MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY
Weekly BULLETIN
VOLUME 674
25 January 2022 | NO. ISSN :2180-0448

Media Release

RATIFICATION OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the mandate given by the Cabinet on 12 January 2022, to issue Malaysia's Instrument of Ratifcation (IOR) of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement, Malaysia is now poised to be the 12th RCEP signatory to implement the Agreement after the IOR has been successfully submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat on 17 January 2022.

As provided under Article 20.6 of the RCEP Agreement which stipulates that the Agreement will enter into force after 60 days of the IOR submission, the RCEP Agreement will enter into force for Malaysia on 18 March 2022.

With this latest submission of IOR to the ASEAN Secretariat as the Depositary of RCEP, Malaysia will join the eleven other signatory countries, namely, Singapore, China, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea that have completed the ratifcation process.

Currently, RCEP is the largest Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in the world, covering 15 countries with 2.2 billion or nearly a third (29.5%) of the world's population, representing US$25.8 trillion or 29.4% of the world's GDP based on World Bank’s 2019 data. It bears stressing that RCEP is a testament to efforts to strengthen not only the multilateral trading system but advancing regional economic integration and upholding the development agenda of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Within ASEAN, Malaysia is expected to be the largest benefciary of the RCEP agreement in terms of gains in exports, with a projected US$200 million increase. According to a report by UNCTAD published on 15 December 2021, these gains will result from tariff elimination and reduction for merchandise goods, including the facilitation of export and import of goods among the RCEP countries. Furthermore, service providers including e-commerce will be able to enjoy greater market access in terms of cross border supply and establishing commercial presence in the RCEP markets.

Media Release

RATIFICATION OF THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) AGREEMENT

The pandemic has underscored the paramount importance of international trade and cooperation as well as the inter-linkages of regional supply chains. In this regard, RCEP would be a key enabler for Malaysia in revitalising the domestic and international business activities, post pandemic. Business communities, from large to small scale entrepreneurs are encouraged to take advantage of the vast investment opportunities and greater participation in regional and global value chains presented by this mega trade agreement. As a trading nation, Malaysia will continue to be an open economy, with business-friendly and pragmatic policies that foster a conducive investment climate in the country.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry
21 January 2022

Malaysia Statistics

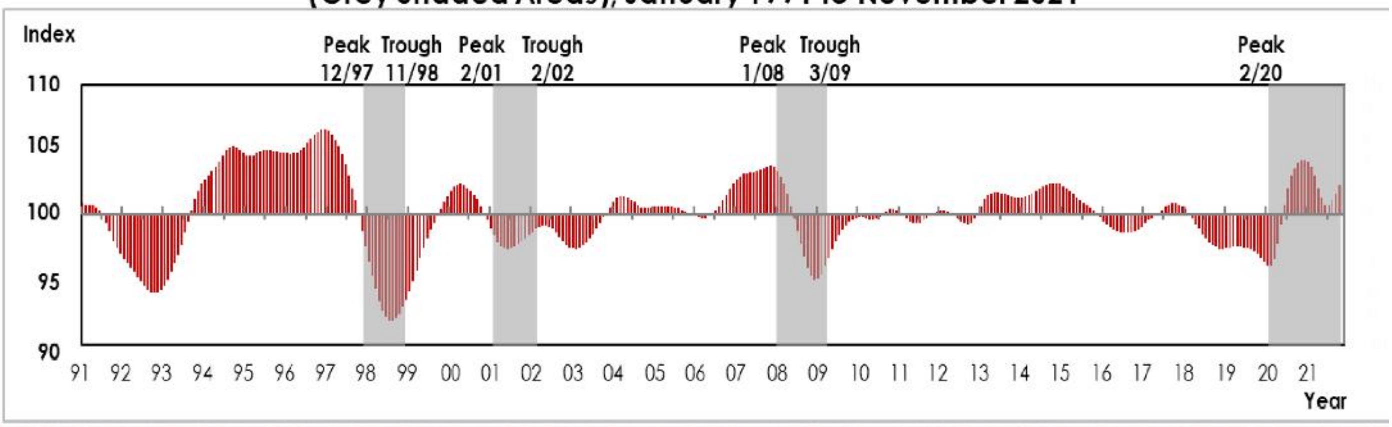
LEADING INDEX, NOVEMBER 2021

LEADING INDEX SURPASSED 100.0 POINTS AND MOVING UPWARDS IN NOVEMBER 2021, SIGNALLING THAT MALAYSIA IS STAGING A BETTER ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS

	Aug. 21	Sept. 21	Oct. 21	Nov. 21
Leading Index (2015=100)	106.2 points	110.5 points	109.5 points	111.3 points
Annual Change (%)	-2.3 per cent	0.6 per cent	0.3 per cent	1.7 per cent

Note: Economic direction forecast by Leading Index in average of 4 to 6 months ahead

Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle (Grey Shaded Areas), January 1991 to November 2021



November 21: 1.6%
October 21: -0.9%

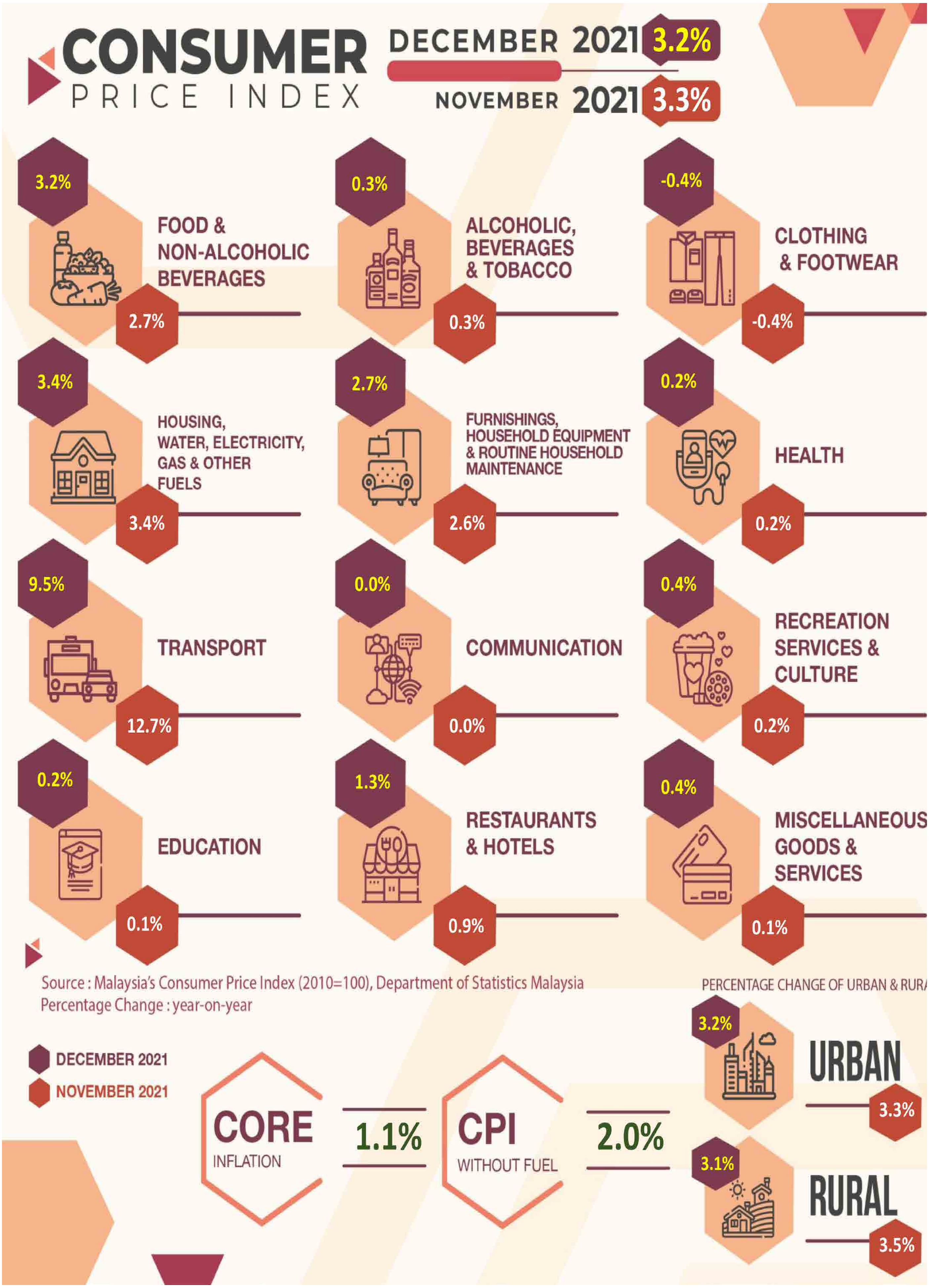
Leading Index, Month-on-Month (%)
Contribution of Each Component to the Percentage Change in the Leading Index from the Previous Month

