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Malaysia Statistics

MANUFACTURING, FEBRUARY 2022

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales value continued to record double digit growth 11.2 per cent amounted to RM131.6 billion in February 2022

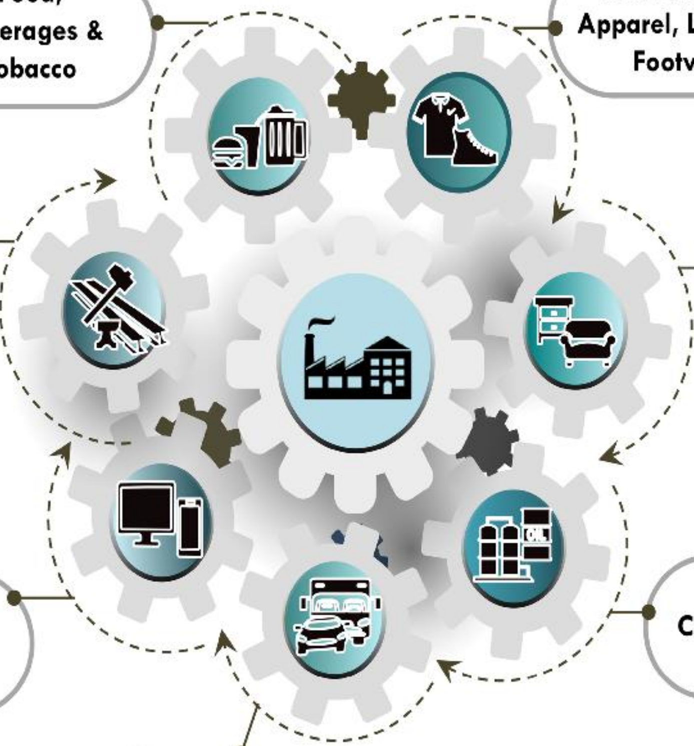
SALES VALUE
RM131.6 billion
11.2%
Jan. 2022 : 13.1%
MoM : -5.3%

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
2,275,927 persons
2.1%
Jan. 2022 : 2.2%
MoM : 0.1%

SALARIES & WAGES
RM7,805.2 million
3.9%
Jan. 2022 : 4.1%
MoM : -0.8%

SALES VALUE PER EMPLOYEE
RM57,838
8.8%
Jan. 2022 : 10.7%
MoM : -5.4%

SALES VALUE BY SUBSECTOR



Food, Beverages & Tobacco
16.4%
Jan. 2022 : 20.6%
MoM : -4.1%

Textile, Wearing Apparel, Leather & Footwear
8.1%
Jan. 2022 : 8.4%
MoM : -3.4%

Non-metallic Mineral Products, Basic Metal & Fabricated Metal
7.7%
Jan. 2022 : 8.0%
MoM : -7.1%

Wood, Furniture, Paper Products & Printing
9.2%
Jan. 2022 : 13.1%
MoM : -7.4%

Electrical & Electronics
9.8%
Jan. 2022 : 10.6%
MoM : -2.2%

Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber & Plastics
12.6%
Jan. 2022 : 15.7%
MoM : -8.5%

Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures
7.7%
Jan. 2022 : 7.3%
MoM : -4.9%

Note : Percentage growth refers to Year-on-Year (YoY) and Month-on-Month (MoM) changes

Source : Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia February 2022
Department of Statistics Malaysia

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IPI, FEBRUARY 2022

Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) registered an expansion of 3.9 per cent in February 2022, driven by Manufacturing sector, grew 5.2 per cent

IPI: 3.9%
Jan. 2022: 4.3%
MoM: -6.6 %

Mining: -0.4%
Jan. 2022: -5.1%
MoM: -3.8%

Manufacturing: 5.2%
Jan. 2022: 6.8%
MoM: -7.2%

Electricity: 3.9%
Jan. 2022: 6.9%
MoM: -8.4%

MANUFACTURING

Food, Beverages & Tobacco
6.6%
Jan.2022: 6.7%
MoM: -9.1%

Textiles, Wearing Apparel, Leather & Footwear
3.7%
Jan.2022: 5.0%
MoM: -2.0%

Wood, Furniture, Paper Products & Printing
4.5%
Jan.2022: 8.6%
MoM: -5.1%

Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber & Plastic
-2.3%
Jan.2022: 0.1%
MoM: 0.1%

Non-metallic Mineral, Basic Metal & Fabricated Metal
5.3%
Jan.2022: 6.2%
MoM: -11.5%

Electrical & Electronics
12.8%
Jan.2022: 14.4%
MoM: -13.4%

Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures
8.4%
Jan.2022: 4.2%
MoM: -2.7%

MINING

Crude Oil & Condensate
-4.3%
Jan. 2022: -13.9%
MoM: 0.3%

Natural Gas
2.6%
Jan. 2022: 1.6%
MoM: -6.5%

Note:
Percentage refers to the change in Month-on-month (MoM) And Year-on-year (YoY)

Source:
Index Of Industrial Production Malaysia, February 2022
Department Of Statistics Malaysia

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE, FEBRUARY 2022

SALES VALUE

RM117.2b
FEB. 2022: 8.5%
JAN. 2022: 7.5%

VOLUME INDEX

131.7 points
FEB. 2022: 3.8%
JAN. 2022: 3.4%

Sales Value		Volume Index
Feb. 2022: RM55.9b 6.2% ↑ Jan. 2022: RM58.6b 5.7% ↑	**WHOLESALE TRADE**	Feb. 2022 0.4% ↑ Jan. 2022 1.7% ↑
Feb. 2022: RM48.8b 10.2% ↑ Jan. 2022: RM49.0b 7.3% ↑	**RETAIL TRADE**	Feb. 2022 5.4% ↑ Jan. 2022 2.8% ↑
Feb. 2022: RM12.5b 12.5% ↑ Jan. 2022: RM12.6b 17.0% ↑	**MOTOR VEHICLES**	Feb. 2022 9.4% ↑ Jan. 2022 14.2% ↑

Seasonally Adjusted Volume Index (Monthly)	JAN. 2022	FEB. 2022
	1.3%	4.9%

MAIN GROUPS (SALES VALUE)

Other Specialised Wholesale
Jan. 2022: 5.2% | Feb. 2022: 6.0%

Wholesale of Household Goods
Jan. 2022: 1.9% | Feb. 2022: 2.6%

Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco
Jan. 2022: 9.5% | Feb. 2022: 9.2%

Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores
Jan. 2022: 10.1% | Feb. 2022: 15.9%

Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores
Jan. 2022: 1.2% | Feb. 2022: 5.6%

Retail Sale of Other Household Equipment in Specialised Stores
Jan. 2022: 7.1% | Feb. 2022: 9.8%

