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## **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS**

### **TRADE PERFORMANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 AND THE PERIOD OF JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2020 #**

#### ***Highest Ever September Exports***

Malaysia's total trade in September 2020 expanded by 5.5% to RM155.88 billion compared to September 2019. Increases in trade were recorded primarily with China, Hong Kong SAR, the United States (US), the Netherlands and Taiwan. Exports rebounded by a double digit growth of 13.6% to RM88.93 billion, the highest export value ever recorded for the month of September. Imports decreased by 3.6% to RM66.96 billion.

Trade surplus in September 2020 surged by 149.3% year-on-year (y-o-y) to RM21.97 billion and was the highest trade surplus ever recorded for the month of September.

Compared to August 2020, total trade, exports and imports grew by 7.5%, 12.4% and 1.6%, respectively. Trade surplus recorded significant expansion of 66.3%.

Total trade for the third quarter (Q3) of 2020 amounted to RM460.87 billion, declined marginally by 0.5% compared to Q3 2019. Exports increased by 4.4% to RM260.62 billion while imports contracted by 6.3% to RM200.25 billion. Trade surplus grew by 68.4% to RM60.36 billion.

Compared to the second quarter (Q2) of 2020, total trade, exports and imports registered strong growth of 17.3%, 24% and 9.6%, respectively. Trade surplus surged by 118.6%.

For the first 9 months of 2020, trade surplus recorded a double digit growth of 14.8% to RM124.94 billion compared to the same period of 2019. Total trade was valued at RM1.294 trillion, a decline of 5.2% mainly on lower trade with Thailand, Singapore, India and Japan. However, higher trade was registered with the US, the Republic of Korea (ROK), China and Bahrain. Exports during the period totalled RM709.56 billion, slipped by 3.7% while imports was RM584.62 billion, declined by 6.9%.

### **Export Performance of Major Sectors**

#### ***Exports of Manufactured and Agriculture Goods Registered Double Digit Growth in September 2020***

Exports of manufactured goods in September 2020 which made up 87.7% of total exports picked up by 16.3% y-o-y to RM77.99 billion. The expansion was due mainly to higher shipments of electrical and electronic (E&E) products, rubber products, other manufactures especially solid-state storage devices (SSD), iron and steel products as well as optical and scientific equipment.

Exports of agriculture goods (7.4% share) surged by 26.6% to RM6.55 billion compared to September 2019 buoyed mainly by higher exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products.

Exports of mining goods (4.5% share) declined by 27.4% y-o-y to RM4.02 billion on account of lower exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

#### **Major exports in September 2020:**

- E&E products, valued at RM38.87 billion and constituted 43.7% of total exports, increased by 33% from September 2019;
- Palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, RM4.92 billion, 5.5% of total exports, increased by 43.6%;
- Rubber products, RM4.52 billion, 5.1% of total exports, surged by 115.8%;

- Chemicals and chemical products, RM4.36 billion, 4.9% of total exports, increased by 0.6%; and
- Optical and scientific equipment, RM4.31 billion, 4.8% of total exports, increased by 6.2%.

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports of manufactured and agriculture goods increased by 13.8% and 14.6%, respectively while mining goods declined by 11.8%.

During the first 9 months of 2020, exports of manufactured goods fell by 1.5% to RM611.35 billion compared to the same period of 2019, on account of lower exports of chemicals and chemical products, manufactures of metal, petroleum products as well as jewellery. However, increases in exports were recorded for rubber products, other manufactures (SSD), iron and steel products as well as optical and scientific equipment. Exports of agriculture goods improved by 2.3% to RM50.51 billion attributed to higher exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Exports of mining goods contracted by 27.2% to RM44.48 billion due to lower exports of LNG, crude petroleum as well as petroleum condensates and other petroleum oil.

