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APEC MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE MEETING JOINT STATEMENT 2021



We, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT), met virtually from 4-5 June 2021. Our meeting was chaired by Hon Damien O'Connor, New Zealand's Minister for Trade and Export Growth. We welcomed the participation of the Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Chair of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Secretariat.

We, the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade, are united behind the essential role of trade in tackling the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and in enabling a strong economic recovery for all our people. In these times of uncertainty, we are seized of the importance of implementing our Putrajaya Vision 2040, and we agree that bold action is necessary in the following three areas:

1. Trade as a tool to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

Defeating COVID-19 is the top priority for every economy. Recognising the role of extensive COVID-19 immunisation as a global public good, we urgently need to accelerate the production and distribution of safe, effective, quality-assured, and affordable COVID-19 vaccines. As ministers, we are focused on trade and investment's role in ensuring widespread and equitable access to such vaccines and related goods.

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APEC is playing a key role in this effort, consistent with the Putrajaya Vision 2040. In July 2020 we announced a Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods, which was a strong demonstration of our willingness and ability to work together to facilitate trade. However, there is more work to do.

Today, we are pleased to announce a standalone statement on COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Chains (Annex 1), which outlines our approach to ensuring the trading environment supports the safe and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and related goods. We welcome the Best Practice Guidelines for APEC Customs Administrations as an operational and practical contribution to help facilitate the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and related goods. To continue APEC's strong work in responding to the challenges of COVID-19, APEC economies will also agree to consider how to facilitate trade in medical supplies such as those included in the World Customs Organization (WCO) COVID-19 list, and report to us before our APEC Ministerial Meeting in November.

It is vital that services trade continues to flow during the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, we highlight the integral role freight and logistics suppliers can play in the production, distribution, and sale of vaccines and medical supplies. We are pleased to announce the statement on Services to Support the Movement of Essential Goods (Annex 2). We task officials to update us on the progress of this work annually, as part of the review on the 2020 Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods. We also recognise the importance of providing predictability for service suppliers beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the work underway to review APEC's role in growing services competitiveness across the region, we agree to prioritise work to identify and subsequently consider removing unnecessary barriers to trade in services, particularly those services that expedite and facilitate the flow of essential goods.

Noting the detrimental impact of border and travel restrictions on our people and our economies, we must pave the way for the safe resumption of cross-border travel, without undermining efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We task officials to share information on cross-border travel measures, including through established APEC digital platforms, and to identify initiatives and protocols related to establishing safe passage within the region, in line with ongoing multilateral discussions. We direct officials to discuss how APEC can better support air crews, facilitate business mobility across the region, and advance discussions on digital solutions to facilitate safe travel in the region, and report on progress before our APEC Ministerial Meeting in November.

We welcome the varied and continuous efforts as well as the contribution of additional resources across APEC to combat the pandemic, and note the newly established relevant ASF sub-fund in this regard.

2. Rules-based multilateral trading system

Recalling the role of the rules-based multilateral trading system in catalysing our region's extraordinary growth, we are determined to cooperate to ensure the 12 WTO Ministerial Conference (MC 12) is successful and delivers tangible results for all. We will cooperate to further enhance the role of the WTO in establishing rules that support a free, fair, predictable, non-discriminatory, transparent, and open trade and investment environment.

The WTO must demonstrate that global trade rules can help address the human catastrophe of the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate the recovery. APEC economies will work proactively and urgently in Geneva to support text-based discussions, including for a temporary waiver of certain intellectual property protection on COVID-19 vaccines,

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as soon as possible and no later than MC 12. As we seek to facilitate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we support efforts to deliver pragmatic and effective solutions on trade and health that reinforce APEC's work on essential goods, minimise disruption to, and enhance the resilience of supply chains, and demonstrate the positive role that trade can play in responding to global health emergencies. As APEC economies, we will play our part by ensuring that emergency measures designed to tackle COVID-19 are targeted, proportionate, transparent, temporary, and consistent with WTO rules and will support efforts to unwind remaining trade restrictive measures when appropriate.

We continue to support ongoing necessary reform work to improve the WTO's functioning. To that end, we recognise the importance of making progress on enhancing transparency. We engaged in frank and constructive discussions, and are committed to continuing these discussions regarding improved functioning of the WTO's negotiating and dispute settlement functions. We urge WTO members to seek a shared understanding of the types of reform needed by MC 12.

One of the most important contributions that the WTO will make this year to strengthen its credibility as a forum for negotiating new rules and to safeguard our natural resources, is the successful conclusion of the decades-long fisheries subsidies negotiations. As a group, APEC economies support the WTO Director General's calls for the WTO fisheries subsidies negotiations to achieve a comprehensive and meaningful agreement with effective disciplines on harmful fisheries subsidies by 31 July 2021.

We must support the WTO and its membership to modernise trade rules for the twenty-first century. We recognise the positive role that existing plurilateral negotiations and discussions are playing in progressing outcomes. APEC member participants in the Joint Statement Initiatives (JSI) on e-commerce; domestic regulation in services; micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs); and investment facilitation for development call for substantial progress in the relevant initiatives. We take note of the calls by the APEC economies who endorsed the Joint Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment for an ambitious outcome at MC 12.

APEC has been at the vanguard of ensuring that trade and environmental policies are mutually supportive, and we are determined this should continue. We agree on the importance of promoting economic policies and growth that contribute to tackling climate change and other serious environmental challenges aligned with global efforts, such as the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals of the Paris Agreement. In this context, we recognise member economies' energy transitions to a low emissions future will reflect the different circumstances in each economy. We are committed to advancing trade and environment issues at the WTO. We reaffirm the importance of trade measures taken to combat climate change being non-discriminatory and consistent with WTO rules.

We recognise that since APEC Economic Leaders endorsed the APEC List of Environmental Goods in 2012, new environmentally friendly goods, technologies and innovations have emerged that are not covered by the original list. We are ready to take concrete steps that build on this legacy, to further APEC's contribution to addressing the most serious environmental challenges. We instruct officials to review the implementation of the original list in contributing to green growth, addressing climate change and securing sustainable economic development objectives, and to update the list in terms of Harmonised System (HS) tariff classifications for reference purposes by the APEC Ministerial Meeting in November. At that time, we will consider instructing officials on further potential work to update the list. We also support APEC efforts to discuss the impact of non-tariff measures on trade in environmental goods.

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We reaffirm APEC Economic Leaders' commitments to work on environmental services and welcome recent APEC reports on the ways in which APEC economies could support increased trade in environmental services.

We task officials to advance work on enhancing trade in environmental services, including by identifying environmentally related services across service sectors, and to report on progress at our APEC Ministerial Meeting in November. To ensure that services can contribute to long-term sustainability, we agree that economies will then take forward discussions on how to increase trade in environmental and environmentally related services, including by supporting liberalisation, facilitation, and cooperation. We instruct officials to report on the outcomes of these discussions at the 2022 MRT.

We recognise the importance of the global agricultural and food systems, underpinned by WTO rules, bringing food, fibre, and other critical products to people all over the world, supporting global food security and sustainable economic development. While the agriculture sector has been resilient and international markets have remained relatively stable during the pandemic, it remains one of the most protected sectors in global trade.

We agree on the need for a meaningful outcome on agriculture at MC12, reflecting our collective interests and sensitivities, with a view towards achieving substantial progressive reductions in support and protection as envisaged in the continuation of the reform process provided in Article 20 of the Agreement on Agriculture and existing mandates.

Market-distorting subsidies undermine a level-playing field. We are also increasingly concerned about those subsidies that have a negative environmental impact. We recall APEC's 2015 commitment to rationalise and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption, while recognising the importance of providing those in need with essential energy services.

We task our officials to explore options, for those members that are in a position to do so, to undertake a potential voluntary standstill on inefficient fossil fuel subsidies for progress to be reported to ministers in November. We support capacity-building initiatives to advance progress towards the commitment, including further voluntary peer reviews.

APEC's work needs to deliver for all members of society, including women, MSMEs, and others with untapped economic potential. In this regard, we note recent initiatives in APEC to unlock the economic potential of Indigenous peoples. It is our responsibility to ensure our economic policies and trade and investment environment also promote equality of opportunity and advance economic inclusion.

APEC should move at a faster pace to support businesses of all types, particularly MSMEs and start-ups, to access domestic and international markets. Our economic and technical cooperation and capacity building can reduce administrative barriers; promote education, training and skills development; enhance access to technology, finance and cross-border payment mechanisms; and ensure access to market and regulatory information.

APEC is also making useful contributions towards identifying policies and implementing structural reforms in support of inclusive and sustainable transitions to the future of work. To this end, we strongly support the ongoing work to implement the La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth across APEC's work agenda, which supports the economic empowerment of women. We encourage work that empowers women and others with untapped economic potential to access capital and markets, including through trade.

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3. Shaping our future prosperity

It is critical that the economic settings in each of our economies enable trade and investment to become driving forces for our long-term economic prosperity, as we respond to the economic crisis. We welcome APEC's efforts to refresh its structural reform agenda, which will outline pillars of work including creating an enabling environment for open, transparent, and competitive markets and boosting business recovery and resilience against future shocks to promote strong, balanced, inclusive, innovative, and sustainable growth.

The pandemic has accelerated the process of digitalisation, with the adoption of digital solutions no longer optional but necessary. We instruct officials to respond to ABAC's urgent call to accelerate progress on the APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap work programme. We must create an enabling, inclusive and non-discriminatory digital economy that fosters the application of new technologies, allows businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive, facilitates the flow of data, strengthens consumer and business trust, and allows goods and services to move seamlessly across borders. At the same time, it is important to bridge the digital divide by facilitating access to information and communication technologies and the skills everyone needs to thrive in the digital economy where no one is left behind. Our work on the digital economy is critical for our future economic prosperity and is reflected in the APEC connectivity agenda and initiatives to build and safeguard an open, healthy, competitive, seamless and comprehensively connected and integrated Asia Pacific region.

As a concrete step that can also make a significant contribution to our response to COVID-19, we will accelerate implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, particularly those articles relating to: the accelerated use of digitalisation for border processes; pre-arrival processing of electronic declarations; electronic documents; electronic certification; electronic payments; expedited shipments; and border agency cooperation. APEC is well-placed to support economies in these efforts. This will further enhance the efficiency of supply chains. We agree to embed digital trade facilitation measures taken by APEC members during COVID19. We task officials to report on progress when we meet again at the APEC Ministerial Meeting in November.

We support ongoing efforts to conclude, ratify, implement and upgrade bilateral and regional trade agreements that benefit and protect our people, enhance predictability and transparency for our businesses, complement the multilateral trading system, and contribute to deeper economic integration in the region. These undertakings are strengthened by APEC's extensive work to support high quality and comprehensive trade and investment outcomes in the Asia-Pacific, particularly our ongoing implementation of the Lima Declaration on the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP). We note ABAC's call to ensure FTAAP remains the organising principle for regional economic integration. We also recognise the importance of regional, sub regional and remote area connectivity through quality infrastructure development and investment, based upon relevant APEC work.