Component	November 21	October 21
Real Money Supply, M1	0.6%	-0.3%
Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index	-0.1%	0.0%
Real Imports of Semi Conductors	0.2%	-0.1%
Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals	-0.3%	-0.3%
Number of Housing Units Approved	0.7%	-0.3%
Expected Sales Value, Manufacturing	0.2%	0.1%
Number of New Companies Registered	0.3%	0.0%

Source: Malaysian Economic Indicators - Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes, November 2021
Department of Statistics Malaysia

Malaysia Statistics

CPI, DECEMBER 2021



MALAYSIA'S AS SECOND LARGEST EXPORTERS IN THE WORLD OF PALM KERNEL AND BABASSU OIL AND THEIR FRACTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REFINED, BUT NOT CHEMICALLY MODIFIED (EXCLUDING CRUDE)

1 INDONESIA US$ 1,087.3m 37.9%

2 MALAYSIA US$ 338.0m 11.8%

3 NETHERLANDS US$ 33.1m 1.2%

4 GERMANY US$ 24.3m 0.8%

5 USA US$ 21.5m 0.7%

In 2020, Malaysia's export of Palm kernel and babassu oil and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified (excluding crude) recorded US$ 338.0 million which was 11.8% share of the world exports.

Notes:
- -*HS151329
- -% refer to share in world exports

MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

1 P.R.China US$ 86.23m

2 Turkey US$ 66.1m

3 USA US$ 50.27m

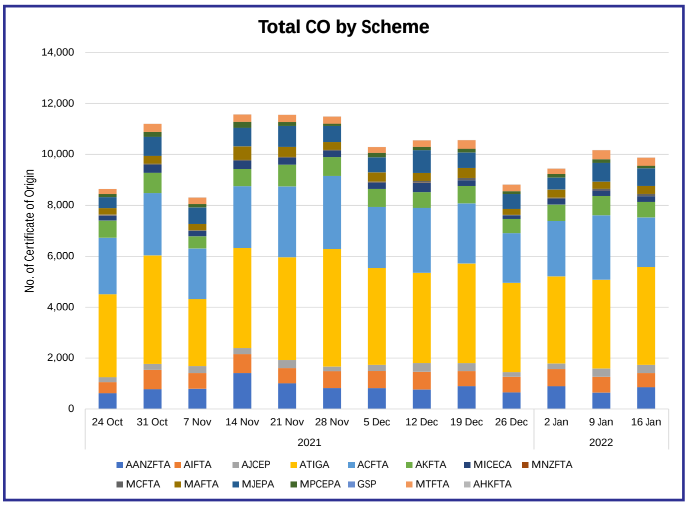
4 Netherlands US$ 25.71m

5 Japan US$ 17.81m

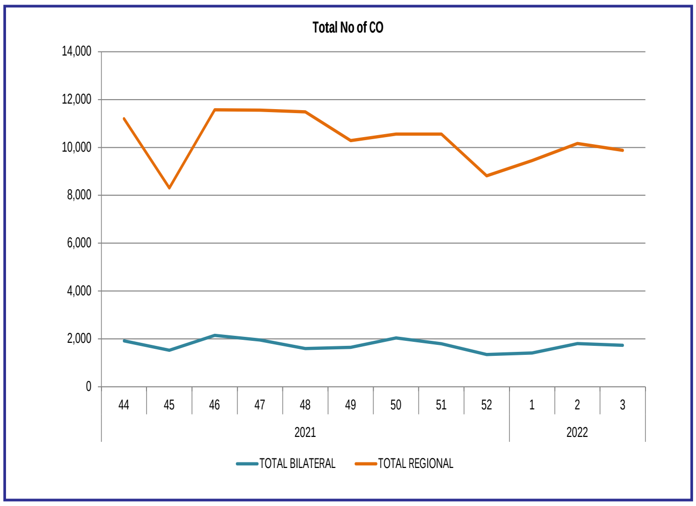
Source: https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 16 January 2022
Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