Sale of Motor Vehicles
Jan. 2022: 15.1% | Feb. 2022: 3.3%

Sale of Motor Vehicles Parts & Accessories
Jan. 2022: 24.5% | Feb. 2022: 27.0%

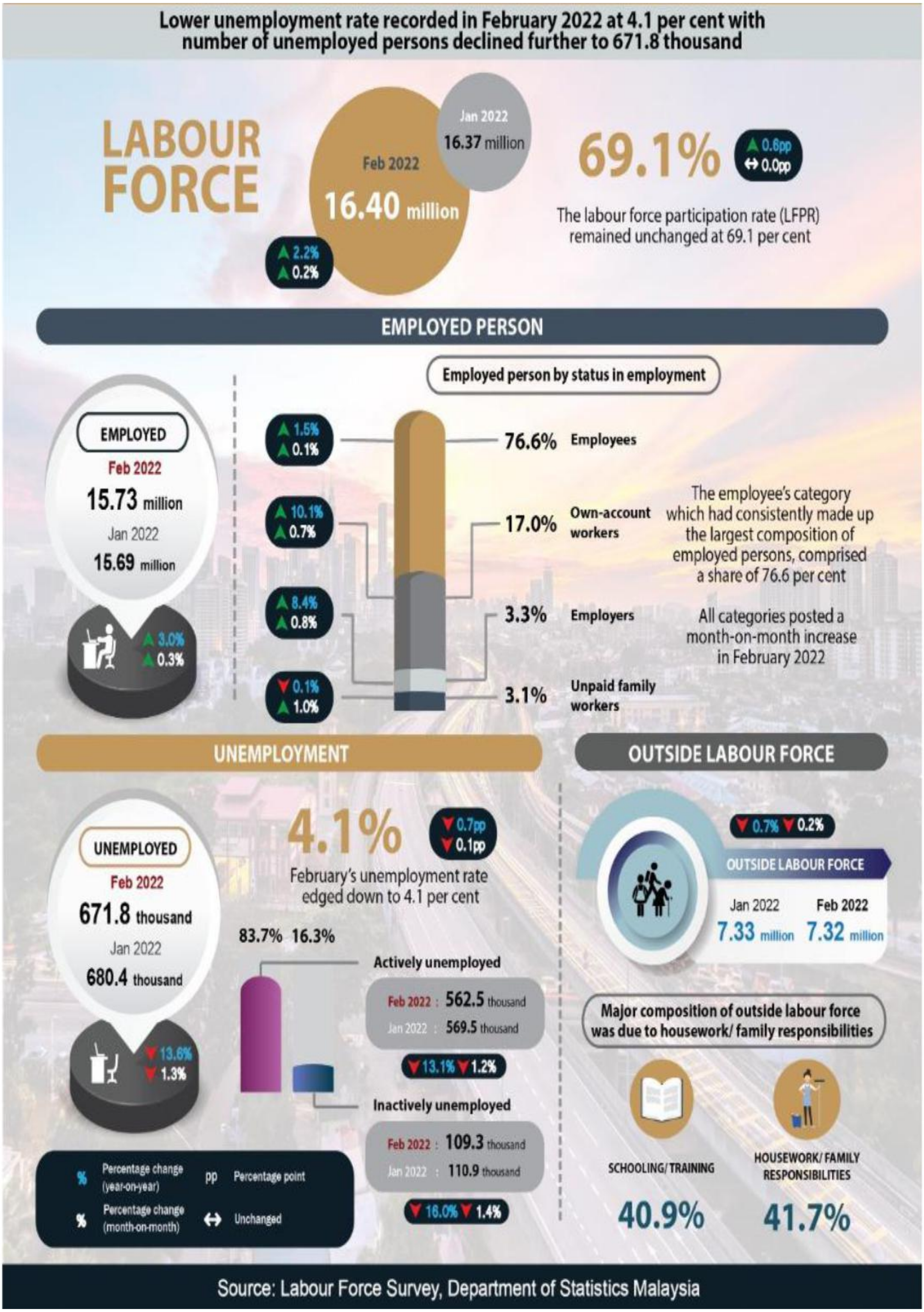
Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles
Jan. 2022: 26.8% | Feb. 2022: 27.3%

Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade February 2022, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Malaysia Statistics

LABOUR FORCE, FEBRUARY 2022



MALAYSIA AS SECOND LARGEST EXPORTERS IN THE WORLD OF FATTY ACIDS, INDUSTRIAL, MONOCARBOXYLIC; ACID OILS FROM REFINING (EXCLUDING STEARIC ACID, OLEIC ACID AND TALL OIL FATTY ACIDS)

In 2020, Malaysia's export of Fatty acids, industrial, monocarboxylic; acid oils from refining (excluding stearic acid, oleic acid and tall oil fatty acids) recorded US$ 1,012.5 million which was 16.0% share of the world exports.

1 INDONESIA
US$ 1,573.2m
24.9%

2 MALAYSIA
US$ 1,012.5m
16.0%

3 NETHERLANDS
US$ 417.6m
6.6%

4 BELGIUM
US$ 234.9m
3.7%

5 GERMANY
US$ 165.1m
2.6%

Notes:
-*HS 382319
-% refer to share in world exports

MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

1 United States
US$ 111.71m

2 Italy
US$ 107.41m

3 P.R.China
US$ 105.38m

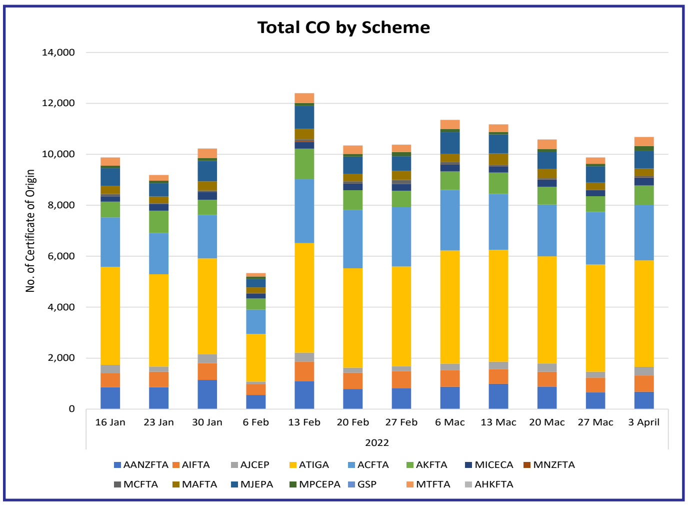
4 R.O.Korea
US$ 105.37m

5 India
US$ 102.23m

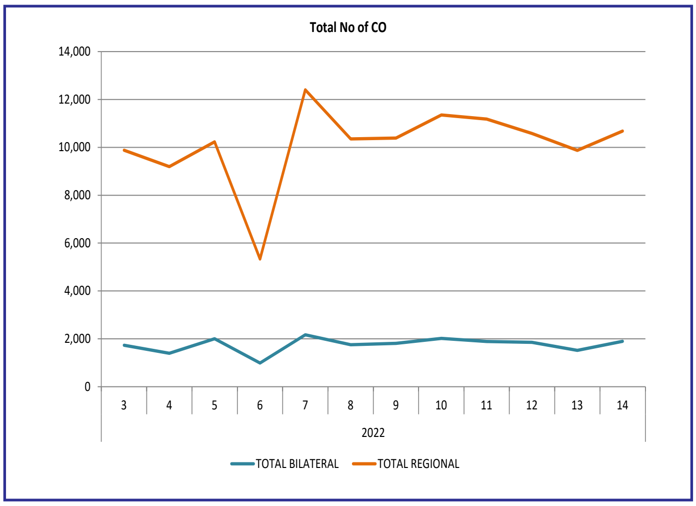
Source: https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 27 Mac 2022
Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