### **Trade Performance with Major Markets**

#### ***E&E Products Drove Exports to ASEAN***

Trade with ASEAN in September 2020 which contributed RM38.79 billion or 24.9% to Malaysia's total trade, increased by 0.5% compared to September 2019. Exports rebounded by 6.7% to RM23.1 billion backed mainly by higher exports of E&E products which increased by 47.8% or RM3.2 billion. Imports from ASEAN declined by 7.4% to RM15.69 billion.

Breakdown of exports to ASEAN countries:

- Singapore RM12.21 billion, increased by 13.7%
- Thailand RM4.00 billion, ↓0.6%
- Viet Nam RM2.61 billion, ↑6.0%
- Indonesia RM2.08 billion, ↓13.9%

- Philippines RM1.51 billion, ↑5.8%
- Brunei RM333.8 million, ↑91.5%
- Myanmar RM222.2 million, ↑14.1%
- Cambodia RM125.0 million, ↓39.0%
- Lao PDR RM6.1 million, ↑85.0%

Exports to markets in ASEAN that recorded expansion include **Singapore**, which increased by RM1.47 billion due to higher exports of E&E products, **Brunei** (↑RM159.5 million, crude petroleum), **Viet Nam** (↑RM148.5 million, E&E products) and **the Philippines** (↑RM82 million, palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products).

Compared to August 2020, trade, exports and imports were up by 8.9%, 9.6% and 7.8%, respectively.

In January to September 2020, trade with ASEAN was valued at RM324.71 billion, slipped by 10.5% compared to the same period of 2019. Exports to this region contracted by 6.4% to RM198 billion following lower exports of crude petroleum, manufactures of metal as well as chemicals and chemical products. However, increases in exports were recorded for transport equipment, E&E products and other manufactures (SSD). Imports from ASEAN decreased by 16.3% to RM126.71 billion.

### ***Robust Export Growth to China Continues***

In September 2020, trade with China contributed 19.8% to Malaysia's total trade, recording an expansion of 21.5% y-o-y to RM30.85 billion. Exports to China sustained double digit growth for 4 consecutive months, surging by 41.9% to RM15.56 billion mainly on higher exports of E&E products, iron and steel products as well as palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Imports from China expanded by 6.1% to RM15.29 billion.

On a m-o-m basis, trade, exports and imports recorded double digit growth of 11.4%, 11.3% and 11.4%, respectively.

Trade with China during the period of January to September 2020 grew by 3% to RM237.15 billion compared to the same period of 2019. Exports recorded double digit expansion of 13.3% to RM114.54 billion, boosted by higher exports of iron and steel products, other manufactures (SSD), manufactures of metal as well as palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Imports from China decreased by 5.1% to RM122.61 billion.

### ***Exports to the US Remained Strong***

Trade with the US in September 2020 rose by 12.3% y-o-y to RM15.74 billion, accounting for 10.1% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports to the US continued to expand for 4 consecutive months, with a double digit growth of 22.1% to RM10.32 billion in September 2020. Higher shipments were recorded for manufactured goods which made up 97.7% share of Malaysia exports to the US. Increases in exports were primarily for rubber products, E&E products, wood products, machinery, equipment and parts as well as other manufactures (SSD). Imports from the US decreased by 2.6% to RM5.42 billion.

Compared to August 2020, trade and exports improved by 0.8% and 9.2%, respectively while imports fell by 12.1%.

In the first 9 months of 2020, trade with the US rose by 6.9% to RM129.25 billion compared to the same period of 2019. Exports increased by 9.1% to RM77.09 billion driven by higher exports of rubber products, wood products and other manufactures (SSD). Imports from the US grew by 3.7% to RM52.16 billion.

### ***Exports to the EU Rebounded with a Double Digit Growth***

Total trade with the European Union (EU) which constituted 8.6% of Malaysia's total trade in September 2020, rose by 11.1% y-o-y to RM13.45 billion. Exports accelerated with a double digit growth of 28.6% to RM8.63 billion, underpinned by higher exports of E&E products, rubber products, palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products as

well as manufactures of metal. Imports from the EU declined by 10.7% to RM4.82 billion.