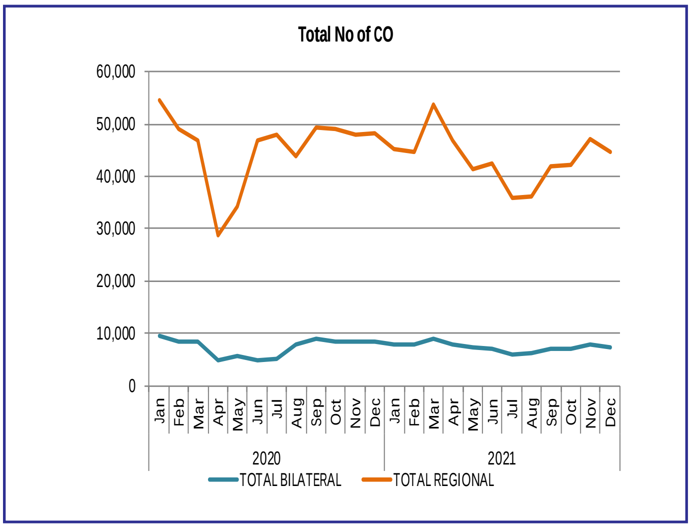
Weekly Total Scheme



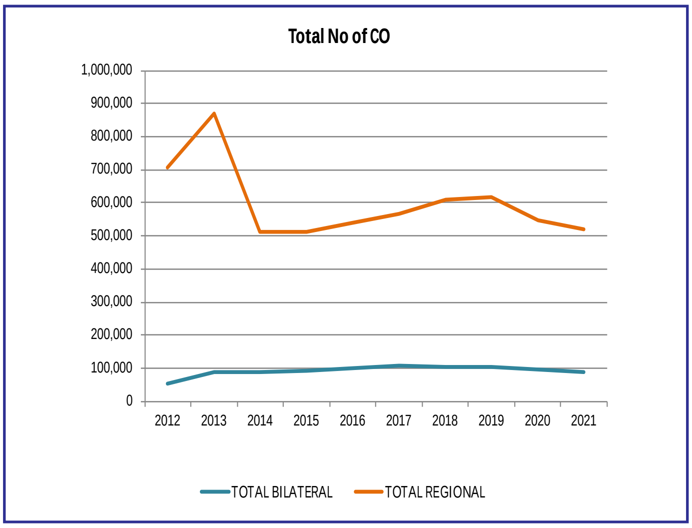
Weekly



Monthly



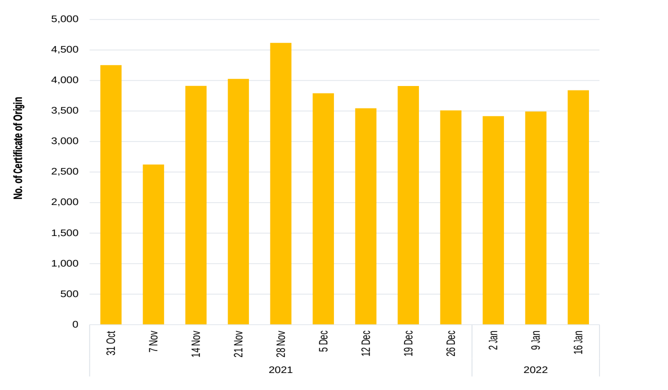
Annually



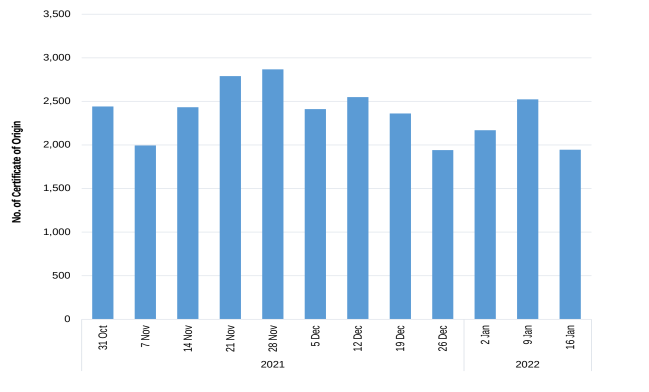
Note: *Provisional Data
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Regional FTA
Number of Preferential Certifcates of Origin (PCOs) as at 16 January 2022

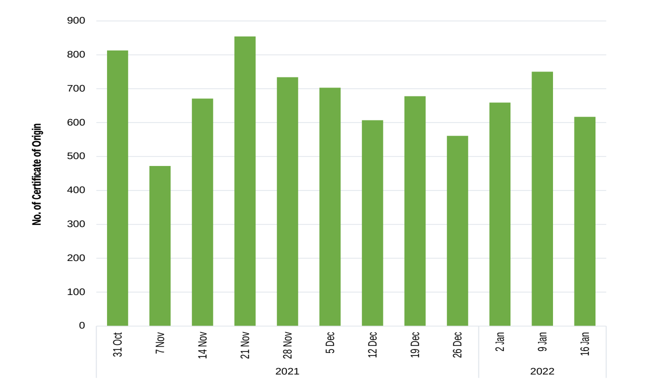
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)



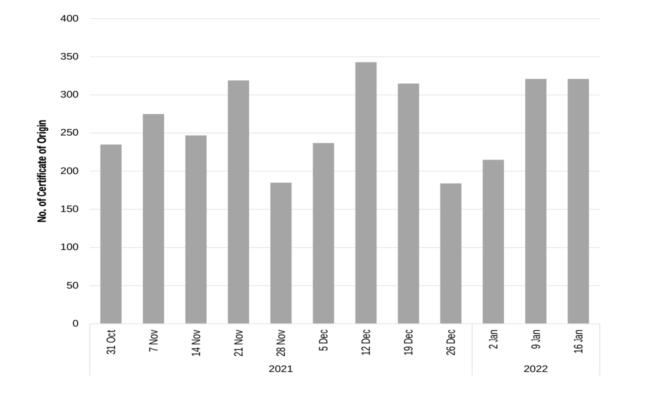
ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)



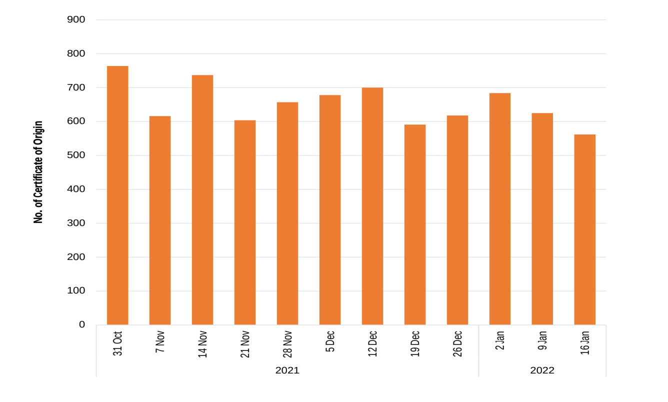
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)



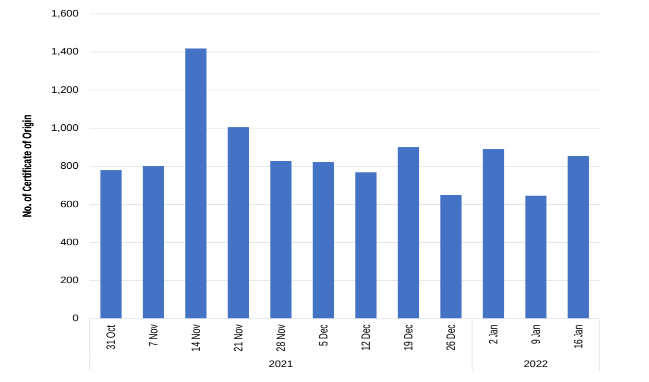
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)



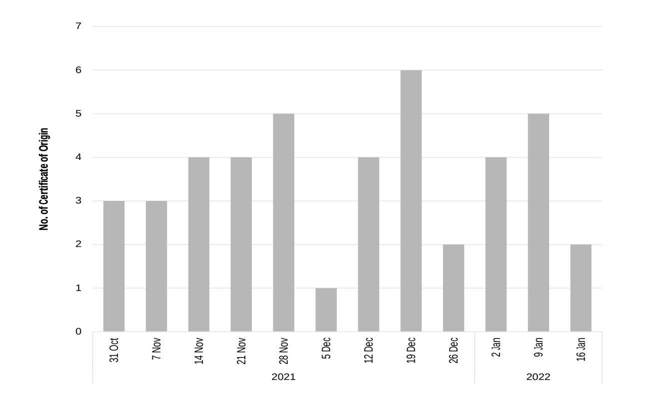
ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AIFTA)