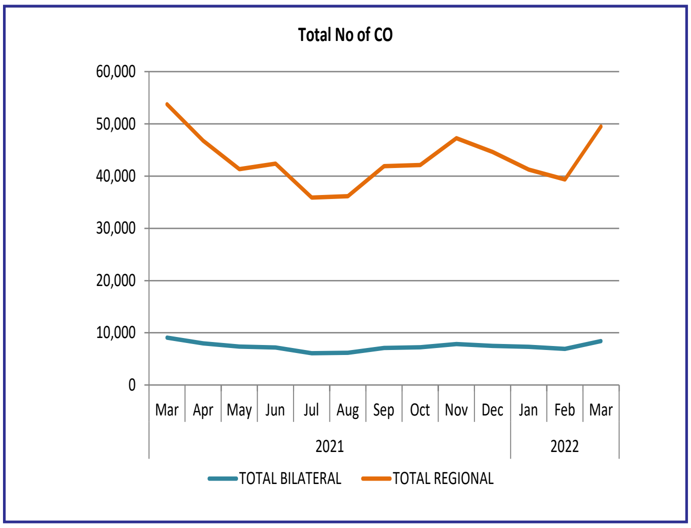
Weekly Total Scheme



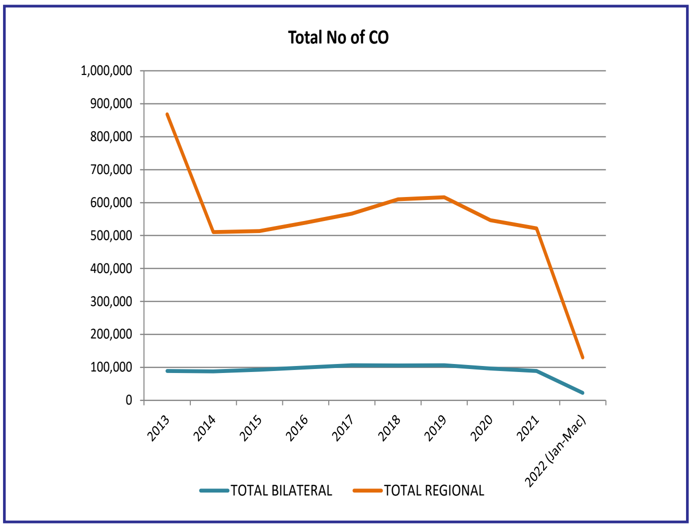
Weekly



Monthly



Annually



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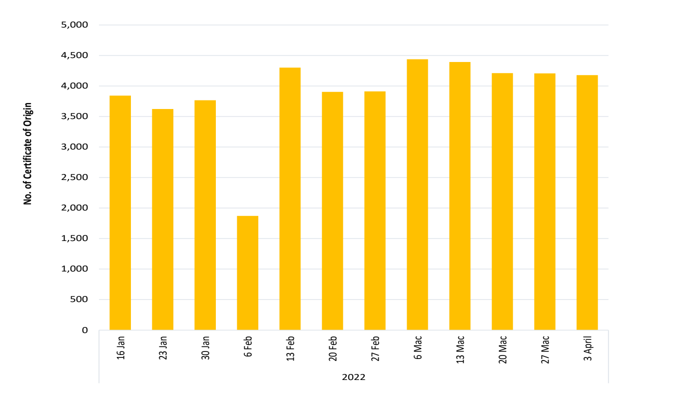
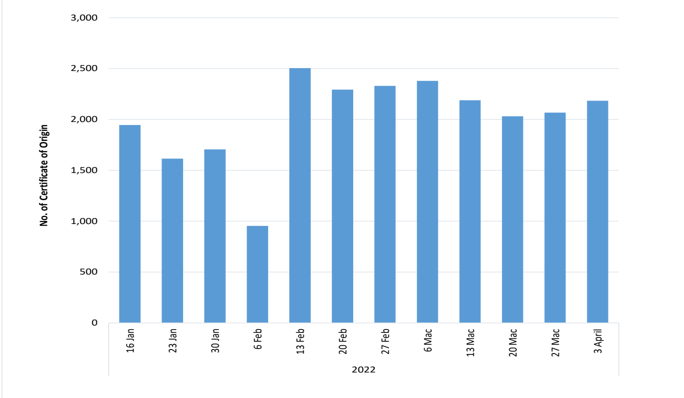
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Regional FTA
Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 27 Mac 2022

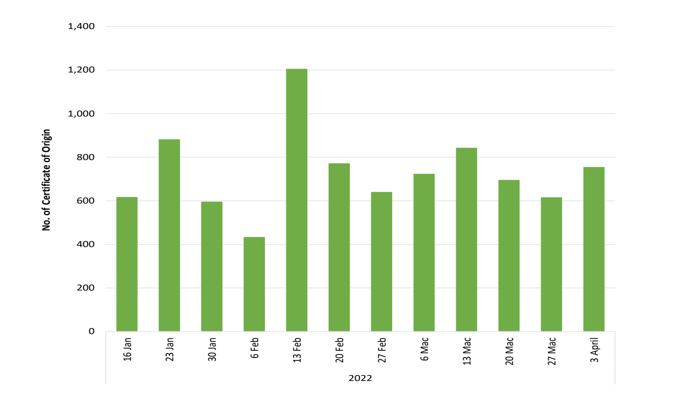
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)



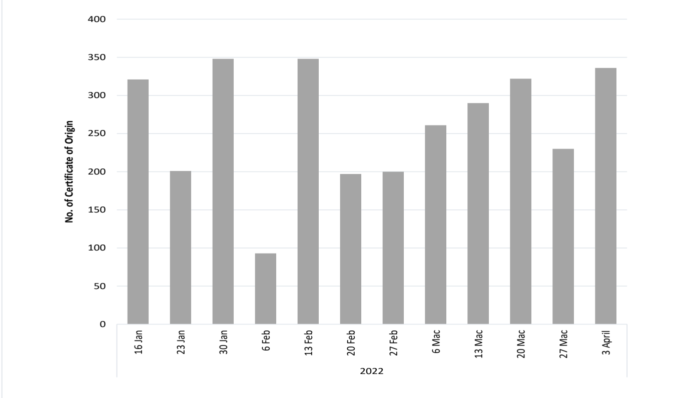
ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)



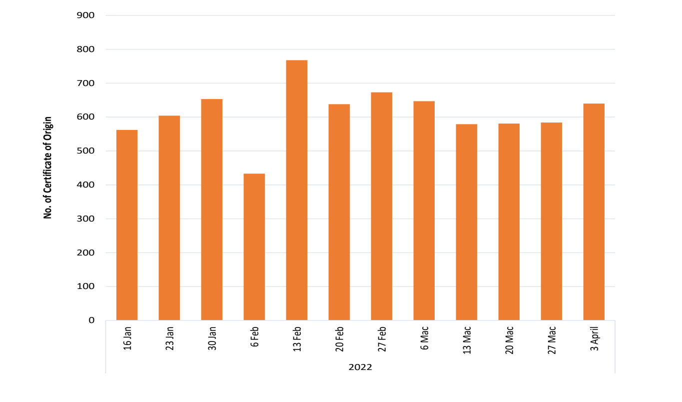
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)



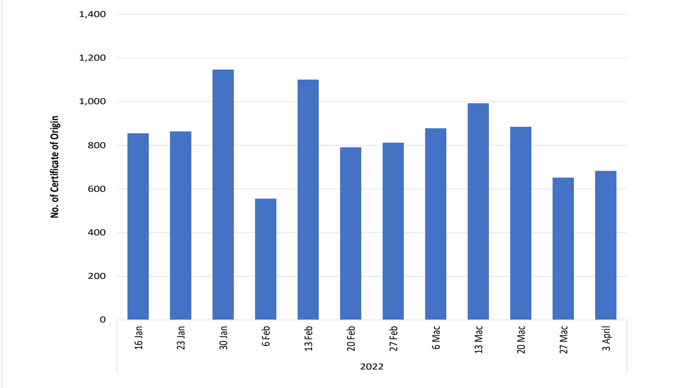
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)



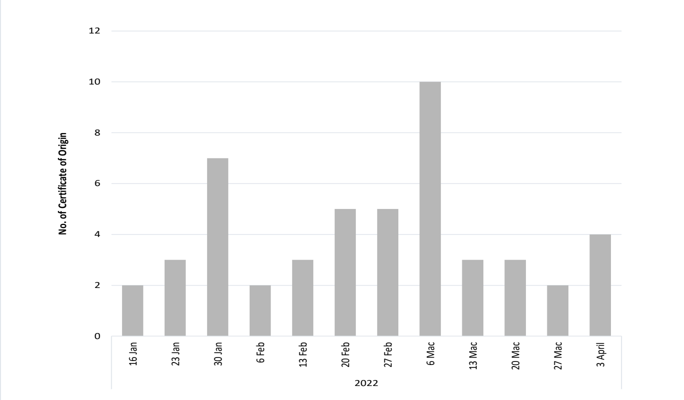
ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AIFTA)