Last year APEC Economic Leaders proclaimed the Putrajaya Vision for an open, dynamic, resilient and peaceful Asia-Pacific community by 2040, and we urge officials to finalise their design of a concrete implementation plan across all elements of the vision by the time of the 2021 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting.

We thank New Zealand for hosting the APEC MRT meeting and look forward to reviewing progress when we meet again in November.

APEC Trade Ministers Issue Joint Statement
4-5 June 2021
<http://www.apec.org>

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES, 2020

In 2020, Malaysia's exports of services recorded RM92.6 billion as compared to RM170.2 billion in the preceding year as the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the key services components, namely Travel and Transport. The impact of COVID-19 is more severe than the SARS epidemic in 2003. Simultaneously, imports of services decreased to RM140.1 billion as against RM181.1 billion in 2019. Malaysia's total trade in services contracted by 33.8 percent to RM232.7 billion as against RM351.3 billion in a year ago. Total trade in services as a contribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP at current prices) accounted for 16.1 percent in 2020.

**"In 2020,
Malaysia's International Trade
in Services recorded the
highest deficit ever
at RM47.4 billion"**

EXPORTS RM92.6b
(2019: RM170.2b)

IMPORTS RM140.1b
(2019: RM181.1b)

DEFICIT RM47.4b
(2019: RM10.9b)

TOTAL TRADE RM232.7b
(2019: RM351.3b)

TRADE IN SERVICES BY MAIN COMPONENTS



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS

United States
X: RM24.8b | M: RM31.5b

Singapore
X: RM18.9b | M: RM23.4b

United Kingdom
X: RM5.9b | M: RM8.6b

Notes: b billion, X Exports, M Imports

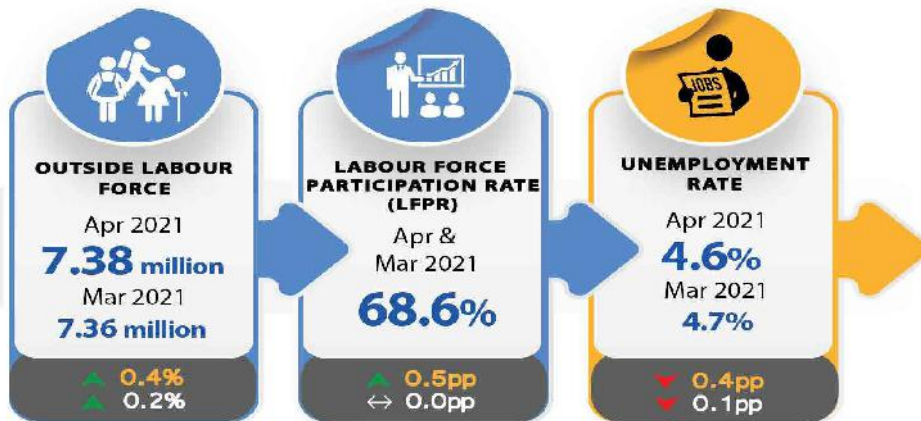
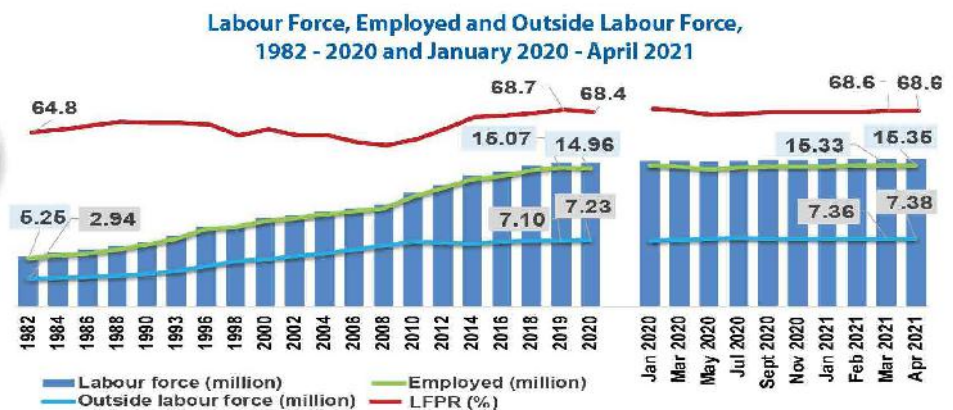
Source: International Trade in Services, Department of Statistics Malaysia

LABOUR FORCE, APRIL 2021

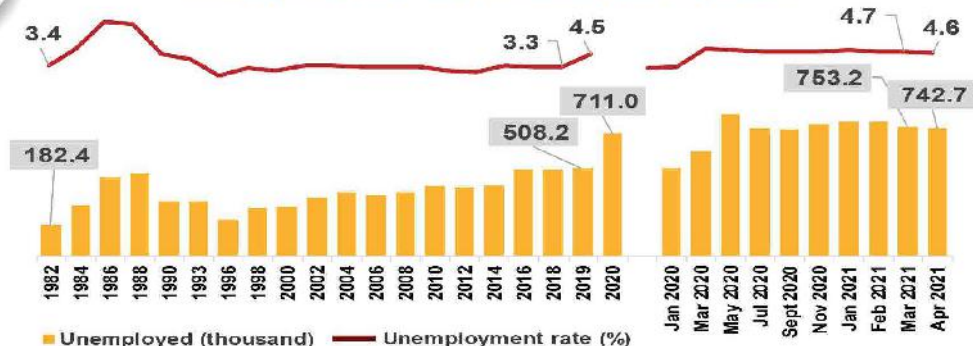
In April 2021, the number of employed persons remained in an increasing trend with month-on-month changes of 0.1 per cent or equivalent to 22.7 thousand persons to record 15.35 million persons (March 2021: 15.33 million persons). The employment-to-population ratio which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment remained unchanged at 65.4 per cent in April 2021.

The unemployment rate continued to decline in April 2021, lessening by 0.1 percentage point to 4.6 per cent as against the previous month (March 2021: 4.7%). The number of unemployed persons reduced by 10.5 thousand persons (-1.4%) month-on-month to register 742.7 thousand persons (March 2021: 753.2 thousand persons).

The unemployment rate for April 2021 dropped to 4.6 per cent which was the lowest rate since October 2020 recording 742.7 thousand unemployed persons