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

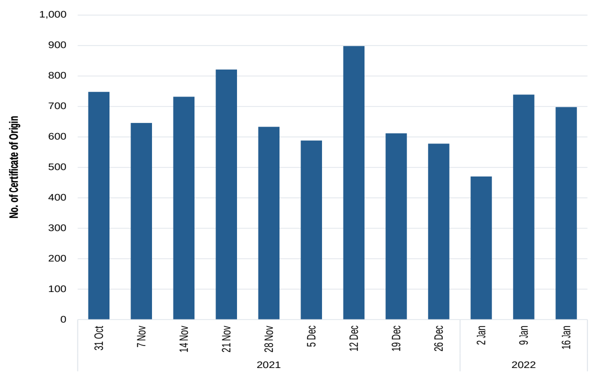


ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

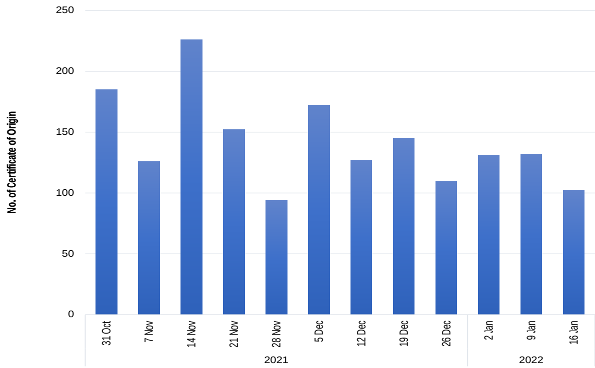


Note: *Provisional Data
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

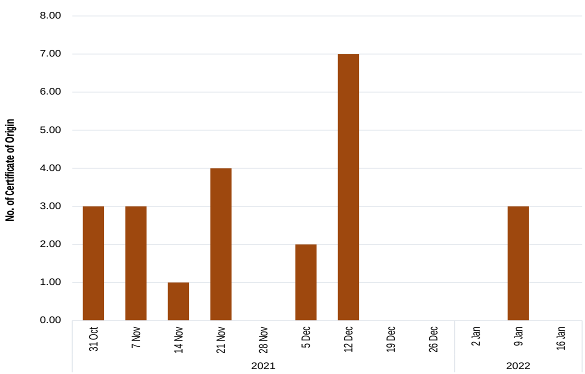
Bilateral FTA
Number of Preferential Certifcates of Origin (PCOs) as at 16 January 2022



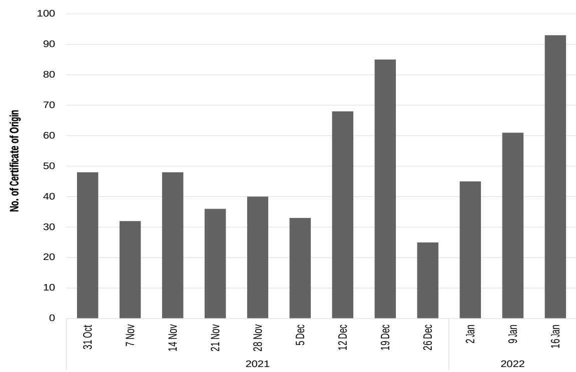
Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



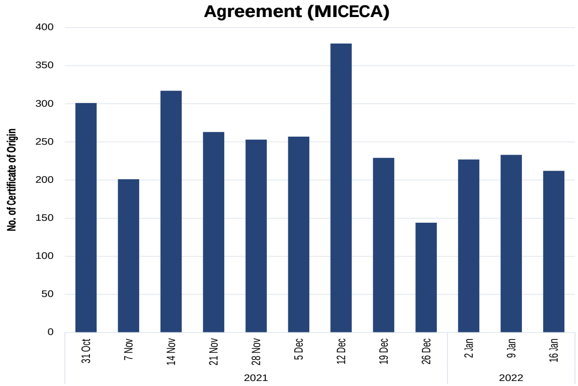
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



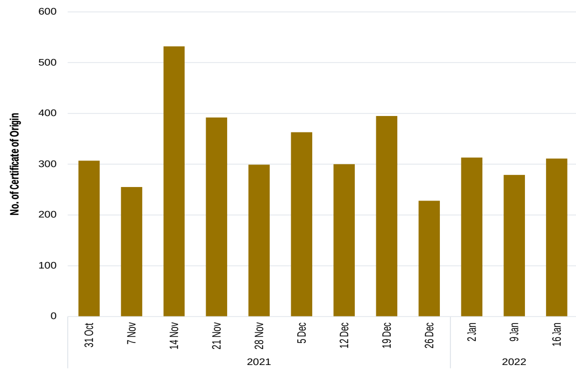
Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)



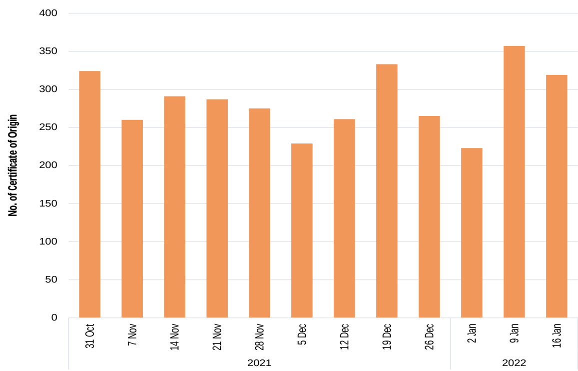
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)

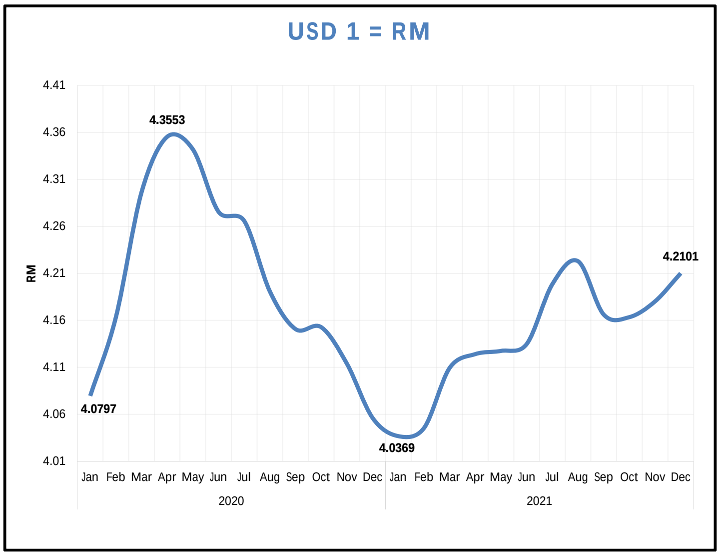


Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)

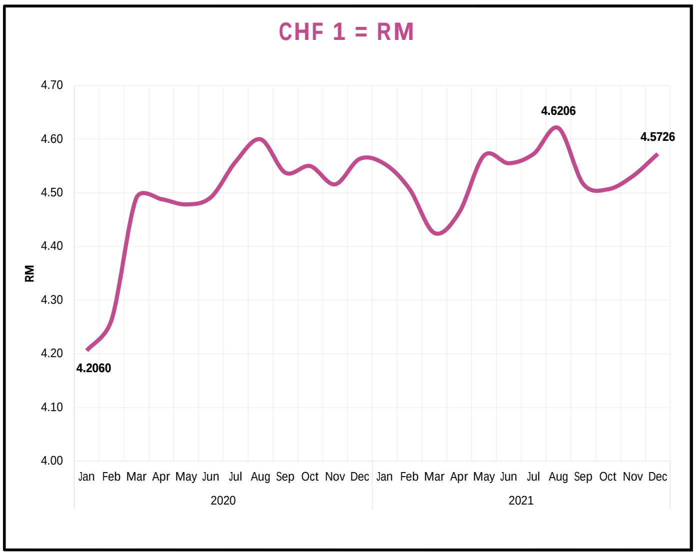
Note: *Provisional Data
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