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



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



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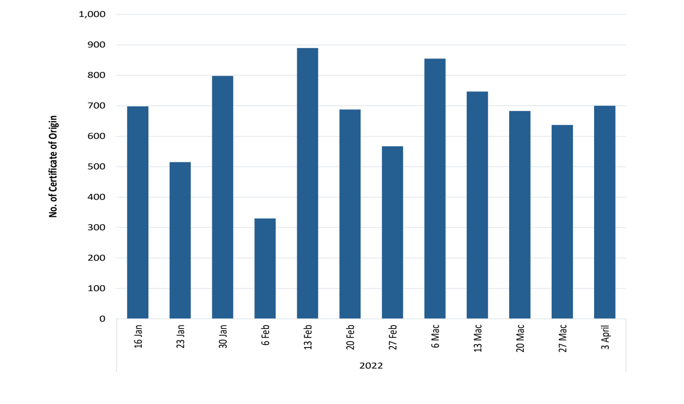
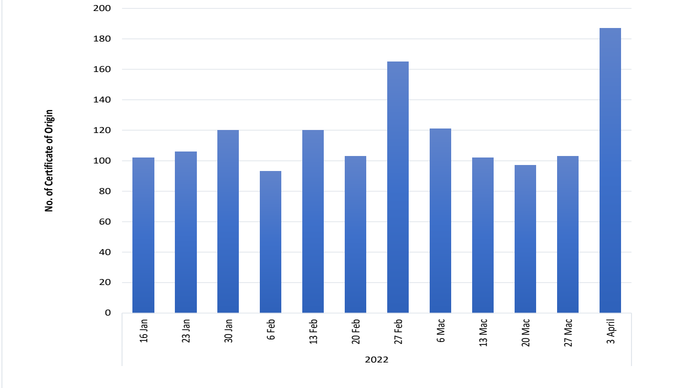
Bilateral FTA
Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 27 Mac 2022

Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



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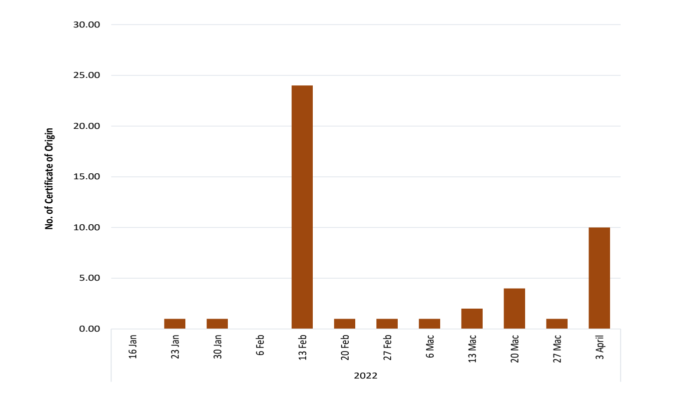
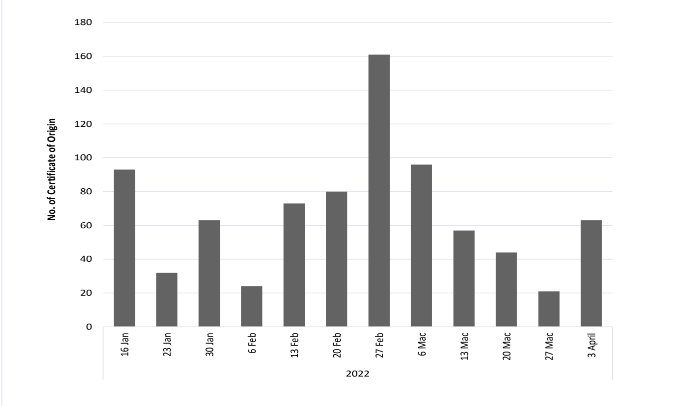
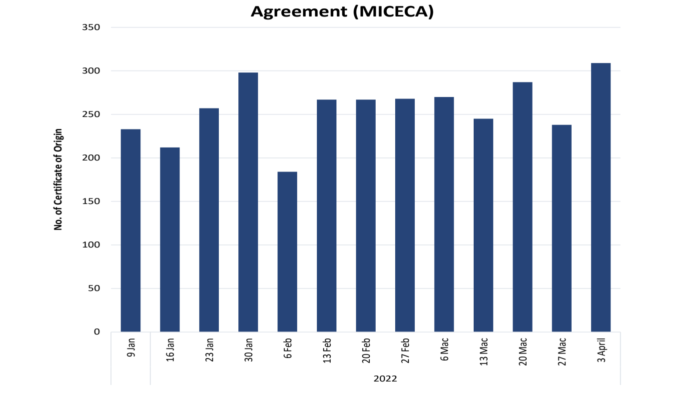


Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



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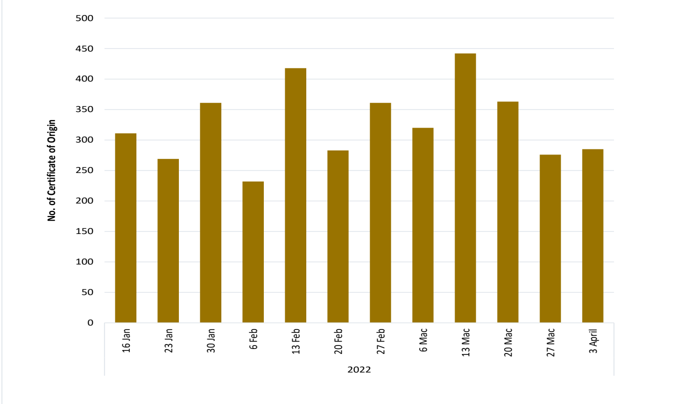
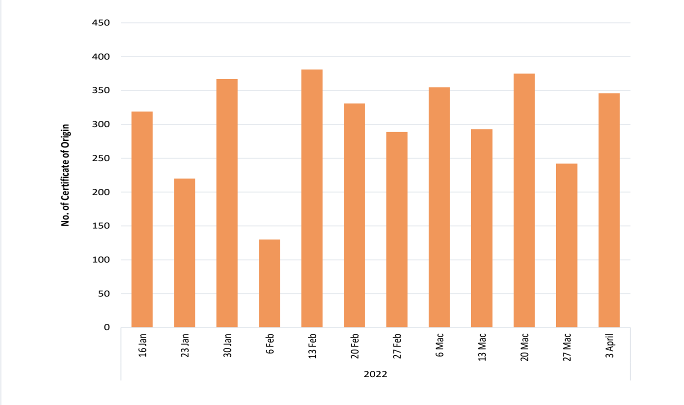


Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)



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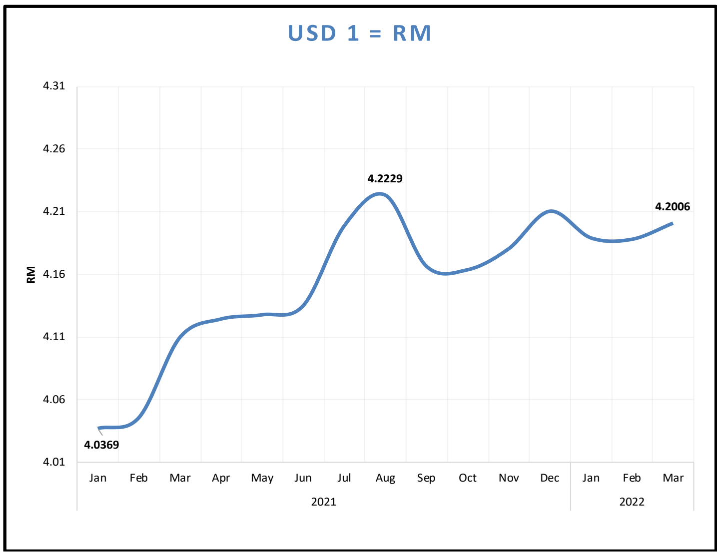
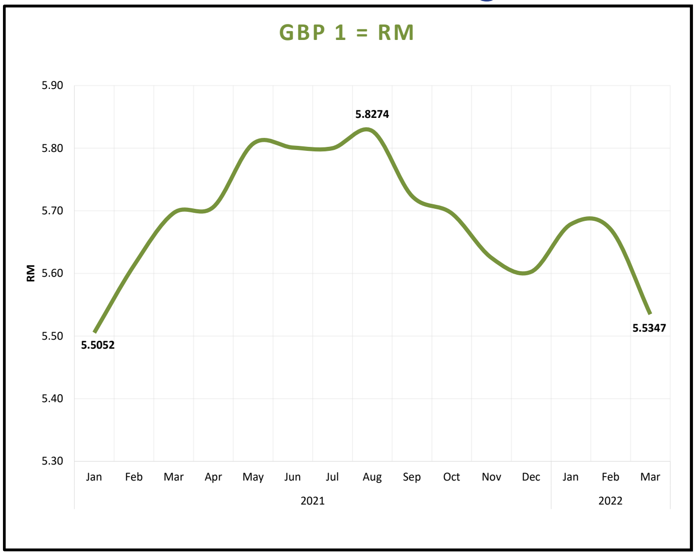
Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2021 - March 2022

