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MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, JULY 2015

1. PRODUCTION

In July 2015, production of natural rubber (NR) was recorded at **54,728 tonnes**. The production was increased by **956 tonnes (+1.8%)** from June 2015, whereas for year-on-year, it fell by **5,603 tonnes (-9.3%)**. The largest contributor of total NR production was from the smallholding sector at **91.2 per cent** and the remaining is from the estate sector. For month-on-month, production from smallholding sectors showed an increase of **2.0 per cent** while the production from estate decreased by **0.1 per cent**.

2. EXPORTS

A total of **80,288 tonnes** of Malaysia's natural rubber (NR) was exported in July 2015. Exports increased by **13,903 tonnes (+20.9%)** from June 2015 and **28,516 tonnes (+55.1%)** from July 2014. Standard Malaysian Rubber (S.M.R.) contributed **96.7 per cent** of the total NR exports that comprised **70.6 per cent** of S.M.R. 20.

NR was mainly exported to the People's Rep. of China (**62.9%**), followed by Germany (**10.5%**), Islamic Rep. of Iran (**4.2%**), U.S.A. (**3.7%**), Finland (**1.6%**), Taiwan (**1.3%**), Rep. of Korea (**1.1%**), France (**0.9%**) and Mexico (**0.9%**).

3. IMPORTS

The total imports of NR in July 2015 amounted to **78,608 tonnes**. Imports increased by **10,123 tonnes (+14.8%)** from June 2015 but fell by **3,970 tonnes (-4.8%)** from July 2014. Standard Rubber and Latex Concentrate were the main types of NR imported, at **37.8 per cent** and **35.1 per cent** respectively.

NR was imported mainly from Thailand (**48.7%**) and Viet Nam (**27.8%**).

4. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

The domestic consumption of NR in July 2015 was **40,129 tonnes**, dropped by **644 tonnes (-1.6%)** from June 2015. However, when comparing to July 2014, domestic consumption of NR shows an increase of **3,708 tonnes (+10.2%)**.

The rubber gloves industry is the major industry in consuming NR with a total of **29,396 tonnes (73.3%)**, followed by rubber thread (**10.0%**) and tyre & tubes (**7.1%**). The total consumption for these three industries comprised of **90.4 per cent** from the overall domestic consumption of NR.

5. STOCKS

The level of stocks at the end of July 2015 was recorded at **129,694** tonnes. The level of stocks decreased when compared to month-on-month and year-on-year that is **1,387** tonnes (**-1.1%**) and **16,777** tonnes (**-11.5%**) respectively.

6. AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICE PER KILOGRAMME (Noon Quotations - F.O.B.)

In July 2015, the average monthly price of latex concentrate was recorded at **438.23** sen per kilogramme, dropped by **58.29** sen (**-11.7%**) from the previous month and **15.67** sen (**-3.5%**) when compared to July 2014.

The price of S.M.R. 20 in July 2015 was **540.57** cents, reduced by **6.9** per cent compared to June 2015. Nevertheless, the price of G.M.M 20 increased by **1.2** per cent on the same month in 2014.

7. EMPLOYMENT

A total of **12,180** persons were engaged in the rubber estates in July 2015, where **12,176** persons were paid employees with total salaries & wages paid amounting to RM**14.9** million. The number of paid employees increased by **0.3** per cent from the previous month but decreased by **3.4** per cent from a year ago.

8. PRODUCTIVITY

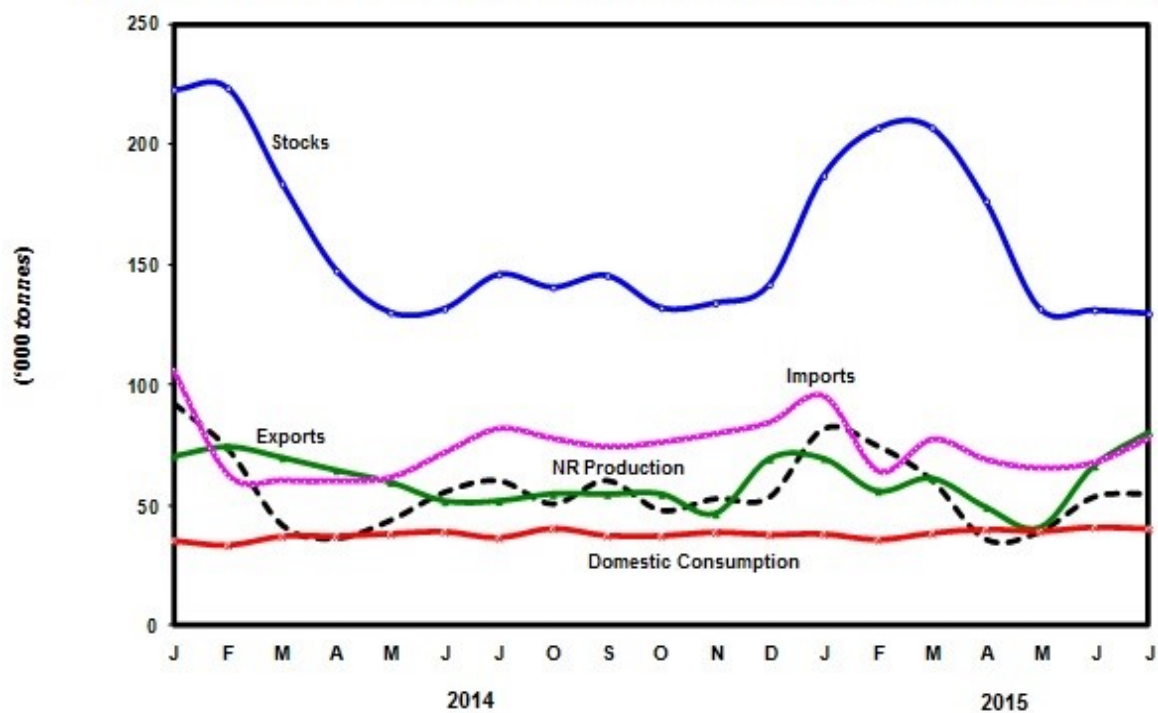
The productivity of NR production on estates was recorded at **124.9** kilogramme per hectare in July 2015.

The productivity of NR production showed an increase when compared to month-on-month at **0.3** kilogramme per hectare (**+0.2%**) whereas year-on-year it dropped by **7.9** kilogramme per hectare (**-5.9%**).

9. PRINCIPAL STATISTICS

Chart 1 below shows the monthly time series.

Chart 1 - Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2014/2015



*Notes:

Data for July 2015 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the August 2015 publication.

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