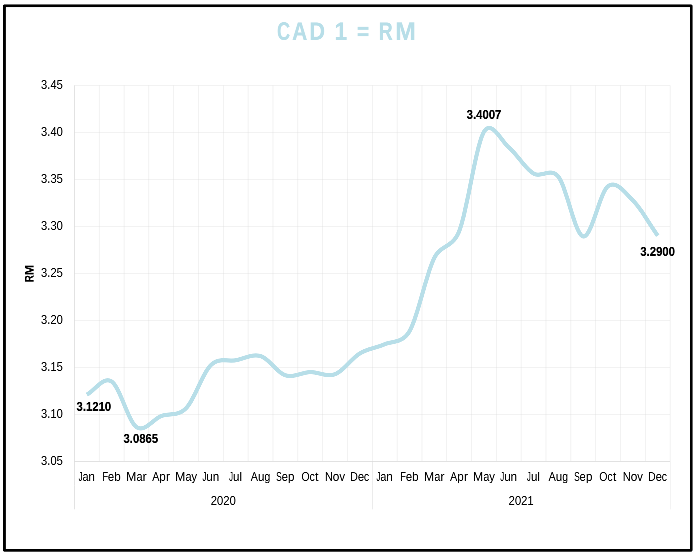
US Dollar



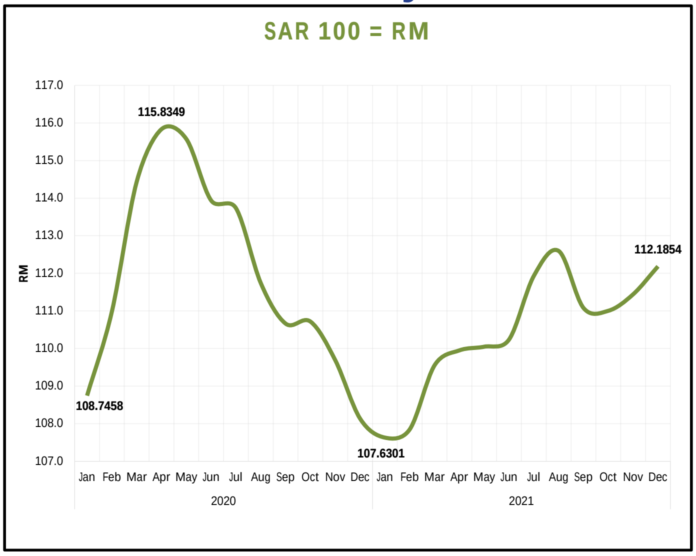
Swiss Franc



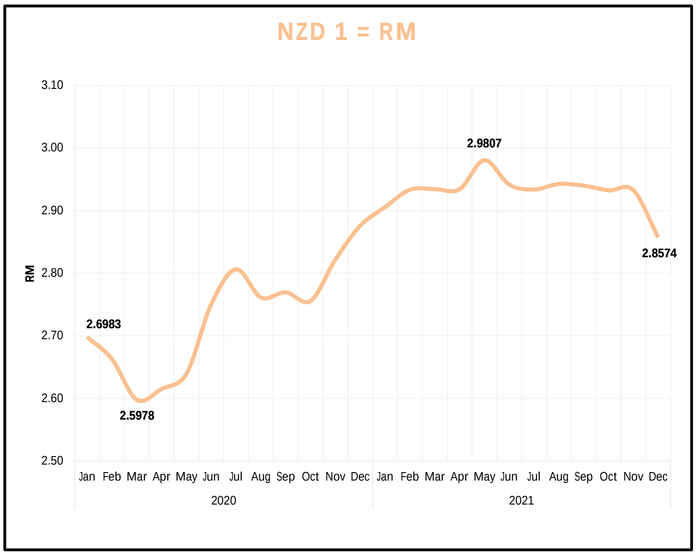
Canadian Dollar



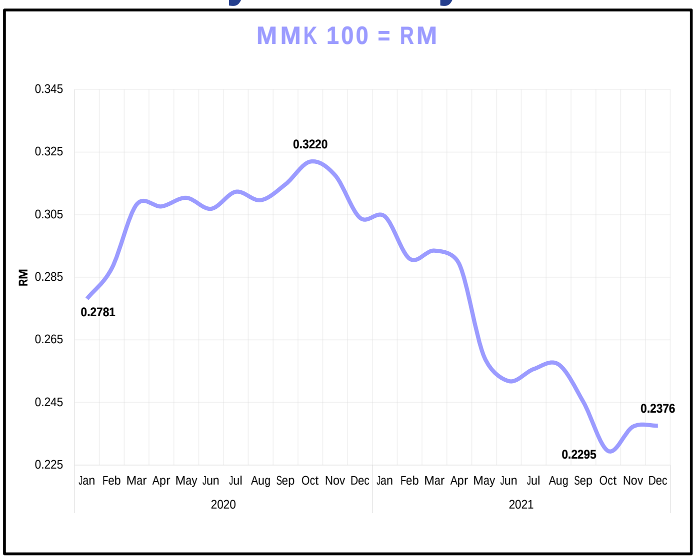
Saudi Riyal



New Zealand Dollar



Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

2.1%*
US$87.9
21 Jan 2022

Highest 2021/2022
21 Jan 2022 : US$87.9
22 Oct 2021 : US$85.5

7 Jan 2022 : US$81.8
15 Jan 2021 : US$55.1
Lowest 2021/2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$71.1

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-

2.2%*
US$1,295.0
21 Jan 2022

Highest 2021/2022
21 Jan 2022 : US$1,295.0
29 Oct 2021 : US$1,302.0

14 Jan 2022 : US$1,267.7
18 Jun 2021 : US$844.6
Lowest 2021/2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,075.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-

1.6%*
US$1,783.5
21 Jan 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,689.1

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-

2.0%*
US$1,701.9
21 Jan 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,505.9

SUGAR -per lbs-

3.2%*
US$18.9
21 Jan 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$17.9

COAL -per MT-

5.2%*
US$162.1
21 Jan 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$120.5

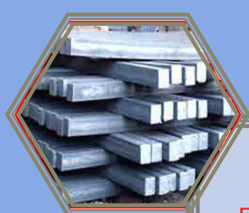
SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

%*	%*
US$480.0 (high)	US$462.0 (low)

21 Jan 2022

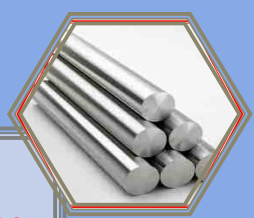
Average Price 2021 i : US$486.4 (high)
Average Price 2021 i : US$468.1 (low)

Domestic Prices
21 Jan 2022



Billets
(per MT)
RM2,600- RM2,700

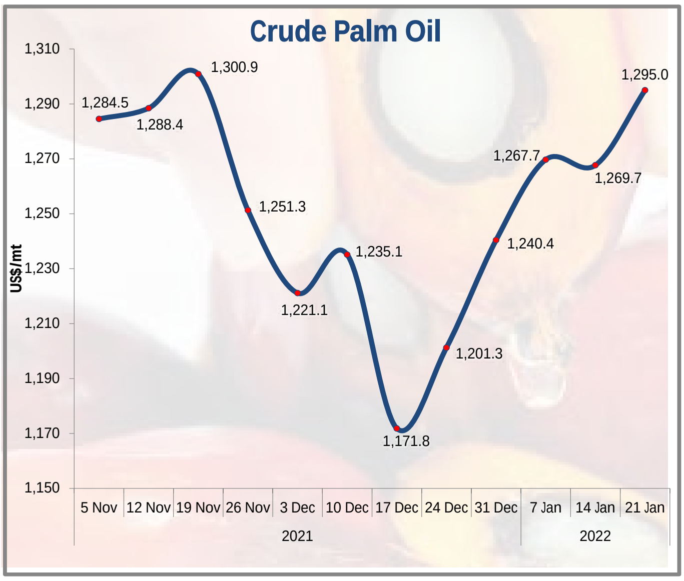
Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,950 – RM3,100