Among the top 10 EU markets which accounted for 91.4% of Malaysia's total exports to the EU, exports to 8 countries recorded increases namely, **Germany** (↑17.8%), **the Netherlands** (↑39.7%), **Italy** (↑54.1%), **Slovenia** (↑129.7%), **Belgium** (↑2.4%), **Spain** (↑27.2%), **the Czech Republic** (↑93.9%) and **Poland** (↑60.9%).

Compared to August 2020, trade and exports grew by 12.8% and 24.1% respectively, while imports contracted by 3%.

For the first 9 months of 2020, trade with the EU amounted to RM105.15 billion, a decline of 13.2% compared to the same period of 2019. Exports amounted to RM61.57 billion, fell by 8.3% due to lower exports of E&E products. However, higher exports was recorded for rubber products as well as palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Imports from the EU amounted to RM43.58 billion, declined by 19.3%.

### ***Manufactured Goods Cushioned Exports Decline to Japan***

In September 2020, trade with Japan which constituted 6.5% of Malaysia's total trade decreased by 4.9% y-o-y to RM10.15 billion. Exports edged down by 11.3% to RM4.76 billion owing mainly to lower exports of LNG. The contraction however was cushioned by higher exports of manufactured goods which improved by 1.6% to RM3.67 billion. Expansion in exports were seen for E&E products, rubber products, manufactures of metal, textiles, apparels and footwear as well as chemicals and chemical products. Imports from Japan increased by 1.5% to RM5.4 billion.

On a m-o-m basis, trade, exports and imports picked up by 10%, 10.3% and 9.7%, respectively.

For the period of January to September 2020, trade with Japan shrank by 7.6% to RM88.9 billion compared to the same period of 2019. Exports declined by 9.8% to

RM45.14 billion owing to lower exports of LNG. Increases in exports however were recorded for crude petroleum, rubber products, optical and scientific equipment as well as palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Imports from Japan fell by 5.1% to RM43.76 billion.

### ***Trade with FTA Partners***

In September 2020, trade with Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners which made up 66.5% of Malaysia's total trade rose by 5.3% y-o-y to RM103.6 billion. Exports to FTA partners amounted to RM59.26 billion, increased by 13% while imports contracted by 3.5% to RM44.35 billion.

Higher exports were recorded to **Hong Kong SAR**, by 31.9% to RM 6.71 billion due to higher exports of E&E products, **Turkey** (↑78.5% to RM774 million, palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products) and **New Zealand** (↑50.6% to RM389.4 million, crude petroleum).

Compared to August 2020, trade, exports and imports rose by 9.3%, 11.2% and 6.9%, respectively.

Trade with FTA partners for the first 9 months of 2020 which accounted for 66.5% of Malaysia's total trade reduced by 5.1% to RM860.6 billion. Exports amounted to RM483.29 billion, a decline of 3.6% while imports totalled RM377.31 billion, lower by 7%.

### **Import Performance**

Total imports in September 2020 contracted by 3.6% y-o-y to RM66.96 billion from RM69.44 billion in September 2019. The three main categories of imports by end use which accounted for 70.4% of total imports were:

- **Intermediate goods**, valued at RM32.84 billion or 49% share of total imports, decreased by 17.8%, following lower imports of parts and accessories of capital

goods (except transport equipment) particularly electrical machinery, equipment and parts;

- **Capital goods**, valued at RM7.66 billion or 11.4% of total imports, declined by 1.8%, due mainly to reduced imports of capital goods (except transport equipment), primarily parts of machinery and mechanical appliances; and
- **Consumption goods**, valued at RM6.63 billion or 9.9% of total imports, rose by 11.2%, as a result of higher imports of durables, especially parts of machinery and mechanical appliances.

During January to September 2020, imports amounted to RM584.62 billion, decreased by 6.9% from the same period of 2019. Imports of **intermediate goods** totalled RM311.11 billion, decreased by 10.3%, **capital goods** (RM67.59 billion, ↓7.8%) and **consumption goods** (RM54.27 billion, ↓0.3%).