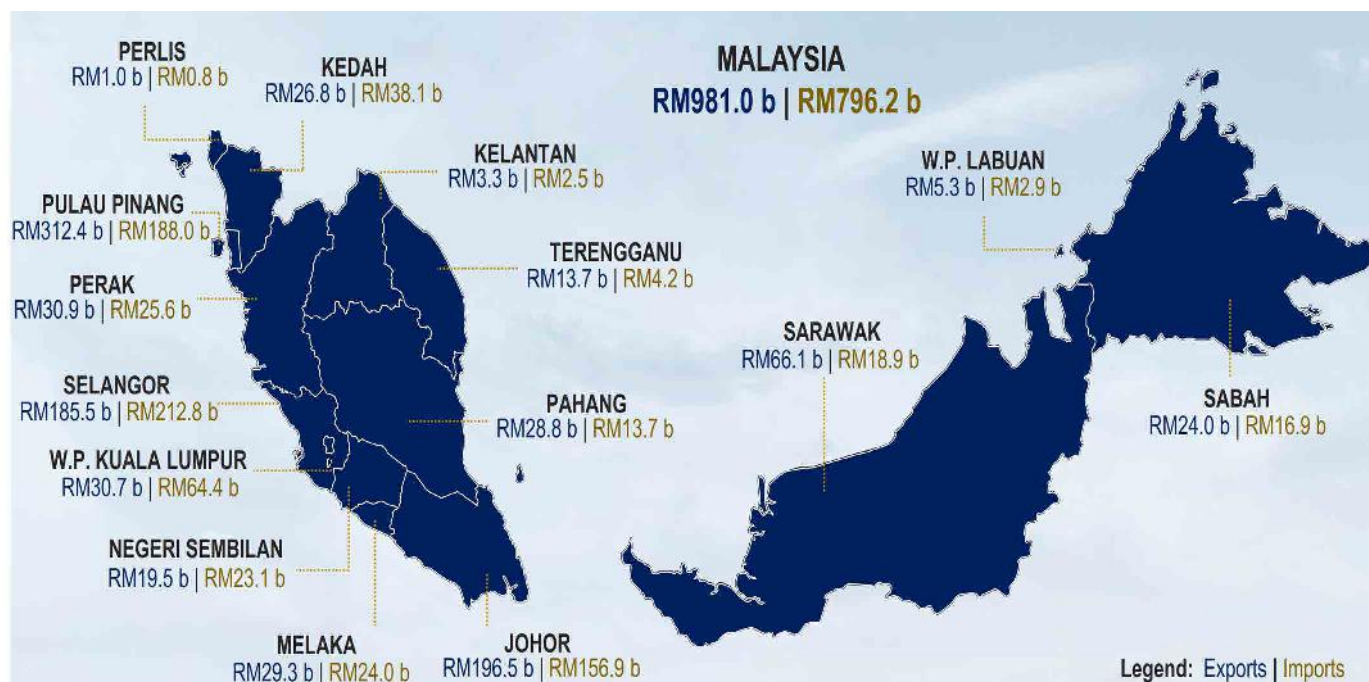


Unemployment, 1982 - 2020 and January 2020 - April 2021



Source: Labour Force Survey, Department of Statistics Malaysia

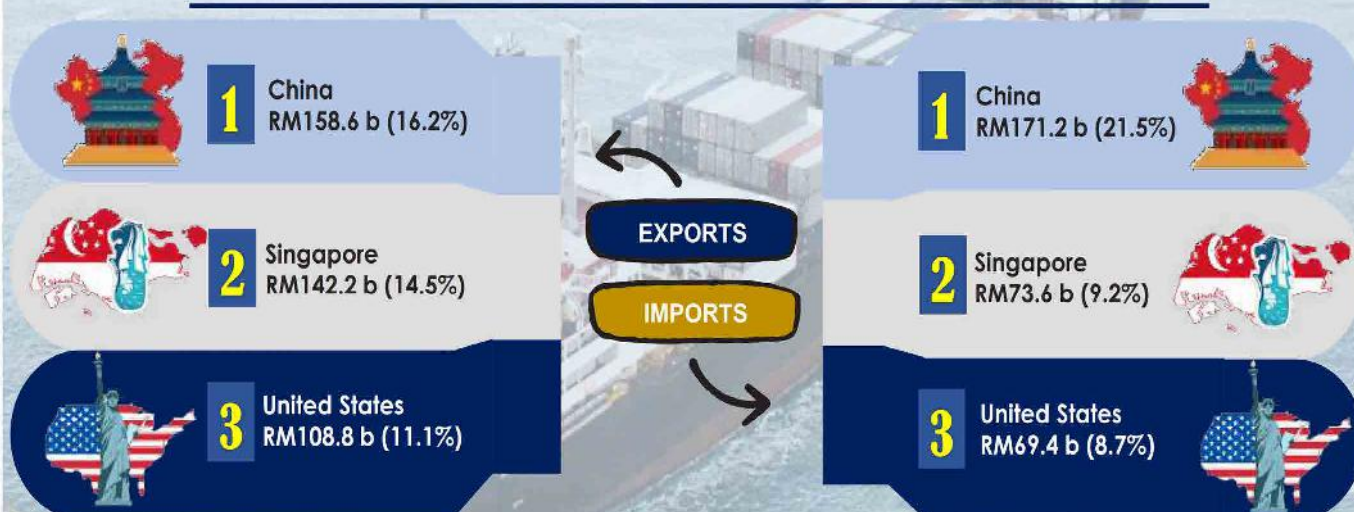
EXTERNAL TRADE BY STATE, 2020



TOP 3 MAJOR EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP



TOP 3 EXPORT DESTINATIONS AND IMPORT SOURCES



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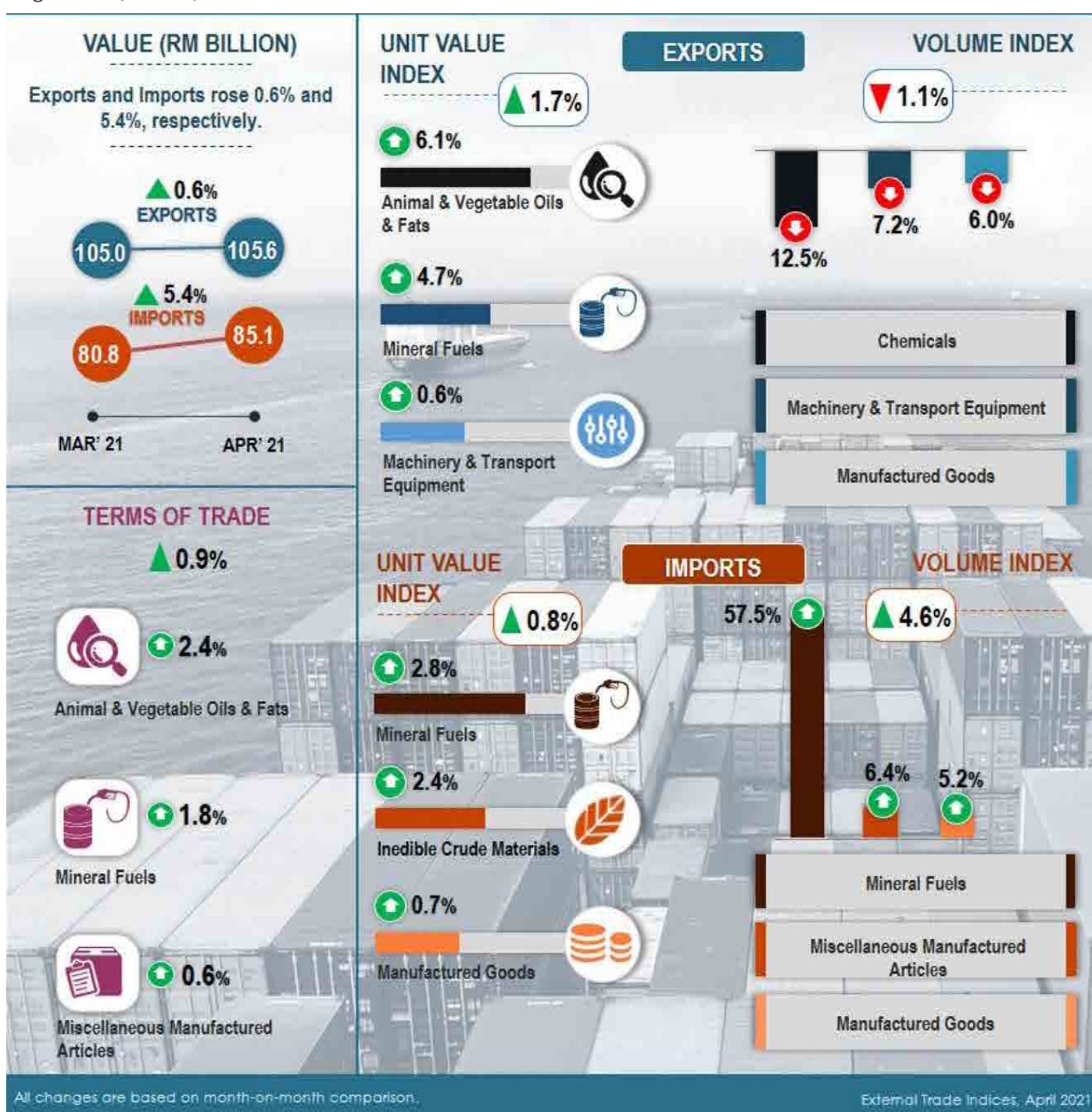
1. Export and import activities that are taking place in the Supra area (including production activities beyond the centre of predominant economic interest for any state) or declarations made by the agent are not included in this infographic.
2. Imports or exports value for W.P. Kuala Lumpur includes W.P. Putrajaya.
3. Numbers in brackets are contribution to the value of exports or imports.
4. This data is provisional and subject to revision in later issues.

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, APRIL 2021

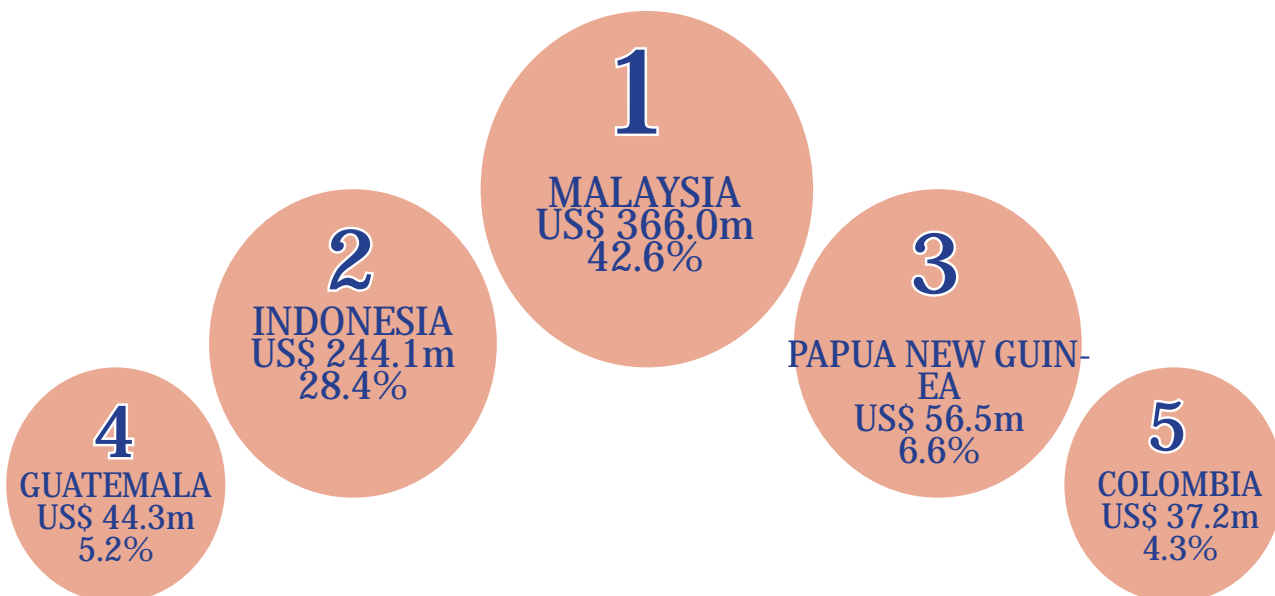
The export unit value index posted a positive growth at 1.7% in April 2021, in line with the rise in Malaysia's export value as compared with the previous month. The growth was reflected by the increases in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (+6.1%), mineral fuels (+4.7%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.6%). The export volume index recorded a decline of 1.1% in the same month, which was attributed to the decreases in the index of chemicals (-12.5%), machinery & transport equipment (-7.2%) and manufactured goods (-6.0%).

On the other hand, the import volume index grew 4.6% in April 2021 as compared to the preceding month. The uptrend in the import volume index was in accordance with the growth in Malaysia's import value, contributed by the expansion in the index of mineral fuels (+57.5%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+6.4%) and manufactured goods (+5.2%). Meanwhile, the import unit value index also increased 0.8% in April 2021 as compared with the previous month. The increment was contributed by the increases in the index of mineral fuels (+2.8%), inedible crude materials (+2.4%) and manufactured goods (+0.7%).



WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF CRUDE PALM KERNEL AND BABASSU OIL

In 2020, Malaysia's export of Crude palm kernel and babassu oil recorded US\$ 366.0 Million which was 42.6% share of the world exports.



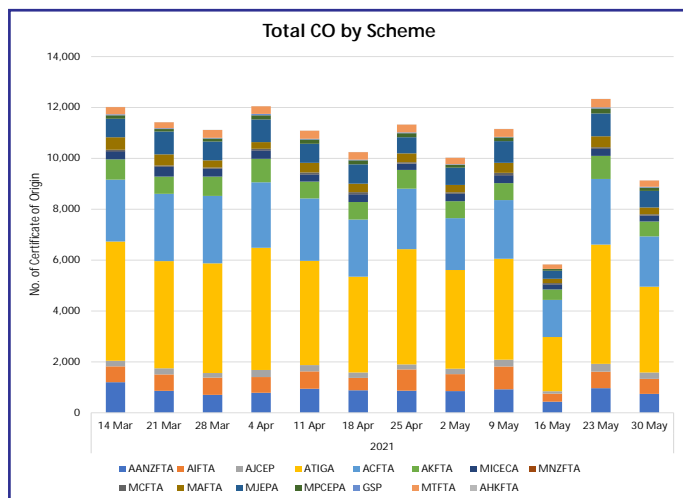
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 - % refer to share in world exports



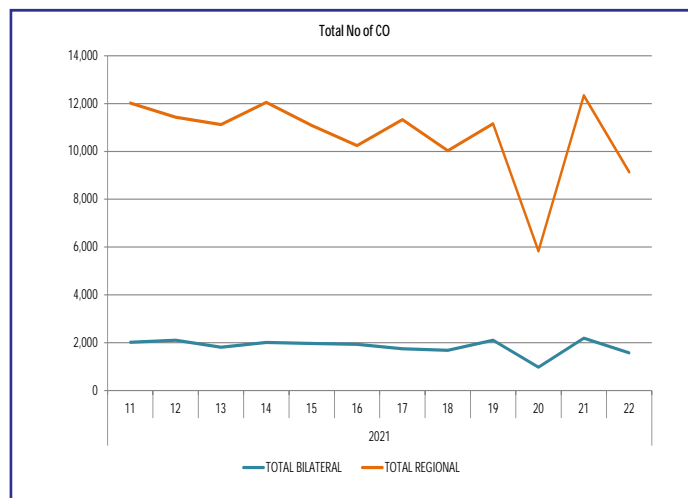
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number of PCO as at 30 May 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