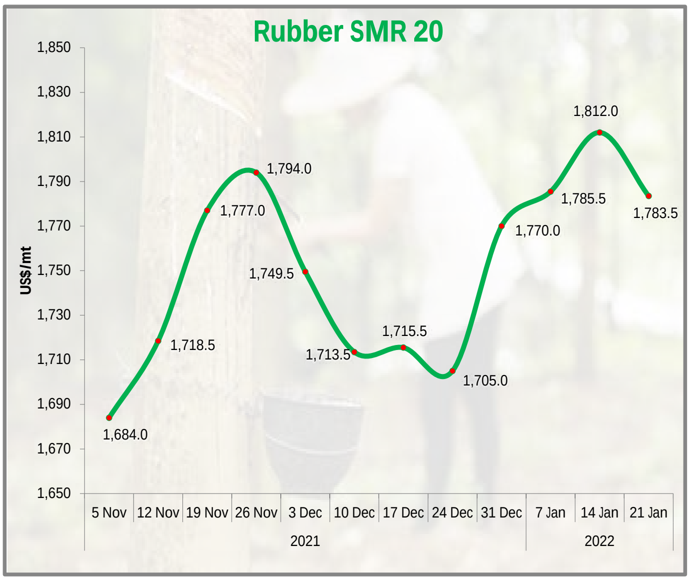


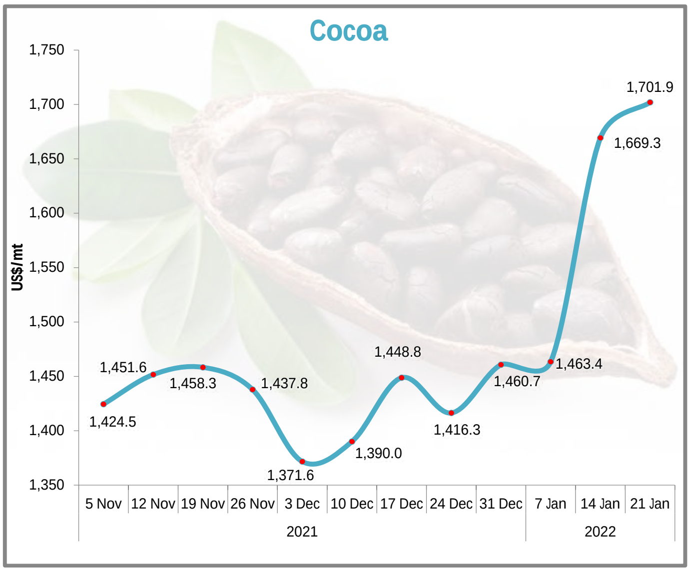
Notes: All gures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point
* Refer to % change from the previous week's price
i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

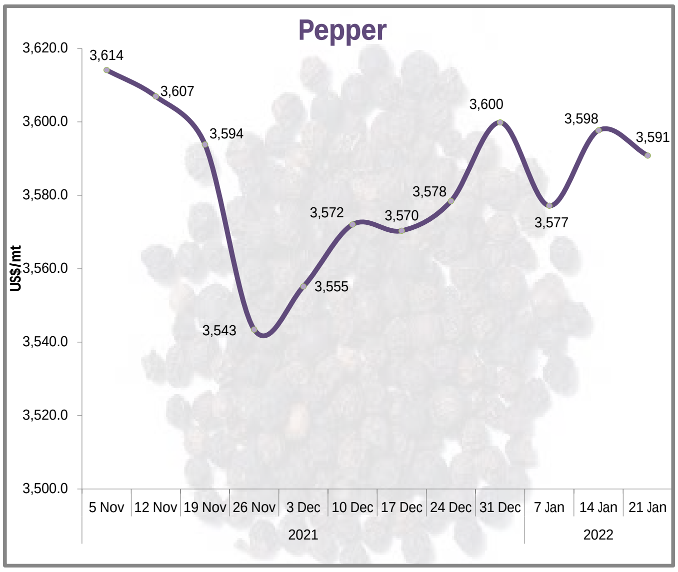
Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, and Bloomberg.