US Dollar



Pound Sterling



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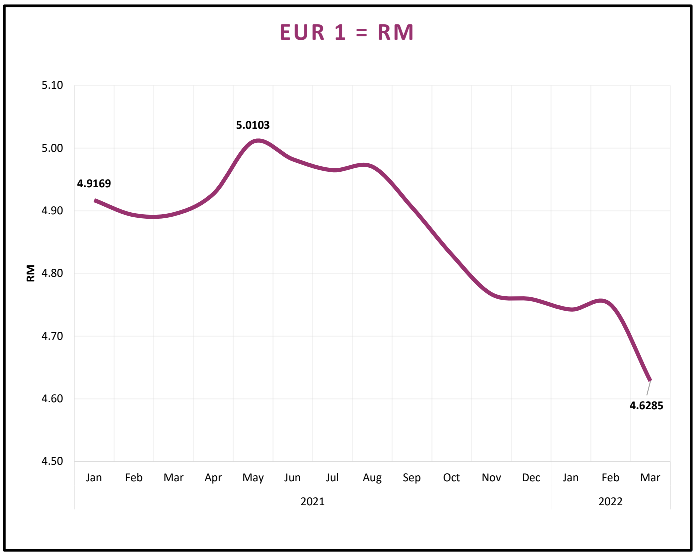
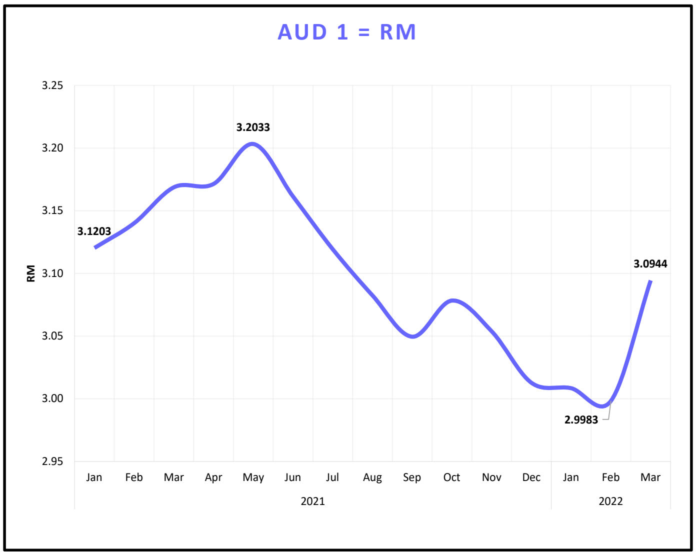
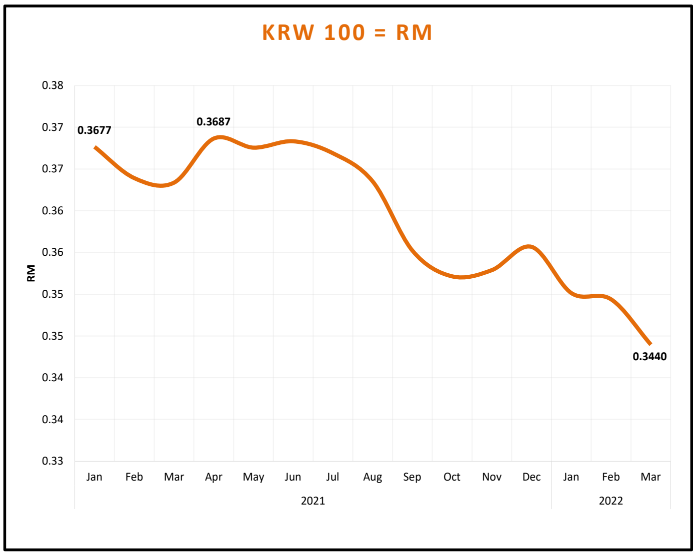


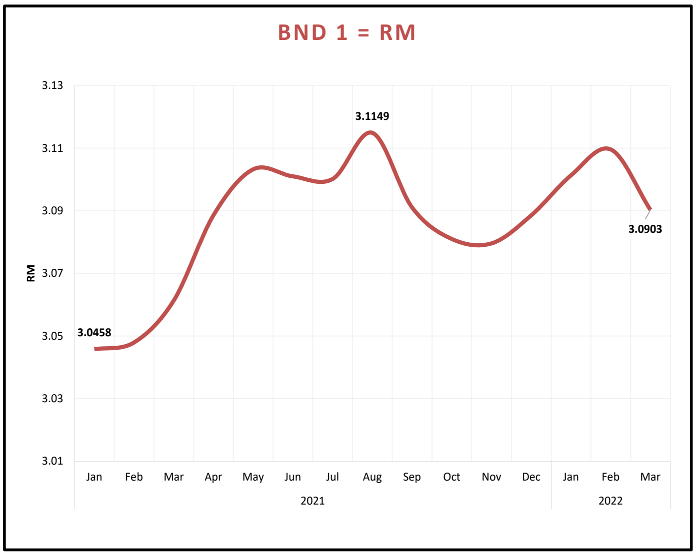
Australian Dollar



South Korean Won



Brunei Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

▼ 3.3%*
US$100.9
8 Apr 2022

Highest 2021/2022
25 Mac 2022 : US$120.7
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-

▲ 4.2%*
US$1,548.0
8 Apr 2022

Highest 2021/2022
11 Mac 2022 : US$1,774.7
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-

▼ 0.1%*
US$1,753.5
8 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,689.1

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-

▼ 0.3%*
US$1,617.1
8 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,505.9

SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ 4.6%*
US$20.3
8 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$17.9

COAL -per MT-

▲ 11.2%*
US$295.0
8 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$120.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

= %*
US$649.0
(high)

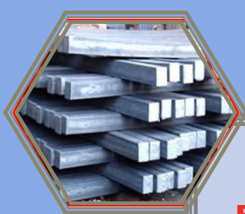
= %*
US$605.0
(low)

8 Apr 2022

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

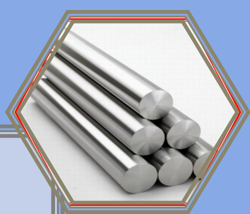
Domestic Prices

8 Apr 2022



Billets
(per MT)
RM3,200- RM3,300

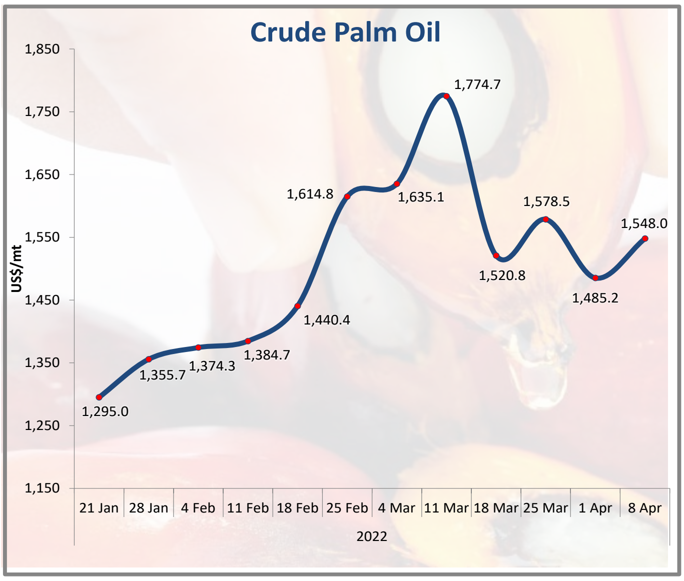
Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM3,450 – RM3,600