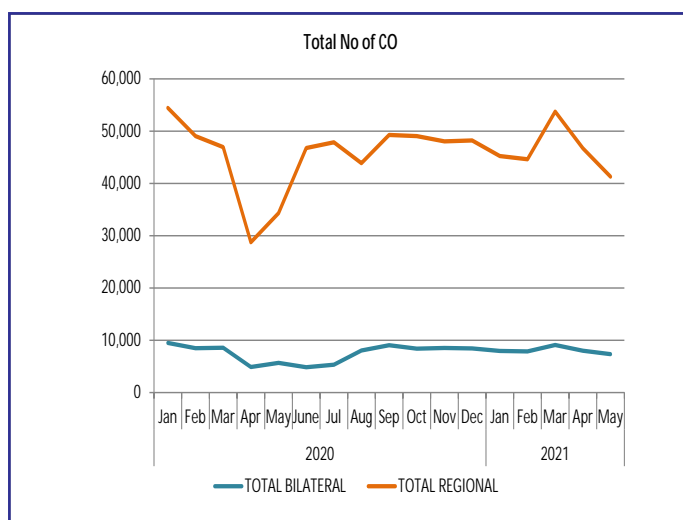
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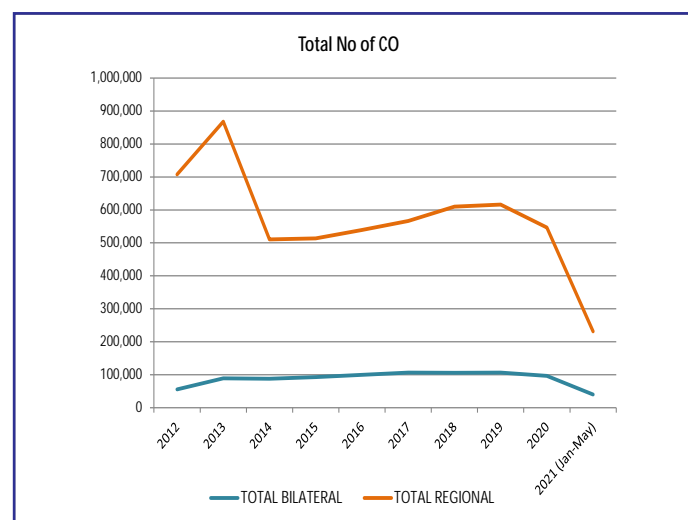
Weekly



Monthly



Annually

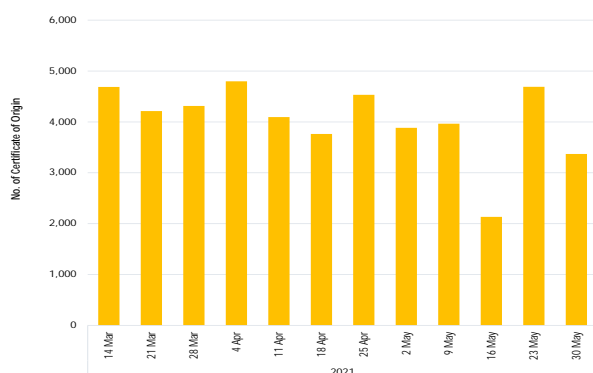


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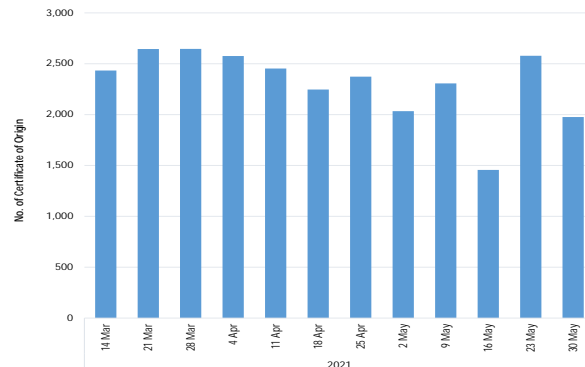
Regional FTA

Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

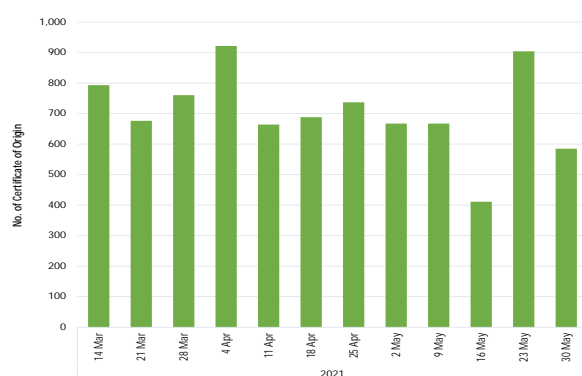
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)



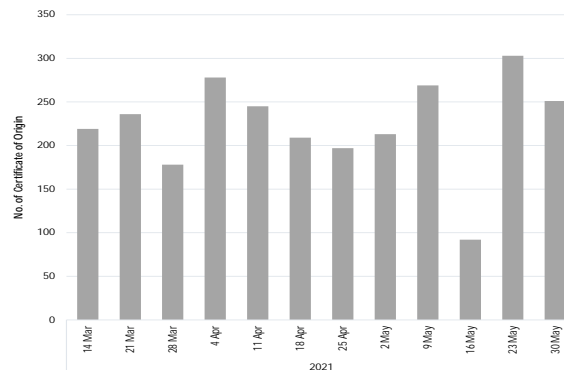
ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)



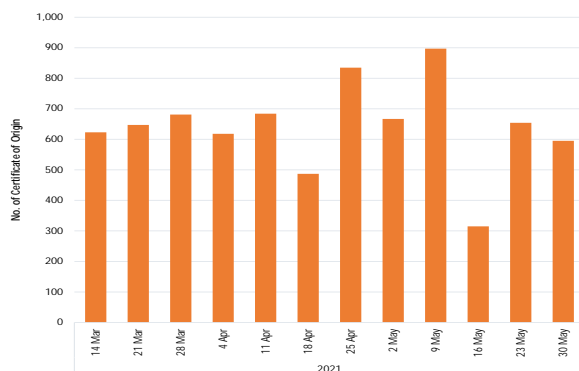
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)



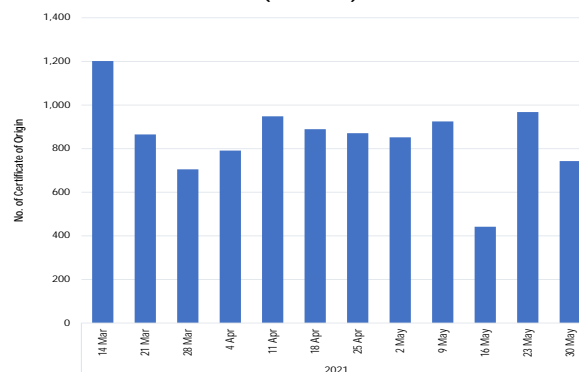
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)



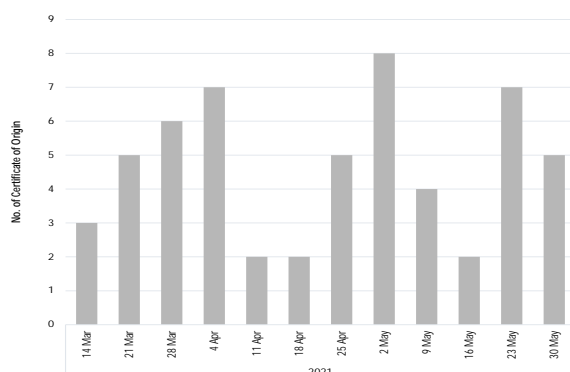
ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AIFTA)



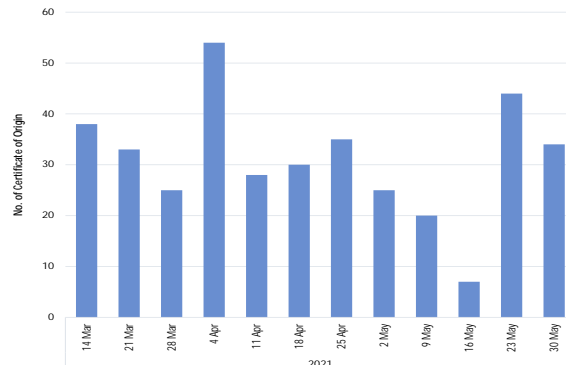
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA)



ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)



Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)



Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

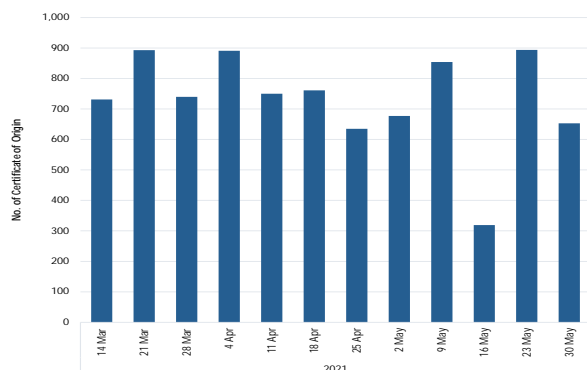
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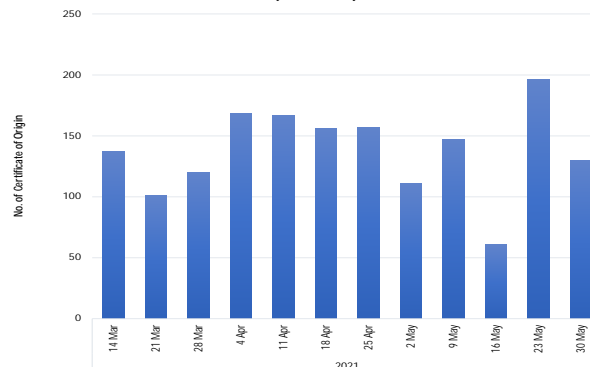
Bilateral FTA

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

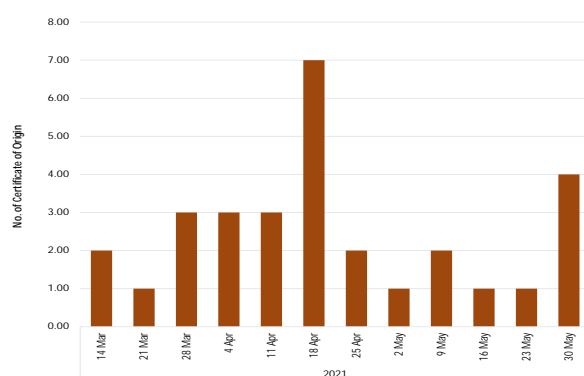
Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