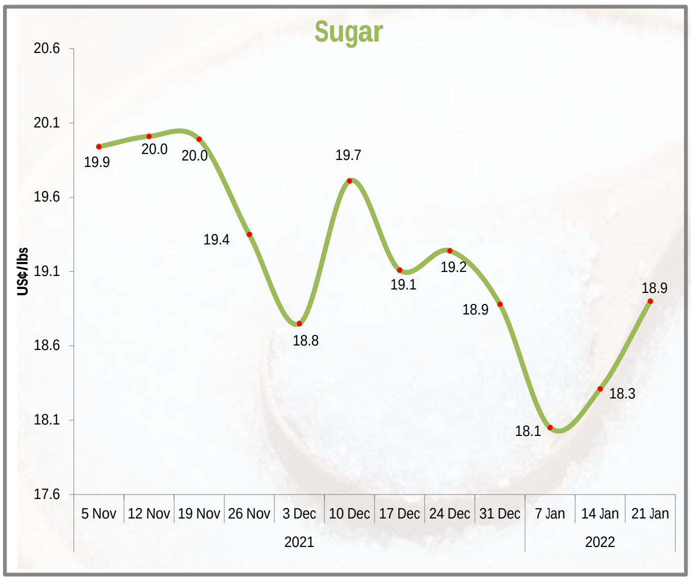
Commodity Price Trends

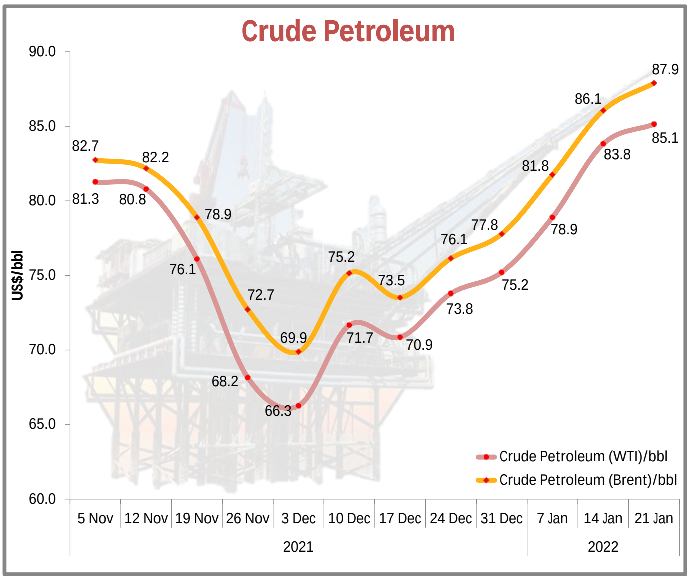






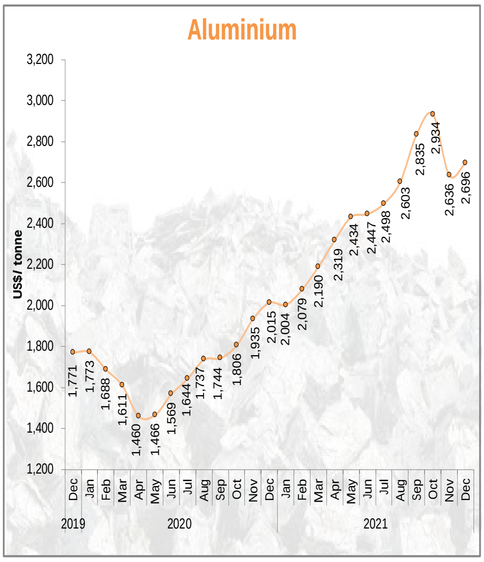


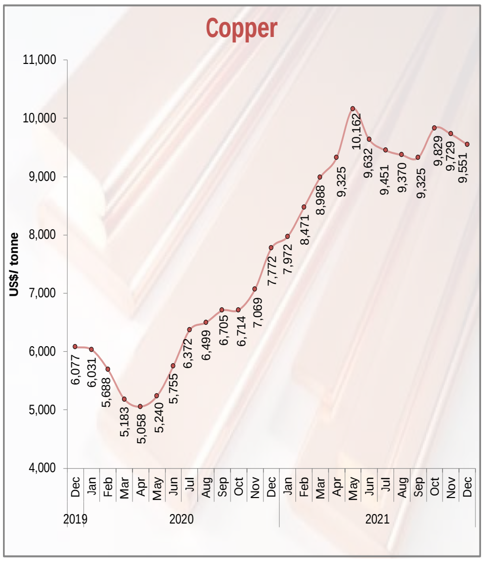


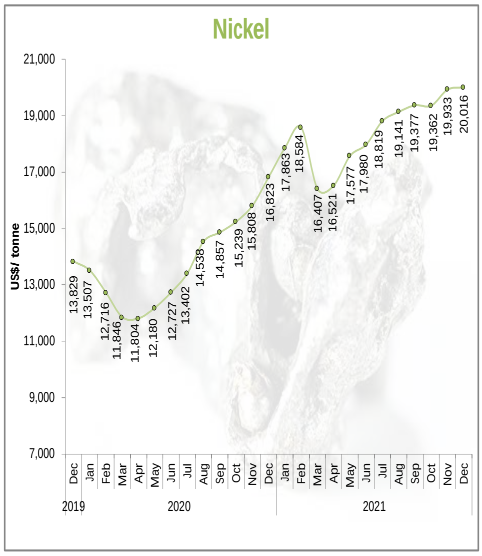


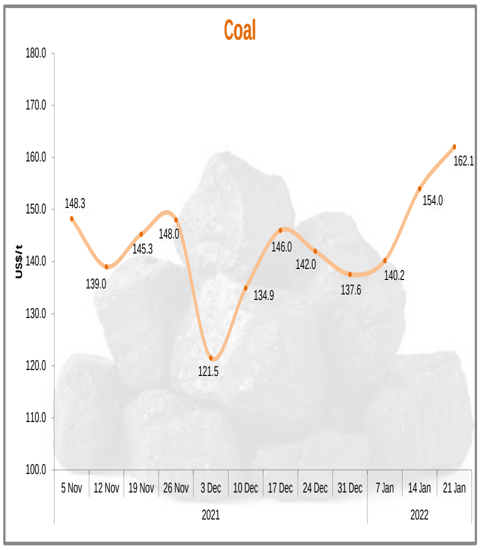
Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Pepper Board, Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group, World Bank, World Gold Council, The Wall Street Journal.

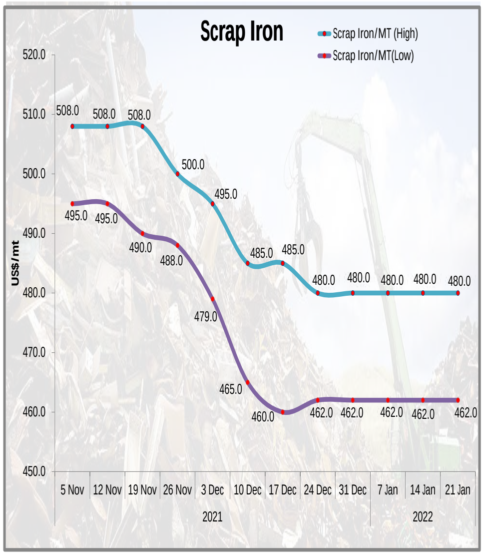
Commodity Price Trends

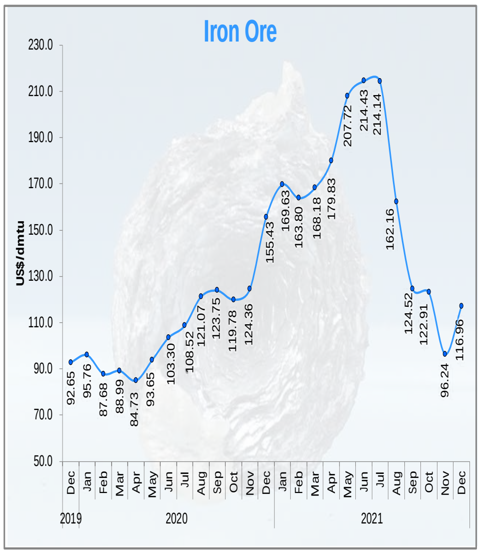


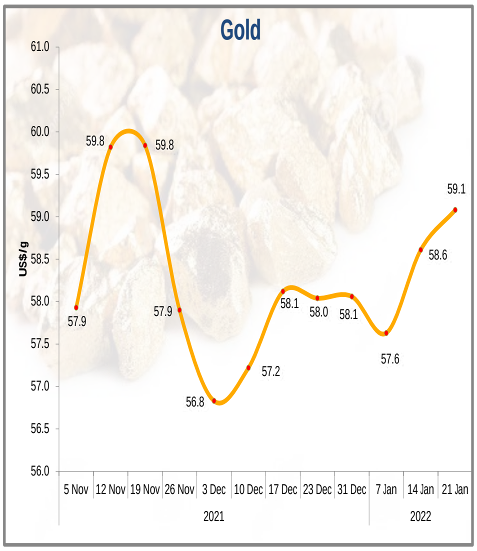


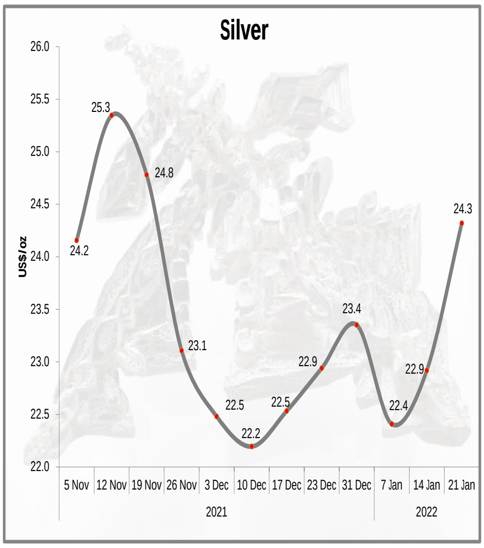


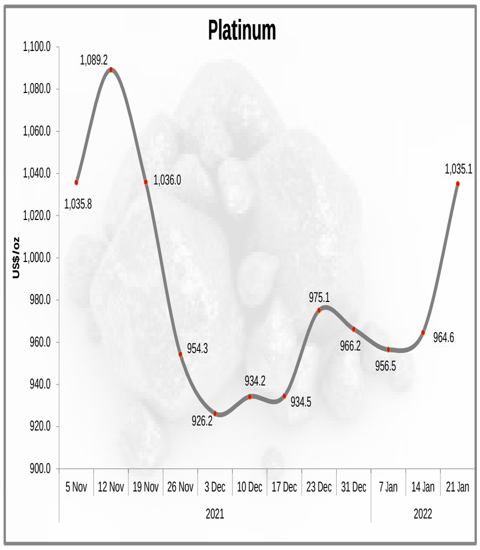












Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, , Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group, World Bank, World Gold Council, The Wall Street Journal.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Industry4WRD

