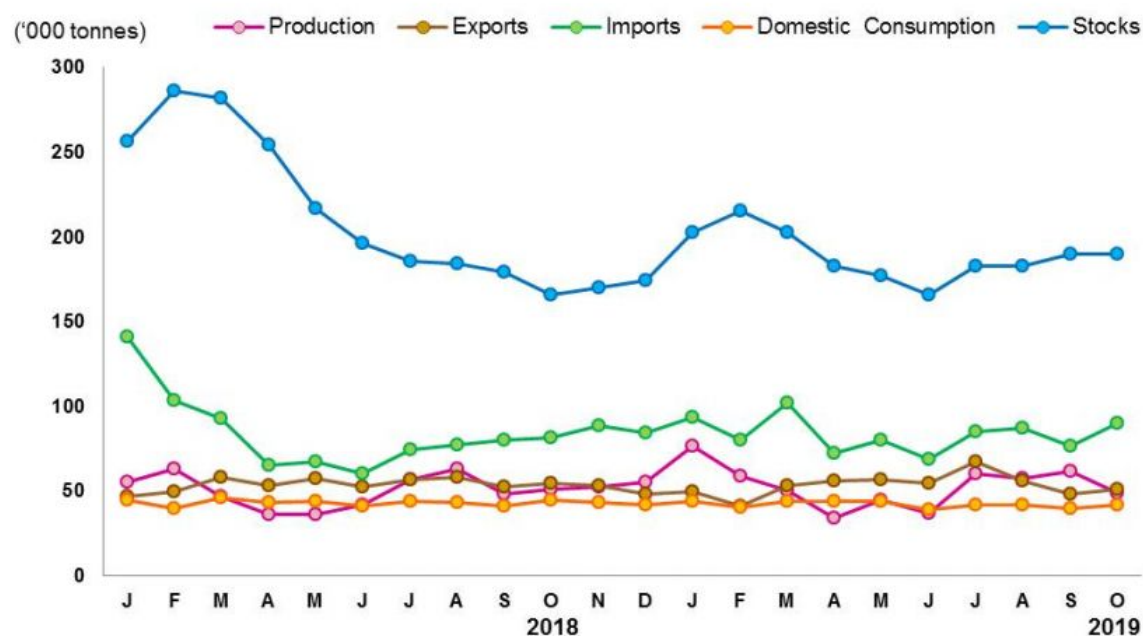
*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

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

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, October 2019

Principal Statistics	October 2018	September 2019	October 2019	Change month-on-month October 2019/ September 2019 (%)	Change year-on-year October 2019/ October 2018 (%)
Production (tonnes)	51,209	61,731	48,549	-21.4	-5.2
Exports (tonnes)	54,189	48,058	50,600	5.3	-6.6
Imports (tonnes)	81,462	76,578	89,809	17.3	10.2
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	44,771	39,264	41,924	6.8	-6.4
Closing stocks (tonnes)	165,550	189,504	189,895	0.2	14.7
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,756	11,073	11,038	-0.3	-6.1
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	16,760	18,199	17,005	-6.6	1.5

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



*Notes:

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

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