**Note:**

*It should be noted that, conceptually, the export and import figures in the external trade statistics are different from that in the goods account of the balance of payments compilation. The compilation of international merchandise trade statistics is usually based on customs records, which essentially reflect the physical movement of goods across borders, and follow international guidelines on concepts and definitions i.e. International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) which is different from the principles of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the Balance of Payments Compilation. Goods are defined in the SNA as “physical objects for which a demand exists, over which ownership rights can be established and whose ownership can be transferred from one institutional unit to another by engaging in transactions on markets”.*

*“This is a preliminary release, full details would be published in the “MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS” report by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia, to be disseminated on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and can be downloaded through statistic at the Department of Statistics, Malaysia’s portal (<https://www.dosm.gov.my/v1>).*

- + This media release can be accessed through the portal of Malaysian External Trade Statistics, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (<http://www.miti.gov.my>) and Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (<http://www.matrade.gov.my>).*

- # The September 2020 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issue.*

*With effect from reference month April 2018, selection of codes for exports and imports of palm oil and palm oil-based products has been reviewed and revised for better representation of the product and this has resulted in some changes to the data.*

*FTA partners comprises of 19 countries: China, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, India, Australia, Viet Nam, Philippines, New Zealand, Turkey, Pakistan, Myanmar, Cambodia, Brunei, Chile, Lao PDR and Hong Kong SAR.*

*With effect from reference month of February 2020, the United Kingdom no longer be a Member State of the European Union (EU).*

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF MALAYSIA'S EXTERNAL TRADE**

Year/ Period	<u>Total Exports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Imports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Trade Balance</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Trade</u> (RM Million)
<b>2019<sup>f</sup></b>				
January	86,340.8	73,921.7	12,419.2	160,262.5
February	67,683.1	55,567.2	12,115.8	123,250.3
March	85,677.0	69,681.4	15,995.6	155,358.4
April	86,227.9	74,376.8	11,851.0	160,604.7
May	84,678.6	75,108.5	9,570.0	159,787.1
June	76,690.9	65,630.3	11,060.6	142,321.2
July	89,764.9	73,796.3	15,968.6	163,561.2
August	81,513.3	70,460.9	11,052.4	151,974.2
<b>September</b>	<b>78,251.5</b>	<b>69,437.6</b>	<b>8,813.9</b>	<b>147,689.1</b>
October	90,861.0	73,288.8	17,572.2	164,149.7
November	80,947.4	74,261.1	6,686.2	155,208.5
December	86,435.7	73,880.2	12,555.6	160,315.9
<b>2019 (Jan-Dec)<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>995,071.9</b>	<b>849,410.8</b>	<b>145,661.1</b>	<b>1,844,482.7</b>
<b>2020<sup>p</sup></b>				
January	84,114.1	72,081.0	12,033.1	156,195.1
February	74,451.0	61,831.6	12,619.4	136,282.6
March	80,118.9	67,804.8	12,314.1	147,923.7
April	64,786.6	68,420.2	-3,633.6	133,206.9
May	62,649.6	52,262.9	10,386.7	114,912.5
June	82,819.5	61,966.0	20,853.5	144,785.5
July	92,559.0	67,383.2	25,175.8	159,942.1
August	79,129.8	65,914.5	13,215.2	145,044.3
<b>September</b>	<b>88,927.3</b>	<b>66,956.6</b>	<b>21,970.7</b>	<b>155,884.0</b>
<b>Change m-o-m (%)</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Change y-o-y (%)</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>2019<sup>f</sup></b>				
Q1	239,700.9	199,170.3	40,530.6	438,871.1
Q2	247,597.3	215,115.6	32,481.7	462,713.0
<b>Q3</b>	<b>249,529.7</b>	<b>213,694.8</b>	<b>35,834.8</b>	<b>463,224.5</b>
Q4	258,244.0	221,430.1	36,814.0	479,674.1
<b>2020<sup>p</sup></b>				
Q1	238,684.0	201,717.4	36,966.6	440,401.3
Q2	210,255.7	182,649.1	27,606.7	392,904.8
<b>Q3</b>	<b>260,616.0</b>	<b>200,254.3</b>	<b>60,361.7</b>	<b>460,870.3</b>
<b>Change q-o-q (%)</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>17.3</b>
<b>Change y-o-y (%)</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
2019 <sup>f</sup> (Jan-Sep)	736,827.9	627,980.7	108,847.1	1,364,808.6
<b>2020<sup>p</sup> (Jan-Sep)</b>	<b>709,555.8</b>	<b>584,620.7</b>	<b>124,935.0</b>	<b>1,294,176.5</b>
<b>Change (%)</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>-5.2</b>