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

https://www.miti.gov.my/

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.bpmb.com.my

02 GRANTS

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

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
- www.mida.gov.my

For more information, kindly click the following links:
https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab_547_2202

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

For more information, kindly click the following links:
https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

VTL-LAND

(VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE)

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

REQUIREMENTS FOR MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE VTL-LAND TRAVELLERS

Requirement	TO ENTER MALAYSIA	TO ENTER SINGAPORE
Digital Vaccination Certificate Download MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app	✓	✓
Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) via url https://go.gov.sg/vtl-portal (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)	✗	✓
Register at www.mysafetravel.gov.my (Singapore to Malaysia)	✓	✗
Print Vaccination Certificate with QR code	✓	✓
Print Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)	✗	✓
Purchase bus ticket(s) on www.causewaylink.com.my www.transtar.travel	✓	✓
Take professionally administered ART/PCR Test 2 days before departure	✓	✓
On-arrival RTK Test at Larkin Sentral Bus Terminal	✓	✗
Submit SG Arrival Card (SGAC) under Foreign Visitors	✗	✓
Electronic Health Declaration Card (eHDC) via MySejahtera	✓	✗

Note : Travellers are advised to have adequate travel / medical insurance coverage for COVID-19 related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs, if required.

25 November 2021

www.miti.gov.my MITIMalaysia MITIMalaysiayoutube

MITI Tower, No.7, Jalan Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah . 50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel:+603-8000 8000 Fax: +603-6202 9446

VTL-LAND

(VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE)

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

VTL-LAND TRAVELLER'S JOURNEY

1 Pre-Departure

Prepare these softcopies:
1) Digital vaccination certificate
2) Vaccinated Travel Pass
(only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)

Download MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app

2 Register at www.mysafetravel.gov.my (Singapore to Malaysia) or https://go.gov.sg/vtl-portal (Malaysia to Singapore

3 Print Vaccination Certificate with QR code, Vaccinated Travel Pass (for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore), Travel/Medical insurance is required too

4 Purchase bus ticket(s) via www.causewaylink.com.my or www.transtar.travel

5 Take RTK or ART / PCR Test 48 hours before departure

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

VTL-LAND

(VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE)

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

VTL-LAND TRAVELLER'S JOURNEY

6 On departure day arrive at least 1 hour earlier at boarding points

7 **At Departure Points**

Ensure these documents are in-hand:

- Proof of VTL-Land Registration for travellers entering Malaysia
- Proof of Vaccinated Travel Pass (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)
- RTK or ART / PCR Test results
- Vaccination Certificate
- Passport
- Travel/Medical Insurance
- Bus Ticket

8

- For Malaysians, please submit the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) under Foreign Visitors
- For Singapore Citizens, please submit electronic Health Declaration Card (eHDC) under Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents & Long-Term Pass Holders, and upload your vaccination certificate QR code during the submission if you were vaccinated overseas

9 **Upon-Arrival**

- For travellers arriving at the Larkin Sentral Bus Terminal, proceed to do the On-Arrival Test
- Present all documentations at the immigration for clearance

10 **Post-Arrival**

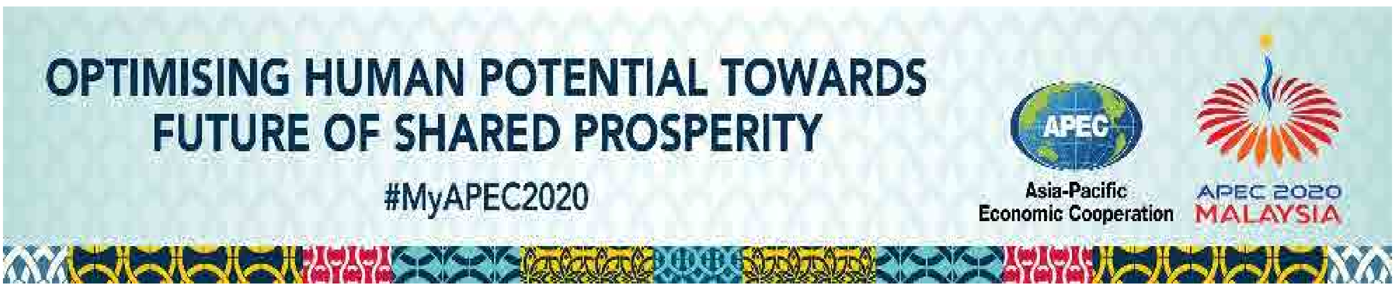
Check traveller's status on MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app

Announcements

Bagi sebarang pertanyaan/aduan berkaitan operasi sektor ekonomi, sila hubungi talian hotline MITI seperti di atas.

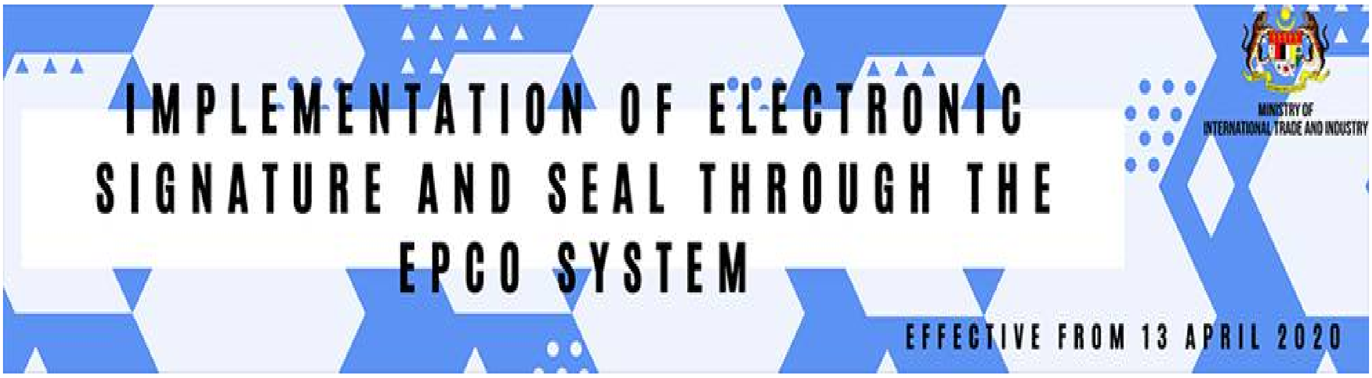
For more information, please contact :

03-6200 0468 / 69 / 57 allaki@miti.gov.my



For more information, kindly click the following links:
https://www.myapec2020.my/en/

Announcements



For more information, kindly click the following links:
https://bit.ly/2RUyG8l

For more information, kindly click the following links: https://bit.ly/2ZhxmRp

MITI Weekly Bulletin (MWB) Mobile Apps

MITI MWB APPs is now available for IOS, Android and Windows platforms.

MWB APPs can be downloaded from **Gallery of Malaysian Government Mobile APPs (GAMMA)** at the link: http://gamma.malaysia.gov.my/#/appDetails/85

Dear Readers,

Kindly click the link below for any comments in this issue. MWB reserves the right to edit and republish letters as reprints.

http://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/forms/form/13