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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia's export prices dropped by 0.05 per cent to 149.7 points last month from 149.8 in September while the "import unit value index" showed a 0.6 per cent month-on-month increase to 133.2 points.

Accordingly, Malaysia's terms of trade showed a negative performance of 0.6 per cent month-on-month to 112.4 points last month, according to the Statistics Department.

Chief statistician Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the "export unit value index" dipped 0.05 per cent last month due to declines in the indices of animal and vegetable oils and fats (5.3 per cent), mineral fuels (3.4 per cent) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (0.4 per cent).

"At the same time, the export volume index also dropped 8.7 per cent in the same month, contributed by the declines in the indices of miscellaneous manufactured articles (17.8 per cent), animal and vegetable oils and fats (15.9 per cent) as well as machinery and transport equipment (14.9 per cent).

"The seasonally adjusted export volume index dropped 14.5 per cent from 179.4 points to 153.4 points," he said in a statement yesterday.

The import unit value index increased by 0.6 per cent last month, contributed by rises in the indices of machinery and transport equipment (2.5 per cent), miscellaneous manufactured articles (0.5 per cent) and food (0.2 per cent).

Uzir said the import volume index also increased by 0.4 per cent last month, contributed by the increases in the indices of mineral fuels (18 per cent), food (4.8 per cent), and machinery and transport equipment (0.6 per cent). **Bernama**