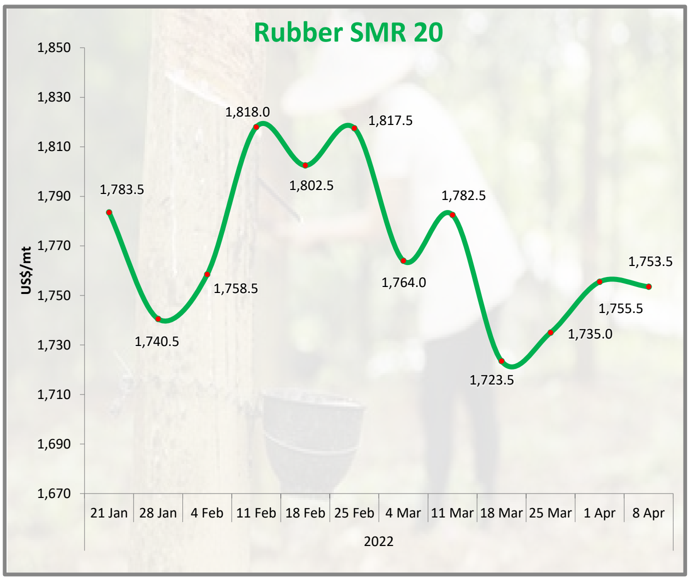


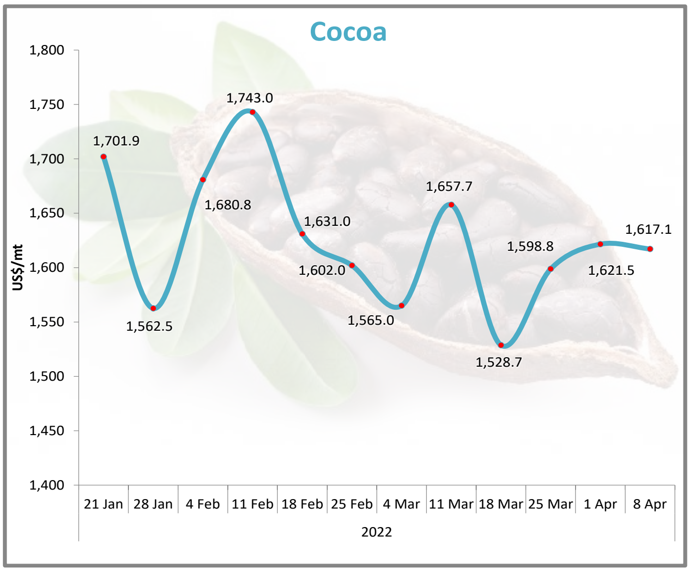
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point
* Refer to % change from the previous week's price
i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

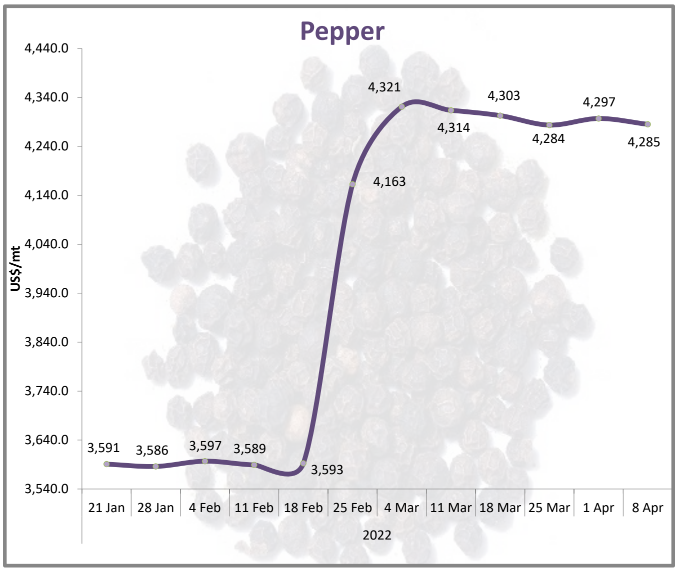
Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, and Bloomberg.

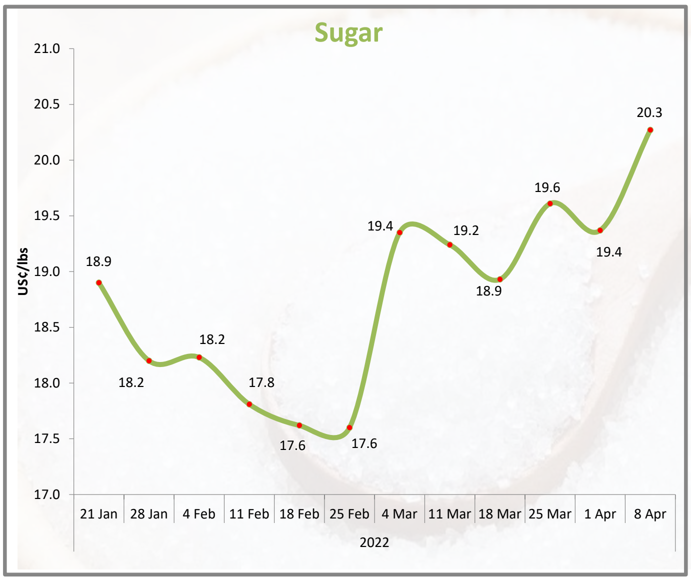
Commodity Price Trends

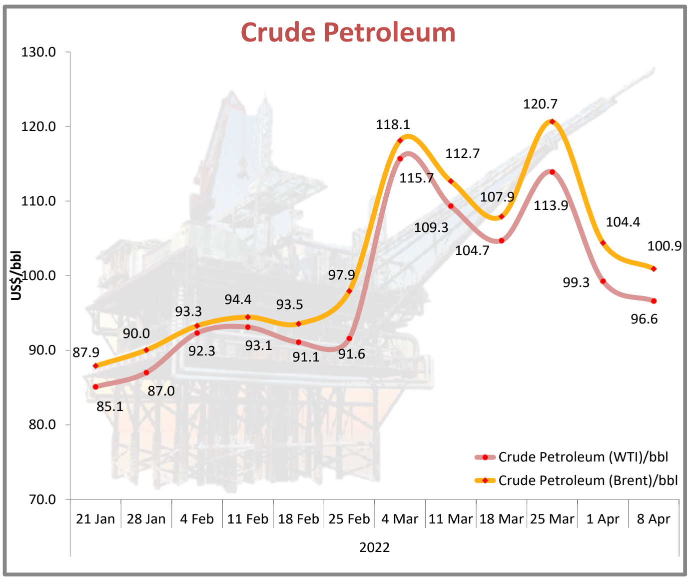












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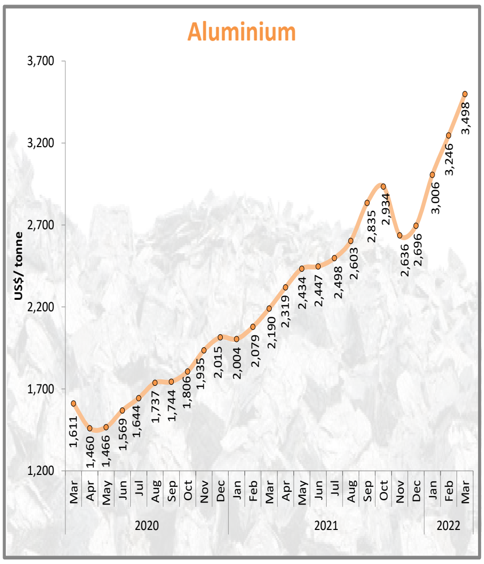