Note: Total may not add up due to rounding

**TABLE 2: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>88,927.3</b>	<b>79,129.8</b>	<b>78,251.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>
E&E Products	38,874.8	31,933.2	29,226.4	21.7	33.0
Palm Oil & Palm Oil-Based Agriculture Products	4,923.8	4,097.9	3,429.4	20.2	43.6
Rubber Products	4,521.9	3,735.5	2,095.7	21.1	115.8
Chemicals & Chemical Products	4,357.2	3,650.4	4,331.0	19.4	0.6
Optical & Scientific Equipment	4,311.6	3,571.5	4,059.1	20.7	6.2
Petroleum Products	3,780.6	4,559.9	5,359.8	-17.1	-29.5
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	3,441.1	3,069.9	3,277.0	12.1	5.0
Manufactures of Metal	3,141.7	2,749.4	3,336.9	14.3	-5.9
Iron & Steel Product	1,951.9	2,080.2	1,498.5	-6.2	30.3
Processed Food	1,784.7	1,788.5	1,792.4	-0.2	-0.4

**TABLE 3: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (SEPTEMBER)**

Markets	Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>88,927.3</b>	<b>79,129.8</b>	<b>78,251.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>
China	15,556.4	13,974.7	10,962.7	11.3	41.9
Singapore	12,210.2	11,021.7	10,737.7	10.8	13.7
USA	10,321.3	9,453.9	8,452.5	9.2	22.1
Hong Kong SAR	6,705.2	4,957.6	5,083.2	35.3	31.9
Japan	4,755.5	4,310.4	5,358.7	10.3	-11.3
Thailand	4,003.9	3,268.3	4,029.9	22.5	-0.6
Taiwan	3,063.0	2,252.1	3,111.2	36.0	-1.6
India	2,855.3	2,885.7	2,989.6	-1.1	-4.5
ROK	2,813.3	2,828.1	2,844.6	-0.5	-1.1
Viet Nam	2,613.4	2,771.7	2,464.9	-5.7	6.0

**TABLE 4: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)**

Products	Q3 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>260,616.0</b>	<b>210,255.7</b>	<b>249,529.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>
E&E Products	110,348.4	81,960.8	95,093.7	34.6	16.0
Petroleum Products	14,344.4	13,716.1	17,214.1	4.6	-16.7
Palm Oil & Palm Oil-Based Agriculture Products	13,778.1	11,721.8	10,638.2	17.5	29.5
Rubber Products	12,265.3	8,721.1	6,402.9	40.6	91.6
Optical & Scientific Equipment	12,032.0	8,666.4	10,611.0	38.8	13.4
Chemicals & Chemical Products	11,853.3	11,878.4	14,107.1	-0.2	-16.0
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	10,302.6	8,508.6	10,708.0	21.1	-3.8
Manufactures of Metal	9,272.2	7,971.6	10,894.4	16.3	-14.9
Iron & Steel Product	6,063.5	5,696.8	5,046.9	6.4	20.1
Crude Petroleum	5,726.3	2,934.0	5,505.5	95.2	4.0