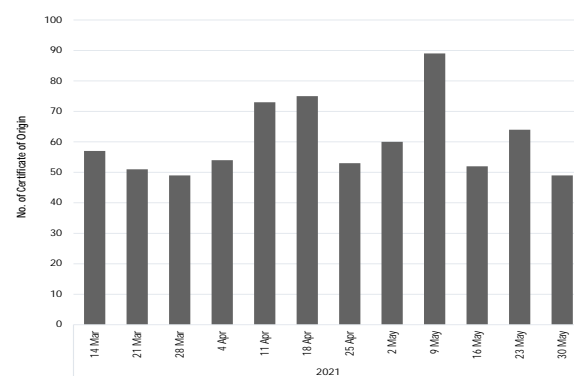
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



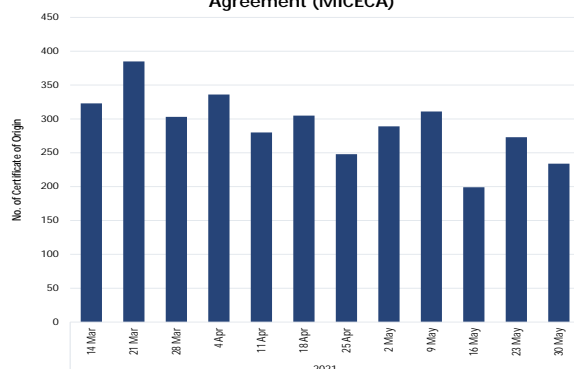
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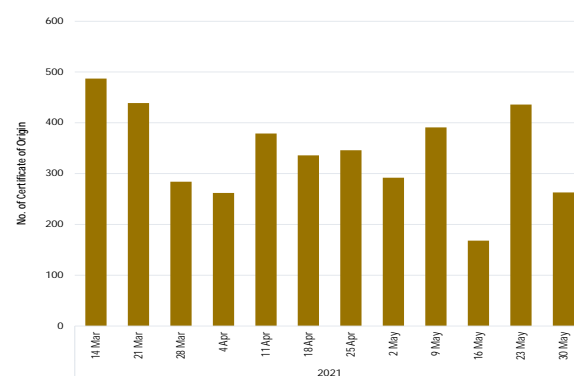
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



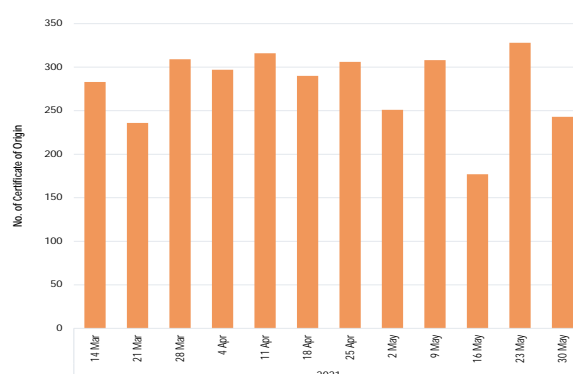
Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)



Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)



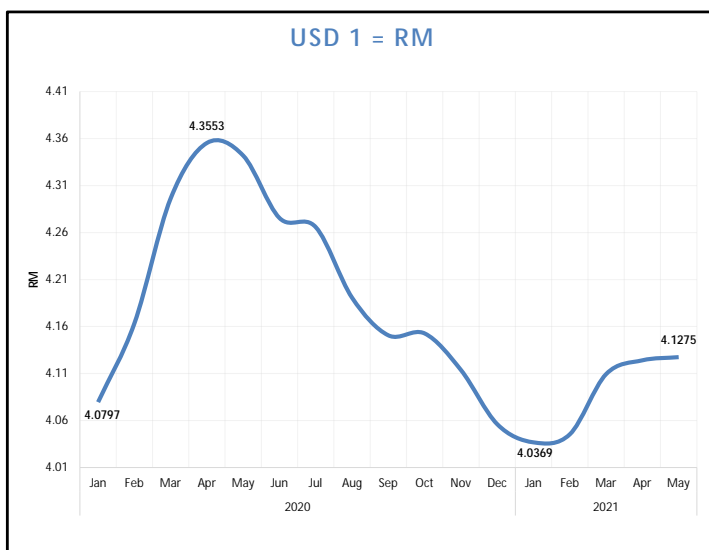
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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2020 - May 2021

US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



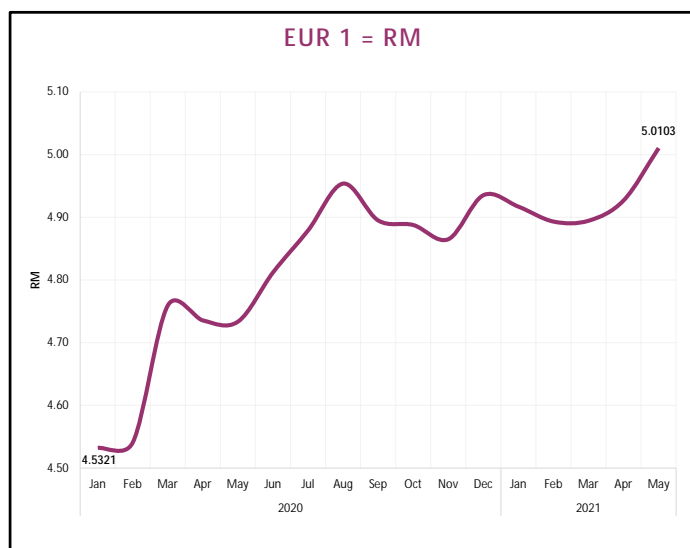
Pound Sterling

GBP 1 = RM



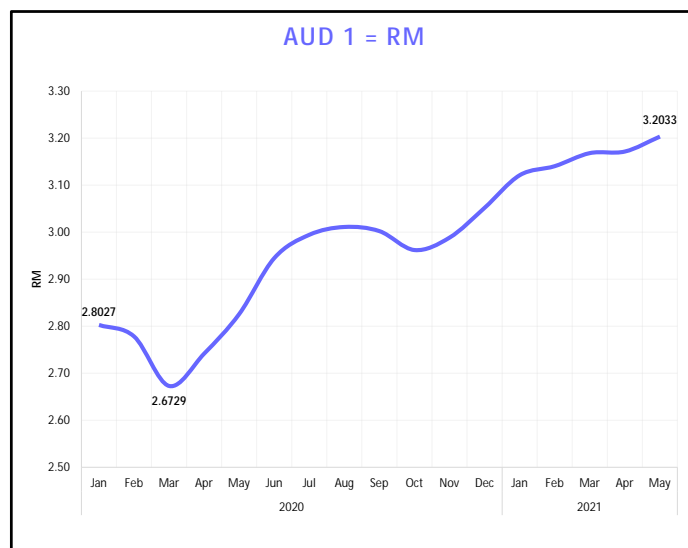
Euro

EUR 1 = RM



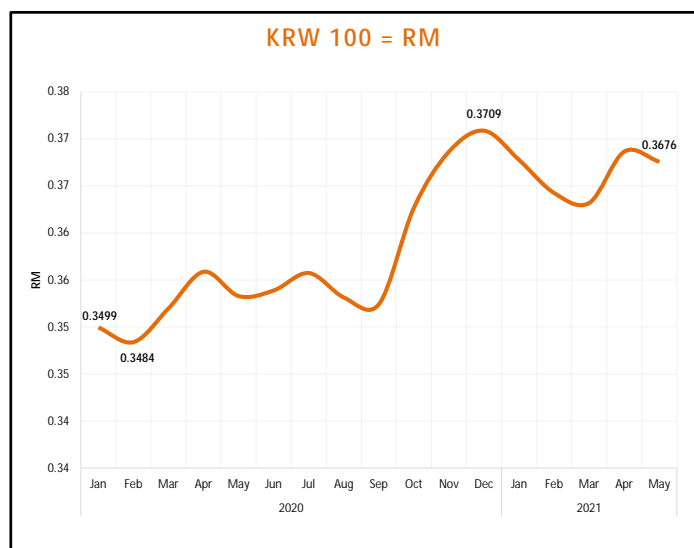
Australian Dollar

AUD 1 = RM



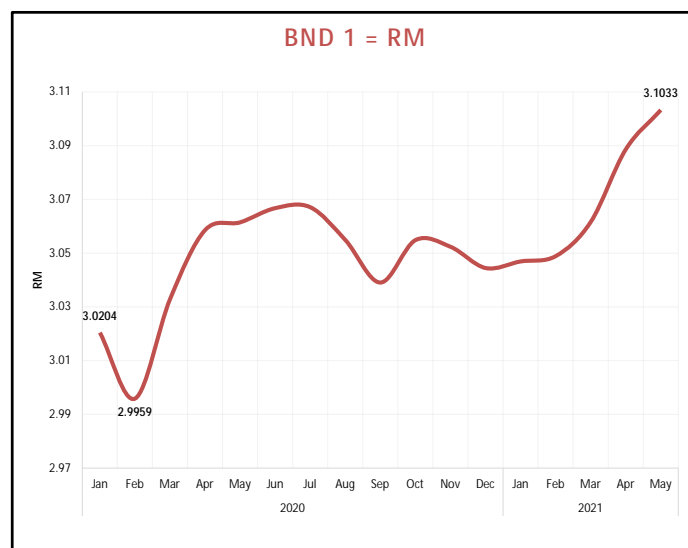
South Korean Won

KRW 100 = RM



Brunei Dollar

BND 1 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ **3.2%***
US\$71.9
4 June 2021

Highest
2020/2021

4 Jun 2021 : US\$71.9
03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

15 Jan 2021 : US\$55.1
24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4

Lowest
2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$43.5

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ **0.5%***
US\$1,034.4
4 June 2021

Highest
2020/2021

7 May 2021 : US\$1,156.0
24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2

22 Jan 2021 : US\$884.7
8 May 2020 : US\$473.0

Lowest
2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$668.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **1.8%***
US\$1,680.0
4 June 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$1,333.4

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲ **0.1%***
US\$1,471.7
4 June 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$1,576.6

SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ **1.5%***
US\$17.6
4 June 2021



Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$12.9

COAL -per MT-



▲ **0.6%***
US\$85.8
4 June 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

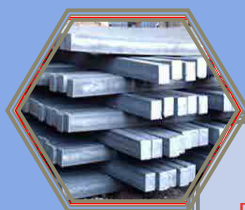


▼ **3.7%*** : ▼ **7.3%***
US\$520.0 : **US\$498.0**
(high) : **(low)**
4 June 2021

