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#### MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JULY 2017

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##### **Production of natural rubber (NR) increased 8.7 per cent in July 2017**

Production of NR in July 2017 increased by **8.7** per cent to **54,994** tonnes as compared to **50,614** tonnes in the previous month. The main contributor of NR production is from smallholding sector which is more than **90** per cent.

Average monthly price of latex concentrate dropped **55.51** sen per kilogramme to **517.57** sen per kilogramme as compared to June 2017. Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 recorded an increased in the average monthly price of **32.53** sen per kilogramme to **635.24** sen per kilogramme.

Exports of NR in July 2017 recorded at **47,136** tonnes went up by **5.5** per cent as compared to the previous month. Five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, USA and Finland.

Domestic consumption of NR in July 2017 was **40,852** tonnes against **39,211** tonnes in June 2017 with an increased by **4.2** per cent. Rubber gloves industry remains as the main domestic consumer with consumption of **72.9** per cent.

Level of NR stocks at the end of July 2017 declined by **3.4** per cent to **192,196** tonnes as compared to the previous month.



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91.0% of NR production was from the smallholding sector.

June 2017



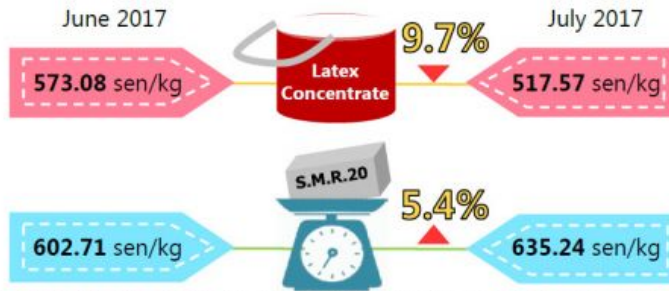
50,614 tonnes

July 2017



54,994 tonnes

### Average price



### Domestic consumption

Total : 40,852 tonnes

Rubber gloves industry was the largest consumer of NR which is 72.9%.



Rubber Gloves

72.9%



Rubber Thread

9.4%



Tyres and Tubes

8.1%



Others

9.6%

### Exports

Exports of NR increased by 5.5% as compared to June 2017. The main destination of NR exports was China.



China

38.2%



Germany

17.9%



Iran

7.4%



USA

4.9%

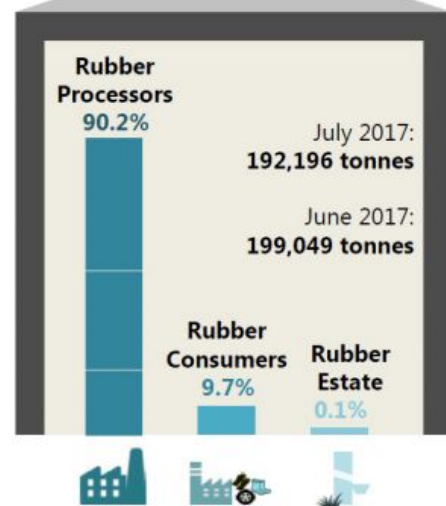


Finland

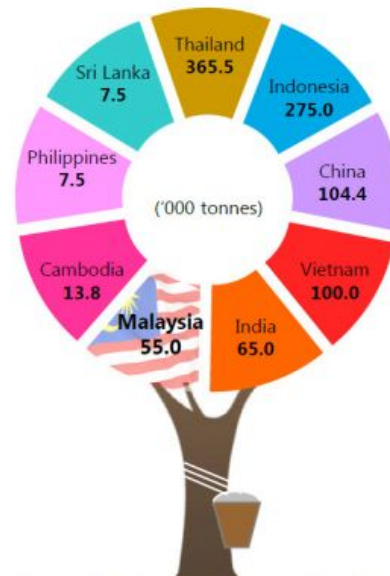
3.9%

Total exports : 47,136 tonnes

### Stocks



### Production of Natural Rubber by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



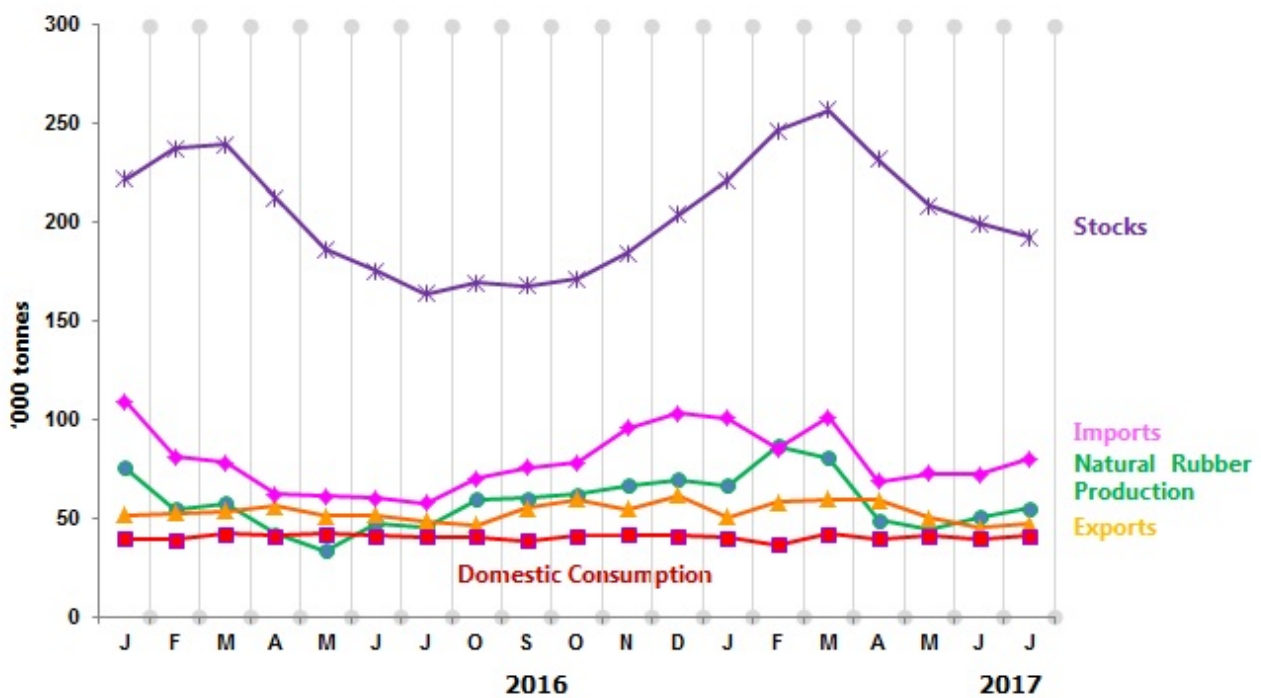
Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for July 2017 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from July 2016 to July 2017.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, July 2017

Principal Statistics	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change month-on-month (%)	Change year-on-year (%)
Production (tonnes)	54,994	50,614	45,623	8.7	20.5
Exports (tonnes)	47,136	44,683	48,578	5.5	-3.0
Imports (tonnes)	80,086	72,173	57,411	11.0	39.5
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	40,852	39,211	40,449	4.2	1.0
Closing stocks (tonnes)	192,196	199,049	163,897	-3.4	17.3
Number of paid workers (estate)	10,038	9,741	10,647	3.0	-5.7
Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate)	14,031	11,829	13,517	18.6	3.8

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2016/2017



\*Notes:

Data for July 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the August 2017 publication.

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