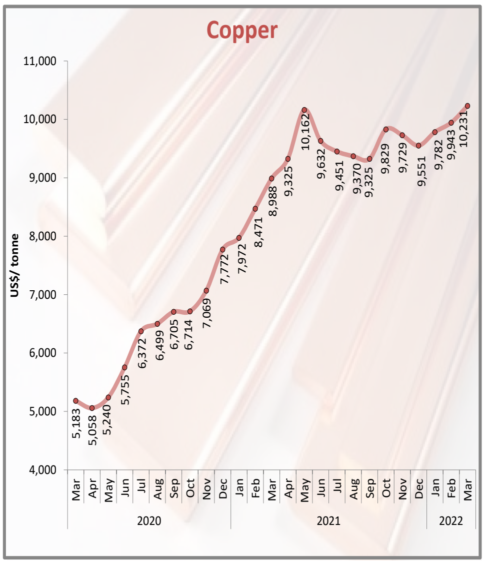

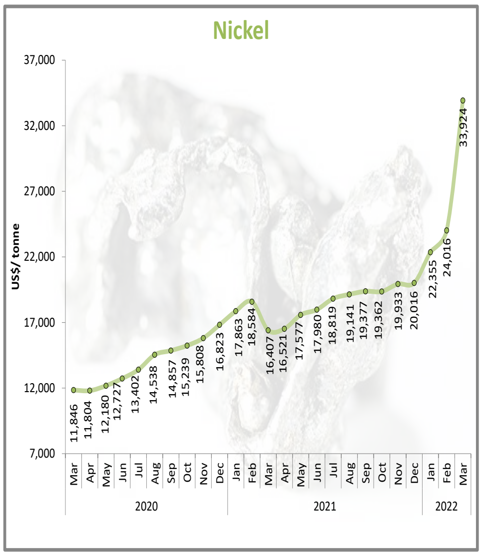

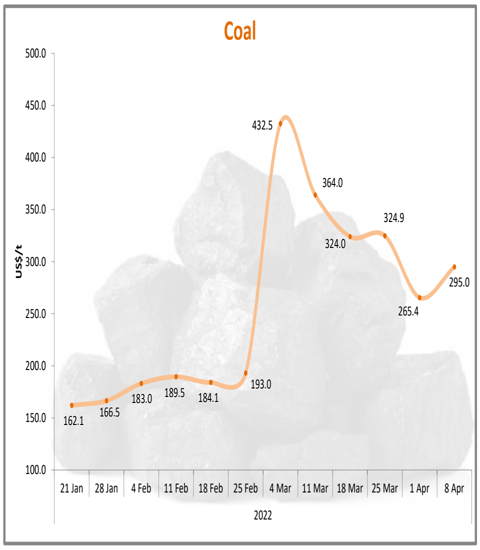

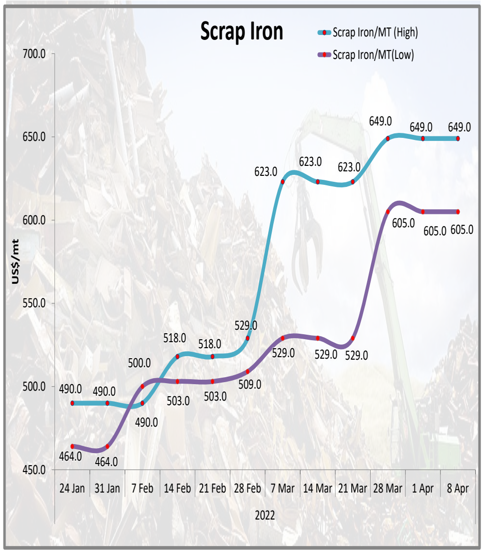

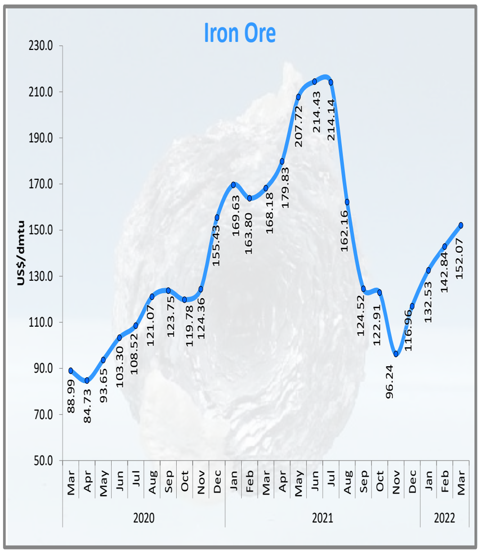

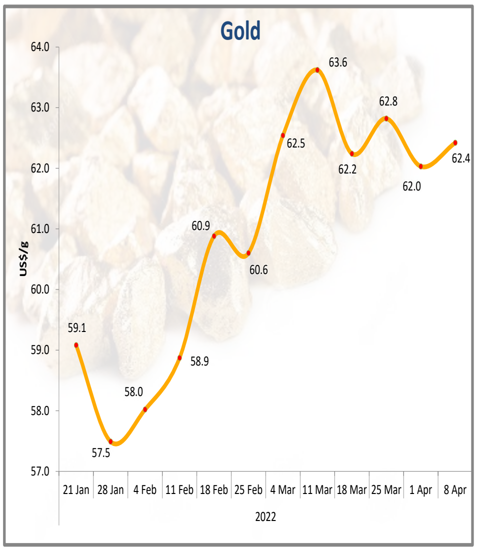

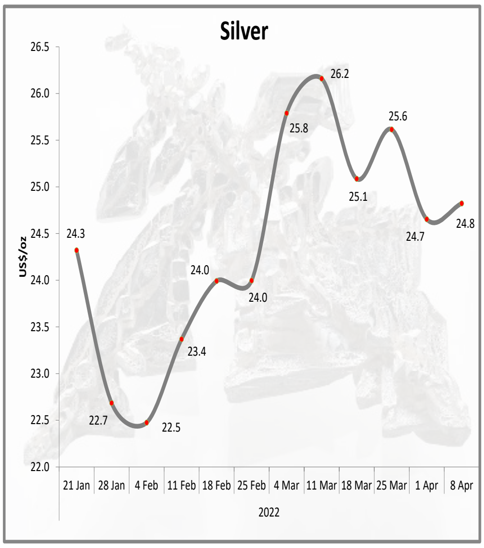

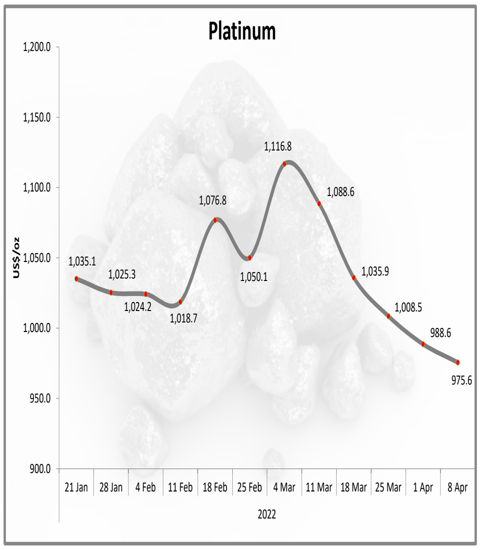

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

RCEP

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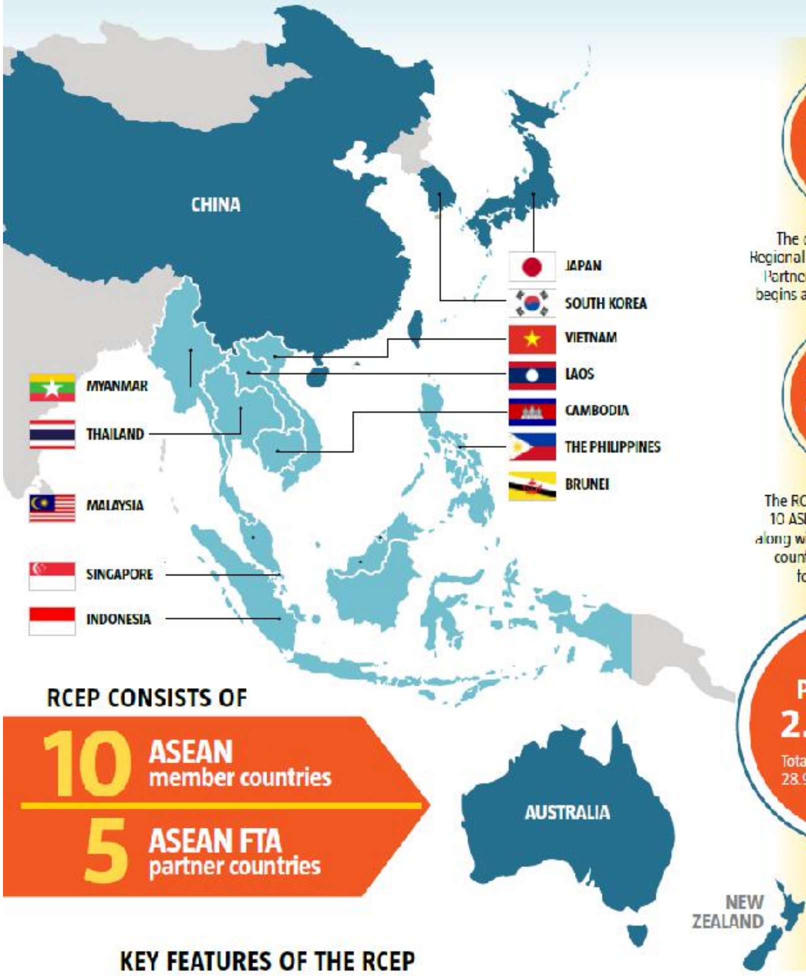
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is designed to broaden and deepen ASEAN's engagement with Australia, China, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. The objective of the trade agreement is to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development in the region.



RCEP CONSISTS OF

10 ASEAN member countries

5 ASEAN FTA partner countries

2012

The decision to initiate the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement begins at the 21st ASEAN Summit

2020

The RCEP is officially signed by 10 ASEAN member countries along with five ASEAN FTA partner countries after 31 rounds of formal negotiations

Total Population 2.2 billion

Total GDP US$24.8 billion
28.9% of the world's GDP

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The RCEP Agreement is created to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development amongst RCEP member countries.

The single regional free trade agreement (FTA) is also intended to strengthen regional value chain for businesses in the region, particularly the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

It is designed to create and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral trading system, which will in turn create avenues for market and employment opportunities for businesses and people within the region.

The trade agreement will allow businesses in RCEP member countries to gain access to a much wider regional market. Progressive elimination and reduction of customs duties for trade in goods as well as facilitation of export and import of goods among the RCEP countries will serve to enhance inter and intra regional trade and investment whilst strengthening regional value chains.

To serve as a vital economic tool to spur economic growth in the region. It will also allow more seamless opening of markets whilst creating uninterrupted supply chains within the region. The trade agreement is also intended to help facilitate transparency, information exchange and better compliance for technical regulations and standards amongst RCEP member countries.

KEY FEATURES OF THE RCEP

Trade In Goods

Progressive elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers on substantially all trade in goods including the related chapters of rules of origin, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures and trade remedies in order to establish a free trade area among the parties.