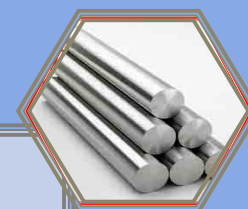
Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$307.9 (high)
Average Price 2020ⁱ : US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

4 June 2021



Billets
(per MT)
RM2,700- RM2,800

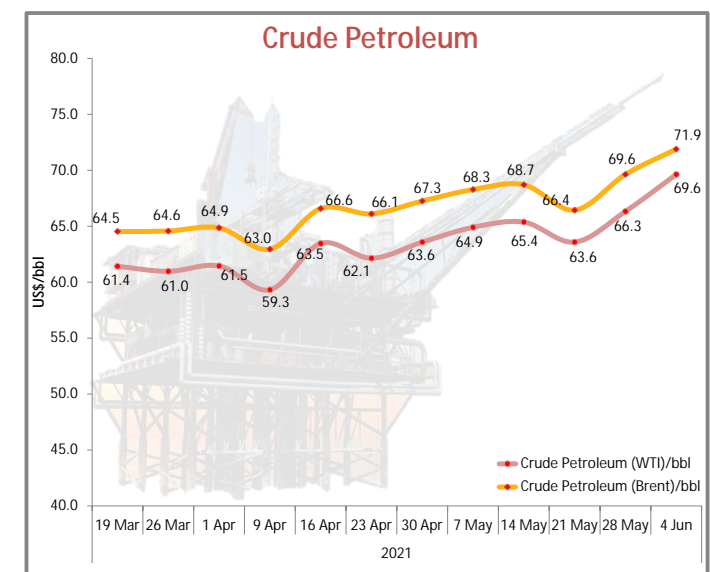
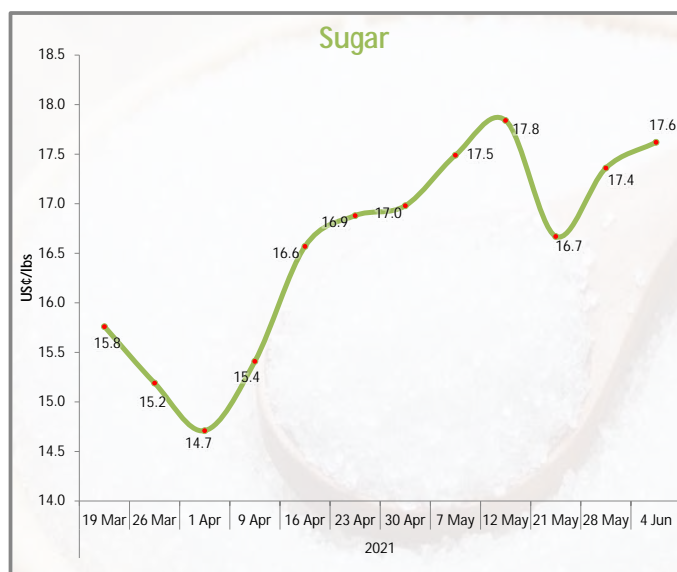
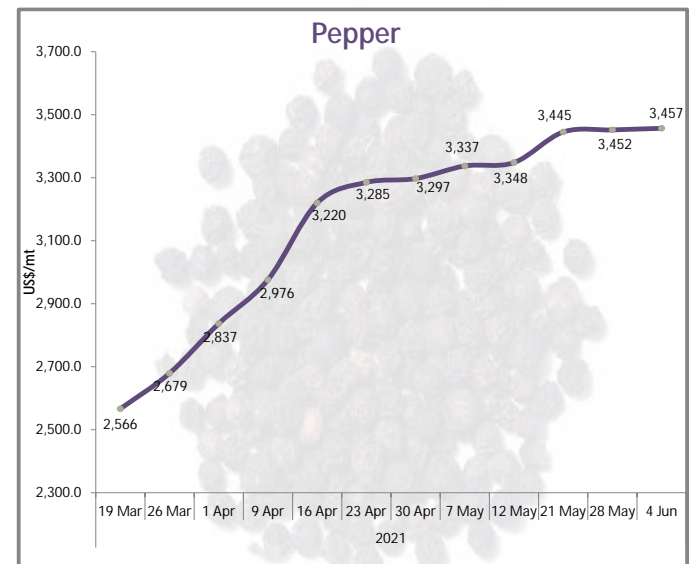
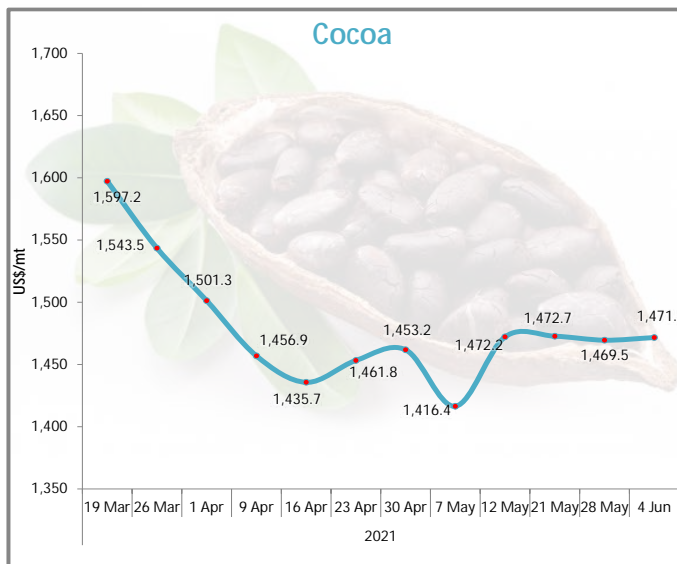
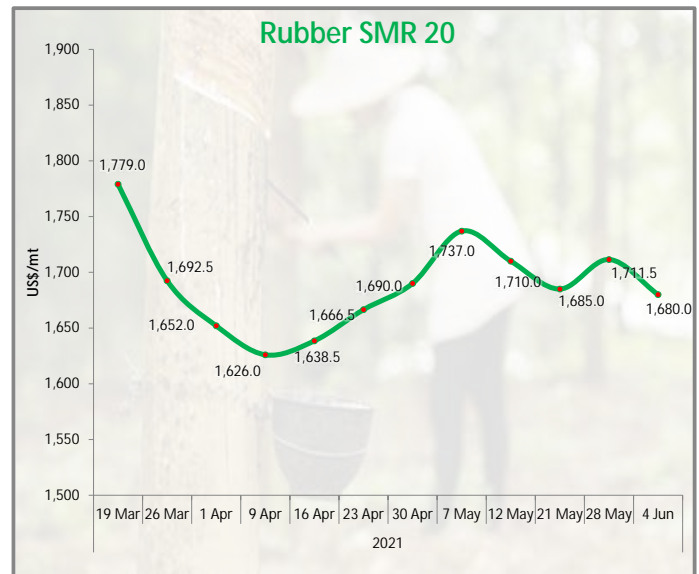
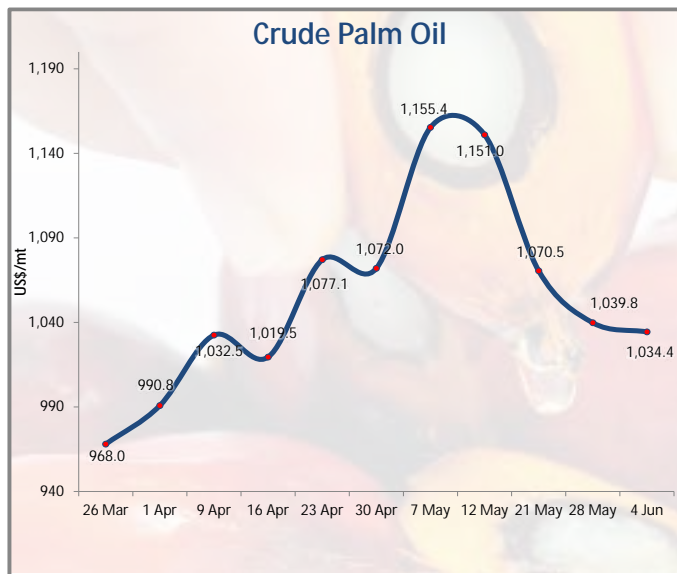


Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM3,100 – RM3,250

Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point
 * Refer to % change from the previous week's price
 i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