**TABLE 5: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (QUARTERLY)**

Markets	Q3 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>260,616.0</b>	<b>210,255.7</b>	<b>249,529.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>
China	45,105.7	38,635.4	36,195.1	16.7	24.6
Singapore	36,121.6	29,864.1	34,059.5	21.0	6.1
USA	30,934.8	22,162.5	25,450.8	39.6	21.5
Hong Kong SAR	18,436.7	16,043.8	16,748.8	14.9	10.1
Japan	14,262.0	12,827.6	15,709.6	11.2	-9.2
Thailand	11,731.5	10,103.9	13,200.1	16.1	-11.1
ROK	8,951.7	7,523.4	8,604.3	19.0	4.0
Taiwan	8,926.1	7,858.6	9,455.6	13.6	-5.6
India	8,702.6	3,766.6	9,798.8	131.0	-11.2
Viet Nam	8,514.4	7,046.1	8,718.6	20.8	-2.3

**TABLE 6: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY- SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Jan-Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>709,555.8</b>	<b>736,827.9</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
E&E Products	276,721.7	276,983.7	-0.1
Petroleum Products	47,545.9	52,431.7	-9.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	37,068.0	42,789.4	-13.4
Palm Oil & Palm Oil-Based Agriculture Products	36,344.7	32,999.1	10.1
Optical & Scientific Equipment	30,225.2	28,651.4	5.5
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	28,750.9	31,000.3	-7.3
Rubber Products	27,873.3	18,875.0	47.7
Manufactures of Metal	26,119.2	31,371.0	-16.7
LNG	22,631.4	31,866.7	-29.0
Iron & Steel Products	17,658.3	15,970.2	10.6

**TABLE 7: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (JANUARY- SEPTEMBER)**

Markets	Jan-Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>709,555.8</b>	<b>736,827.9</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
China	114,539.8	101,050.4	13.3
Singapore	100,823.1	100,039.7	0.8
USA	77,088.1	70,683.9	9.1
Hong Kong SAR	48,945.7	49,214.7	-0.5
Japan	45,142.5	50,040.4	-9.8
Thailand	33,212.4	43,211.7	-23.1
ROK	26,378.8	25,022.9	5.4
Taiwan	25,093.4	26,725.0	-6.1
Indonesia	22,908.0	22,230.4	3.0
Viet Nam	22,351.7	26,097.9	-14.4

**TABLE 8: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>66,956.6</b>	<b>65,914.5</b>	<b>69,437.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
E&E Products	22,333.8	21,781.4	20,075.5	2.5	11.2
Chemicals & Chemical Products	6,191.7	5,858.7	6,641.8	5.7	-6.8
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	5,500.6	4,998.1	6,050.3	10.1	-9.1
Manufactures of Metal	4,262.3	3,877.1	3,766.6	9.9	13.2
Petroleum Products	4,146.0	4,409.2	6,610.5	-6.0	-37.3
Transport Equipment	2,378.7	2,016.6	3,042.9	18.0	-21.8
Optical & Scientific Equipment	2,132.0	1,967.6	2,073.9	8.4	2.8
Iron & Steel Products	1,858.3	1,700.8	2,822.8	9.3	-34.2
Processed Food	1,749.3	1,896.7	1,500.0	-7.8	16.6
Textiles, Apparels & Footwear	1,310.0	1,275.1	1,258.7	2.7	4.1

**TABLE 9: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (SEPTEMBER)**

Sources	Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change m-o-m	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>66,956.6</b>	<b>65,914.5</b>	<b>69,437.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
China	15,294.1	13,726.6	14,418.8	11.4	6.1
Singapore	6,506.0	6,381.4	7,697.8	2.0	-15.5
USA	5,422.4	6,171.1	5,564.4	-12.1	-2.6
Japan	5,397.7	4,919.5	5,319.0	9.7	1.5
Taiwan	5,135.9	5,253.8	4,454.1	-2.2	15.3
Indonesia	3,170.9	2,601.3	3,105.0	21.9	2.1
Thailand	3,129.1	2,839.3	3,562.3	10.2	-12.2
ROK	2,875.4	2,301.9	3,638.3	24.9	-21.0
India	2,032.0	2,390.7	2,300.3	-15.0	-11.7
Germany	1,888.1	1,966.0	2,267.7	-4.0	-16.7