Trade In Services

Liberalisation of services sectors, including financial services, telecommunications services and movement of natural persons. The RCEP will be comprehensive, of high quality and substantially eliminate restrictions and/or discriminatory measures with respect to trade in services between the RCEP participating countries. Rules and obligations on trade in services under the RCEP will be consistent with the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

Investment

Promotion, facilitation, protection and liberalisation of investment. The RCEP will aim to create a liberal, facilitative, and competitive investment environment in the region based on these four pillars in order to create an enabling investment environment in the region along with improved investment facilitation provisions as well as investor aftercare.

Economic & Technical Cooperation

The economic and technical cooperation provisions in the RCEP will build upon existing economic cooperation arrangements between ASEAN and ASEAN's FTA partners to narrow the development gaps amongst member countries. Under the RCEP agreement, cooperation activities will also include trade activities such as include e commerce and other areas that would be mutually agreed upon by the RCEP participating countries.

Protection Of Intellectual Property Rights

Aimed at reducing IP related barriers to trade and investment by promoting economic integration and cooperation in the utilization, protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights amongst RCEP member countries.

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

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- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
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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
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- 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)
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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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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.

Incentives for RA

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Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Readiness Assessment

1. APPLY NOW! Apply online at www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd
2. 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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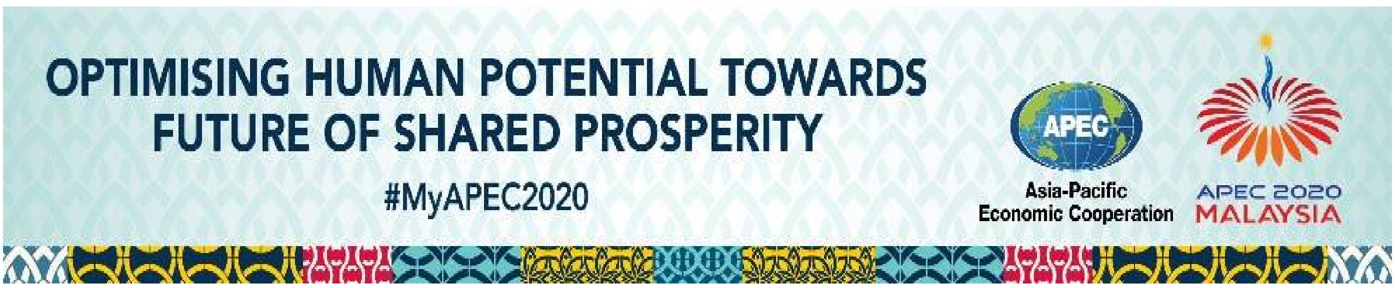

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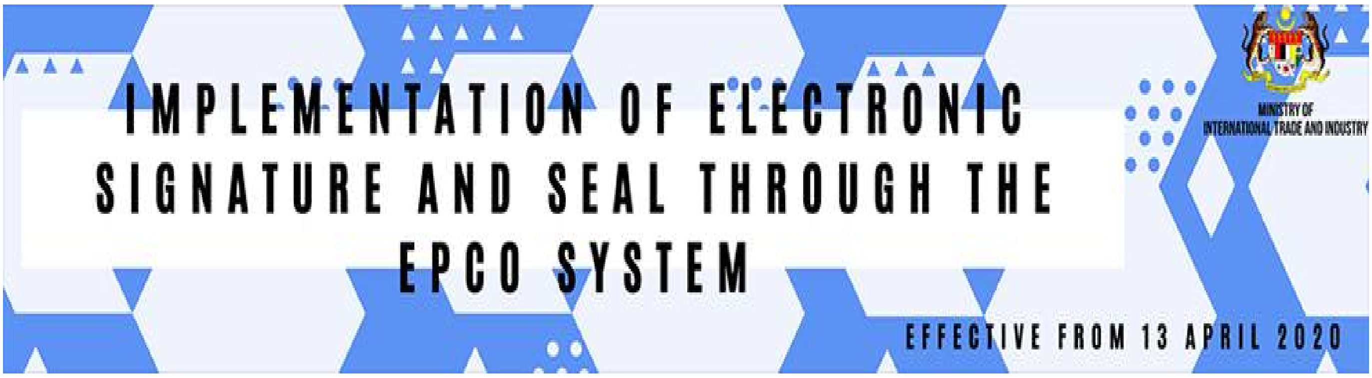

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