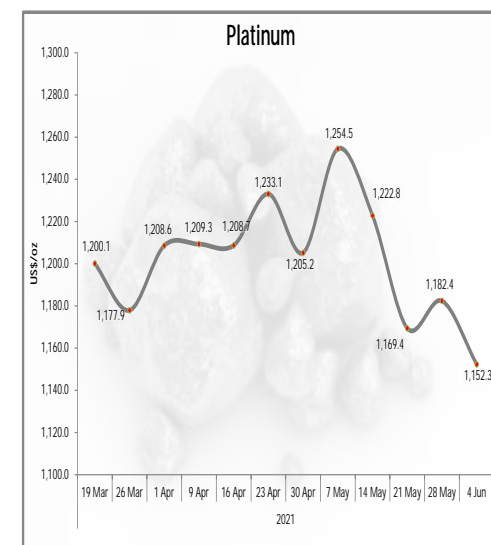
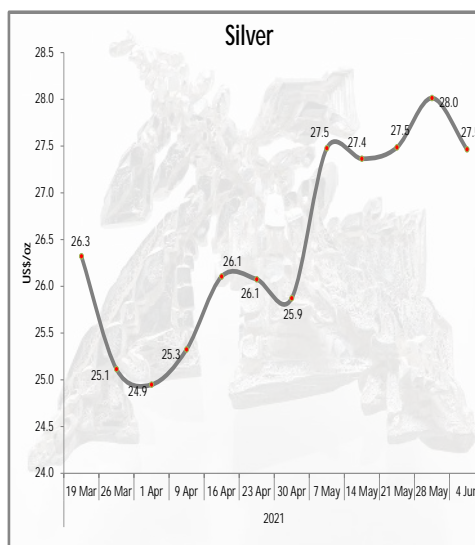
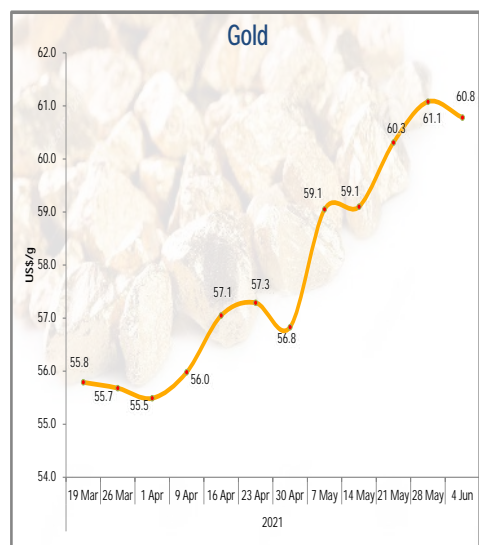
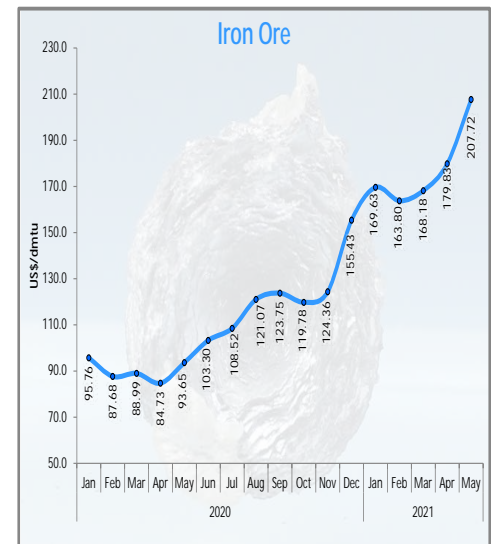
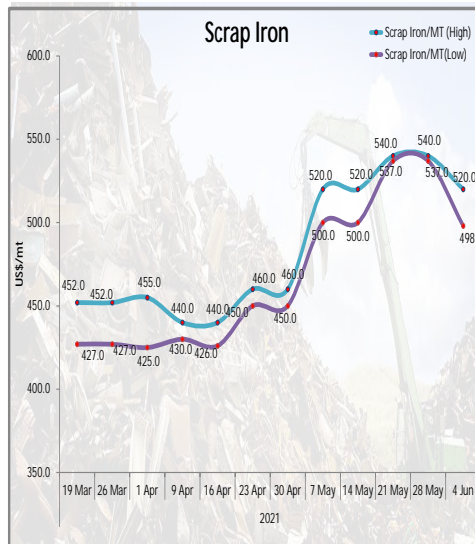
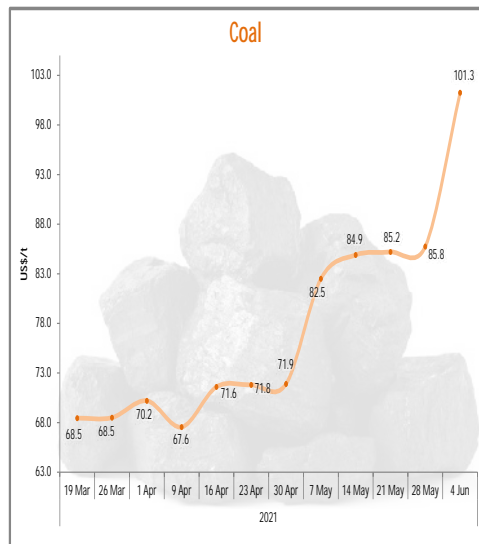
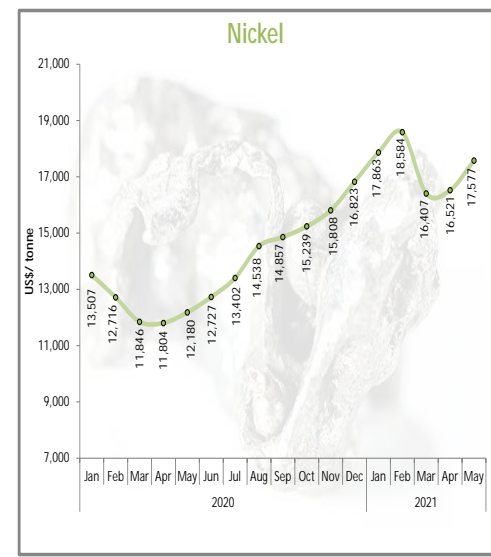
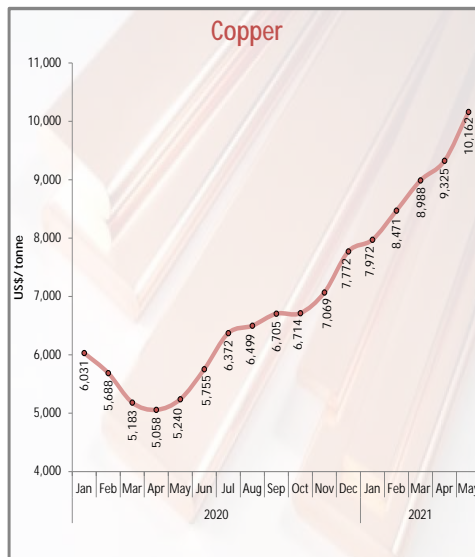
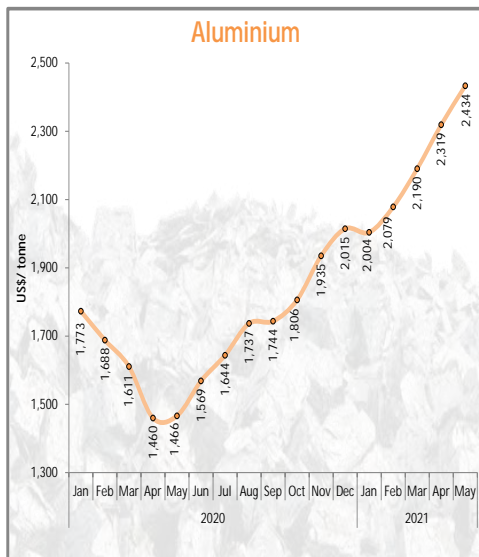
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Commodity Price Trends



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GLOSSARY

Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)

Type of international investment agreement (IIA) made between two countries regarding promotion and protection of investments made by investors from one country in the other country's territory, which commits the host country government to grant certain standards of treatment and protection to foreign investors (nationals and companies of the other country) and their investments.

Index Measures

This index measures, for each product, the degree of export market concentration by country of origin. It tells us if a large share of commodity exports is accounted for by a small number of countries or, on the contrary, if exports are well distributed among many countries. The index ranges from 0 to 1 with higher values indicating more market concentration.

International Investment Agreement (IIA)

Are treaties with investment provisions (e.g. a free trade agreement with an investment chapter) between two or more countries include commitments regarding cross-border investments (foreign investment or FDI), typically for the purpose of protection and promotion of such investments. They include two types of agreements: (1) bilateral investment treaties and (2) treaties with investment provisions.

Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Tariffs

Are a tariff level that a member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of the WTO charges on a good to other members, i.e. a country with a most favoured nation status. It applies to imports from trading partners-members of the World Trade Organization (WTO), unless the country has a preferential trade agreement. It is the lowest possible tariff a country can assess on another country.

Manufacturing Value Added (MVA)

Is the net-output of all resident manufacturing activity units. It is obtained by adding up their outputs and subtracting intermediate inputs. Manufacturing can broadly be understood as "the physical or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products", consisting of sector C in the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) revision 4.

Source: UNCTAD



INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

Having the extra capital allows SMEs to flourish and prosper. Find the suitable fund for your company.

01 | LOANS

Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- www.midf.com.my

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
- www.bpmib.com.my

Coming Soon!

1. Intervention Fund*
 - 70:30 matching grant up to RM500,000.
2. Industry4WRD DISF*
 - 60:40 matching grant

*participation in Industry4WRD RA is a prerequisite to apply

Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF)

- 50:50 matching grant to companies adopting Industry 4.0 enabling technologies
- targets manufacturing and services sectors
- www.mida.gov.my

02 | GRANTS

Digital Transformation Acceleration Program (DTAP) Pilot Grant

- 1:1 matching grant
- targets large corporate and mid-tier companies in Malaysia
- assists companies to tap on the expertise of Digital Transformation Labs (DTL)
- www.mdec.my

Automation Capital Allowance (Automation CA)



For Labour Intensive Industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM4 million expenditure incurred within 5 years

For other industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM2 million expenditure incurred within 5 years
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For more information, kindly click the following links:

https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab_547_2202



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INDUSTRY4WRD READINESS ASSESSMENT

Get your firm assessed. Be ready for Industry 4.0.

All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA



What is it?

Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.

Who is eligible?



- ✓ Manufacturing and its related services sector
- ✓ Incorporated under the Companies Act (1965/2016)/ Registration of Business Act (1956)
- ✓ Hold a valid license
- ✓ In operation for more than 3 years

What are the benefits?



To identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology.



Receive comprehensive readiness report.



Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.



Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Incentives for RA

- 500 SMEs will be selected for free assessment.
- Others will get tax exemption on RA fees up to RM27k.



Enquiries

- General: i4.0@miti.gov.my
- RA: industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my



Readiness Assessment



Apply online at www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd

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Evaluation by Committees

3



Onsite Assessment

4



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention

5



Develop Intervention Proposal

6



Apply for Financial Incentives

7



Implement the Intervention Plan

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MCO LOCKDOWN (1 JUNE - 14 JUNE 2021)

1. MCO LOCKDOWN MEDIA RELEASE

2. MITI MEDIA RELEASE ON CIMS

3. ALL THE CONTACTS YOU NEED



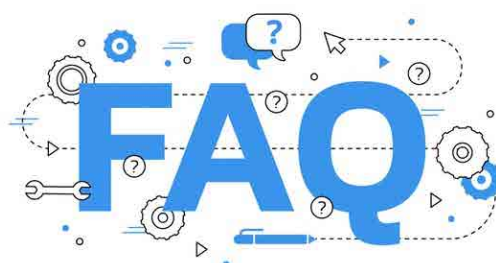
4. REGISTRATION FOR BUSINESS OPERATION



5. SOPs



5. FAQ & ENQUIRY



BUSINESS DURING TOTAL LOCKDOWN

LIST OF MANUFACTURING AND MANUFACTURING-RELATED SERVICES SECTORS **ALLOWED TO OPERATE** UNDER THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) FROM **1 – 14 JUNE 2021**



CAPACITY (60% WORKFORCE)

- 1 **Aerospace**
(including maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO))
- 2 **Food and beverage**
- 3 **Packaging and printing materials**
- 4 **Personal care products and cleaning supplies**
- 5 **Healthcare and medical care including dietary supplement**
- 6 **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including rubber gloves, and fire safety equipment**

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LIST OF MANUFACTURING AND MANUFACTURING-RELATED SERVICES SECTORS **ALLOWED TO OPERATE** UNDER THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) FROM **1 – 14 JUNE 2021**



- 7 **Medical equipment components**
- 8 **Electrical and Electronics**
- 9 **Oil and Gas, including petrochemical and petrochemical products**
- 10 **Chemical products**
- 11 **Machinery and equipment**
- 12 **Textiles for manufacturing of PPE only**
- 13 **Production, distillation, storage, supply and distribution of fuels and lubricants**

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LIST OF MANUFACTURING AND MANUFACTURING-RELATED SERVICES SECTORS **ALLOWED TO OPERATE** UNDER THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) FROM **1 – 14 JUNE 2021**



WARM IDLE (10% WORKFORCE)

- 1 **Automotive** (vehicles and components)
- 2 **Iron and Steel**
- 3 **Cement**
- 4 **Glass**
- 5 **Ceramics**

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The counter service at Menara MITI in Kuala Lumpur and at MITI Regional offices is **CLOSED** from:

1 - 14 June 2021

This is in line with the **MCO** implementation from **1 - 14 June 2021**, that requires the Civil Service to **Work From Home (WFH)**.