**TABLE 10: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)**

Products	Q3 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>200,254.3</b>	<b>182,649.1</b>	<b>213,694.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
E&E Products	67,584.5	59,130.4	61,709.3	14.3	9.5
Chemicals & chemical products	17,797.2	16,786.8	21,251.3	6.0	-16.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	15,683.8	13,768.0	18,098.3	13.9	-13.3
Petroleum Products	13,637.6	11,332.3	18,341.6	20.3	-25.6
Manufactures of Metal	12,507.1	9,410.7	11,013.7	32.9	13.6
Optical & Scientific Equipment	6,094.1	5,265.1	6,229.7	15.7	-2.2
Transport Equipment	6,058.3	14,729.7	9,814.6	-58.9	-38.3
Iron & Steel Products	5,547.9	5,386.7	8,493.1	3.0	-34.7
Processed Food	5,363.0	5,229.7	5,041.9	2.5	6.4
Crude Petroleum	3,875.8	2,416.4	6,500.6	60.4	-40.4

**TABLE 11: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (QUARTERLY)**

Sources	Q3 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change q-o-q	Change y-o-y
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million	%	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>200,254.3</b>	<b>182,649.1</b>	<b>213,694.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
China	42,883.7	40,044.9	44,632.9	7.1	-3.9
Singapore	19,909.3	15,227.8	21,961.7	30.7	-9.3
USA	17,907.1	16,183.8	17,364.9	10.6	3.1
Taiwan	15,882.4	13,206.6	14,011.0	20.3	13.4
Japan	15,015.9	13,473.6	15,952.3	11.4	-5.9
Indonesia	8,741.4	7,351.3	10,072.4	18.9	-13.2
Thailand	8,657.2	6,666.5	10,687.2	29.9	-19.0
ROK	7,707.8	17,670.8	10,838.4	-56.4	-28.9
India	7,025.1	5,273.5	6,168.7	33.2	13.9
Germany	5,787.1	5,691.5	7,064.0	1.7	-18.1

**TABLE 12: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY- SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Jan-Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>584,620.7</b>	<b>627,980.7</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
E&E Products	185,057.0	181,239.9	2.1
Chemicals & Chemical Products	53,525.4	61,832.7	-13.4
Petroleum Products	44,973.5	55,589.0	-19.1
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	43,644.6	52,359.3	-16.6
Manufactures of Metal	33,285.5	33,165.6	0.4
Transport Equipment	27,625.7	30,367.5	-9.0
Iron & Steel Products	17,985.4	23,059.1	-22.0
Optical & Scientific Equipment	16,707.9	17,680.9	-5.5
Crude Petroleum	16,054.7	19,971.3	-19.6
Processed Food	15,969.5	14,884.4	7.3

**TABLE 13: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (JANUARY- SEPTEMBER)**

Sources	Jan-Sep 2020 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2019 <sup>f</sup>	Change
	RM Million	RM Million	%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>584,620.7</b>	<b>627,980.7</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
China	122,610.0	129,253.0	-5.1
Singapore	54,774.3	64,842.5	-15.5
USA	52,163.5	50,278.8	3.7
Japan	43,761.7	46,124.7	-5.1
Taiwan	42,702.3	42,830.5	-0.3
ROK	35,744.2	29,352.7	21.8
Indonesia	25,706.4	28,681.0	-10.4
Thailand	23,876.8	33,285.6	-28.3
India	18,710.3	17,213.8	8.7
Germany	17,533.9	20,395.7	-14.0

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia  
 Tabulated by: MATRADE

Notes:

f - final data

p - provisional data



**CHART 1: MALAYSIA'S MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2020**