The counter services after 14 June 2021 are **subject to the future directives of the Government**.



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SEKTOR EKONOMI

BERKUAT KUASA 1 JUN - 14 JUN 2021

SEKTOR EKONOMI (PERKHIDMATAN PERLU)

8.00 pagi hingga 8.00 malam

PASAR SEOR TERKAWAL (PST)

7.00 pagi hingga 12.00 tengah hari

PASAR BORONG

• 12.01 pagi hingga 6.00 pagi
• 11.00 pagi hingga 4.00 petang

PASAR HARIAN

6.00 pagi hingga 2.00 petang

PASAR TANI KEKAL (PTK), MYFARM OUTLET (MFO) dan KOMPLEKS PERTUBUHAN PELADANG (PPK)

6.00 pagi hingga 4.00 petang

STESEN MINYAK

6.00 pagi hingga 8.00 malam
kecuali di lebuh raya (24 jam)

SAFE@WORK

Announcements

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A risk mitigation plan on COVID-19 outbreak at the work place

What is it?

Isolation of close contacts among workers at their accommodation, work place as well as workers vehicles

Complements the general SOPs in place

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Placement of workers based on 'Safe Work Bubble'

How to isolate?

Close contacts in 'Safe Work Bubble' A

Non-close contacts in 'Safe Work Bubble' B and so forth

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Workers accommodation

Where to isolate?

Work place

Workers vehicles

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1.Preparedness and Emergency Response Team (PERT) team

What do we need to have?

2.Workers screening protocol

3.Regular briefing to staff including security guards

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4.Workers' health report

What do we need to have?

5.Clear health screening protocol

6.24-hour monitoring through wearable devices and e-tracing

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7.Physical distancing and self protection measures

What do we need to have?

8.Guidelines on ethics at common areas in the work place

9.Sanitisation of the work place, including workers vehicles



Additional tax deductions to companies under the manufacturing and related services sectors

Up to RM50,000

Expenditure on rental of employee hostels and provision of related equipment and other necessities

What's the incentive?



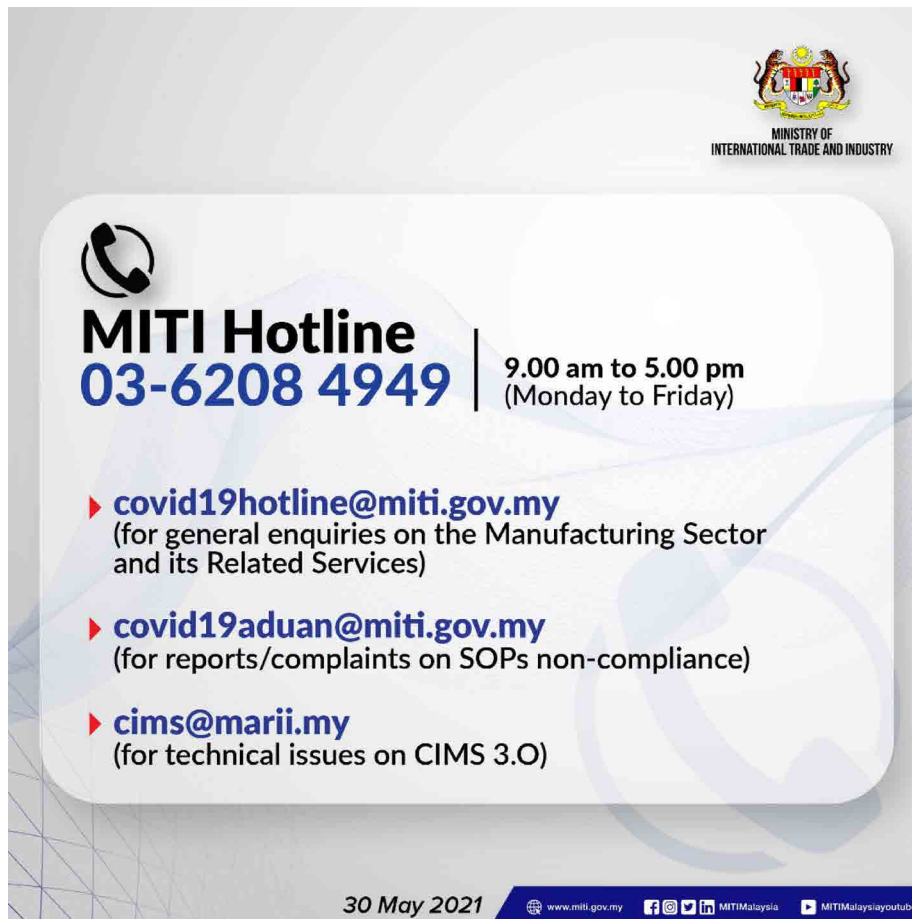
Email your questions to **admin.safework@miti.gov.my**





Registration to implement Safe@Work opens on 1 April 2021

- Open to companies in the manufacturing sector and its related services
- Register at CIMS, **notification.miti.gov.my**
- For more information go to, **www.miti.gov.my**







##ECONOMICFRONTLINERS




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 **MITI Hotline**
03-6208 4949 | 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
(Monday to Friday)

- ▶ **covid19hotline@miti.gov.my**
(for general enquiries on the Manufacturing Sector and its Related Services)
- ▶ **covid19aduan@miti.gov.my**
(for reports/complaints on SOPs non-compliance)
- ▶ **cims@marii.my**
(for technical issues on CIMS 3.0)

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A SERIES OF SESSION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

 **When?** Once a month |  **Where?** MITI Tower Kuala Lumpur or MITI Regional Offices

Information on the benefits of **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** and current updates

Introduction on **Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCO)** application procedures

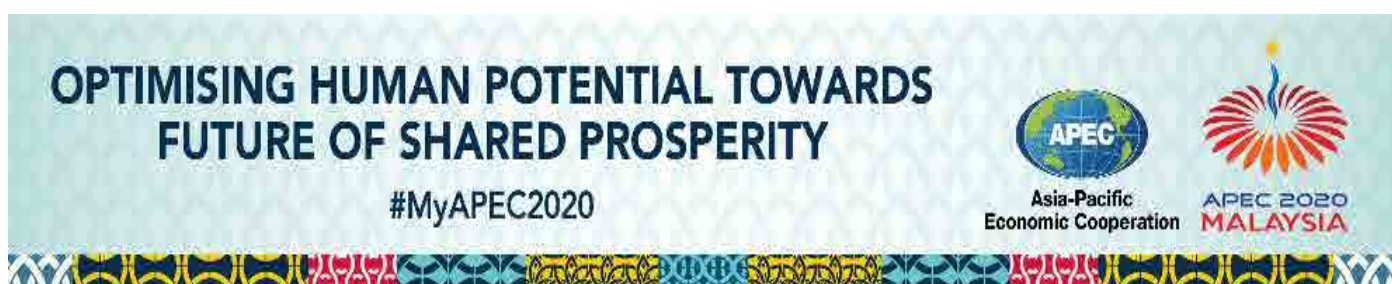
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IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SEAL THROUGH THE EPCO SYSTEM



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HOW COMPANY CAN CHECK

THE STATUS OF ATIGA E-FORM D TRANSACTIONS
IN THE ELECTRONIC PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (EPCO) SYSTEM



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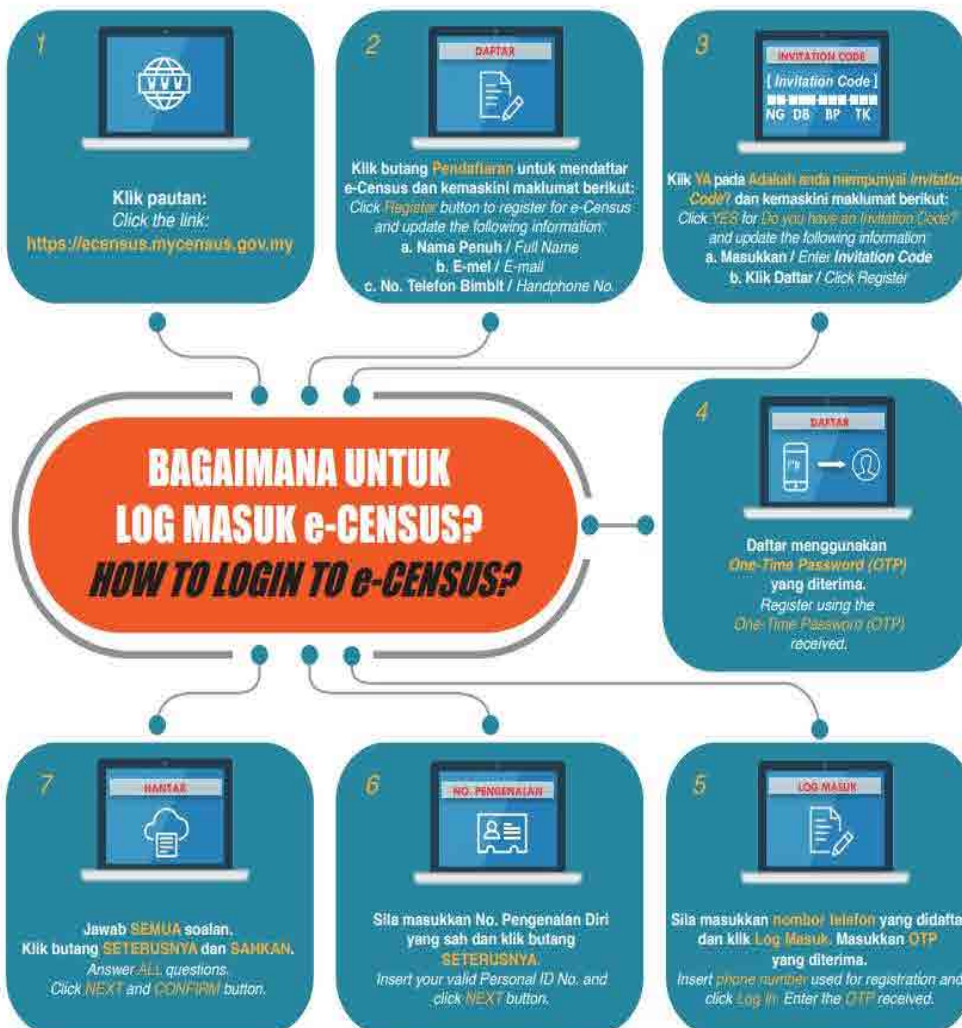
Due to the recent announcement of Movement Control Order (MCO/PPK) 3.0 by the Government, the Population and Housing Census 2020 will continue online until **30th June 2021**. Please be counted by participating in e-Census at :

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Please contact @MyCensus2020 helpdesk for further assistance.

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