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## MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, AUGUST 2016

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### **Natural rubber (NR) production increased 30.5% to record 59,520 tonnes in August 2016**

In August 2016, NR production was registered **59,520** tonnes with an increase of **30.5** per cent as compared to July 2016. The main contributor to NR production is from the smallholding sector **90.1** per cent.

Average monthly price of Latex Concentrate and Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 increased by **0.95** sen per kilogramme (**+0.2%**) and **7.22** sen per kilogramme (**+1.4%**) respectively in August 2016 as compared to previous month.

Exports of NR in August 2016 was **46,548** tonnes dropped by **4.2** per cent as compared to July 2016. The five main destinations of NR exports were China, Germany, Iran, U.S.A. and Finland.

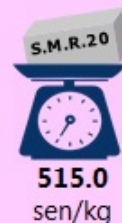
Meanwhile, domestic consumption of natural rubber went up by **0.2** per cent to 40,518 tonnes in August 2016. The rubber gloves industry remain as main domestic consumption **73.5** per cent.

At the end of August 2016, the level of NR stocks rose by **3.4** per cent to **169,465** tonnes as compared to previous month.

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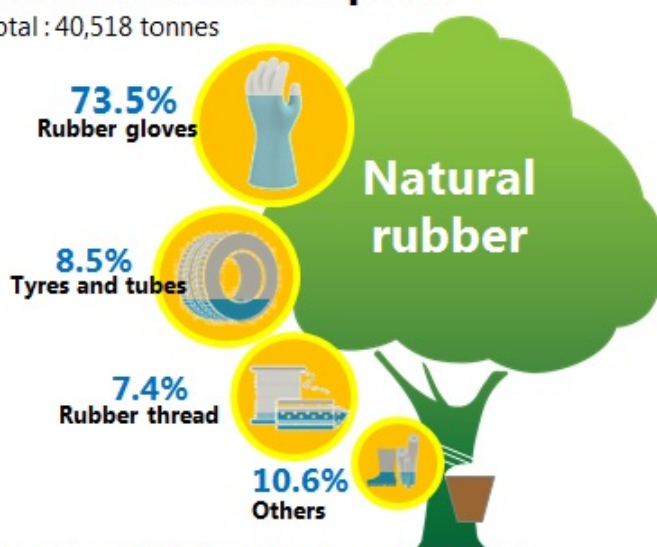


Latex Concentrate: 0.2%  
S.M.R.20: 1.4%



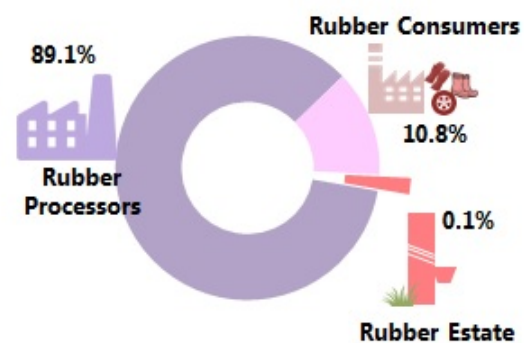
## Domestic Consumption

Total: 40,518 tonnes



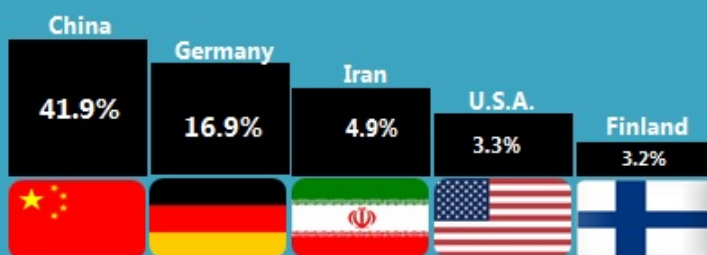
More than 70% domestic consumption of NR from the rubber gloves industry.

## Stocks



August 2016: **169,465 tonnes**  
July 2016: **163,897 tonnes**

## Exports



Exports of NR dropped by **4.2%** as compared to July 2016.  
The main destination of NR exports was China.

Total exports: **46,548 tonnes**

## Production of NR by Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)



Source: Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

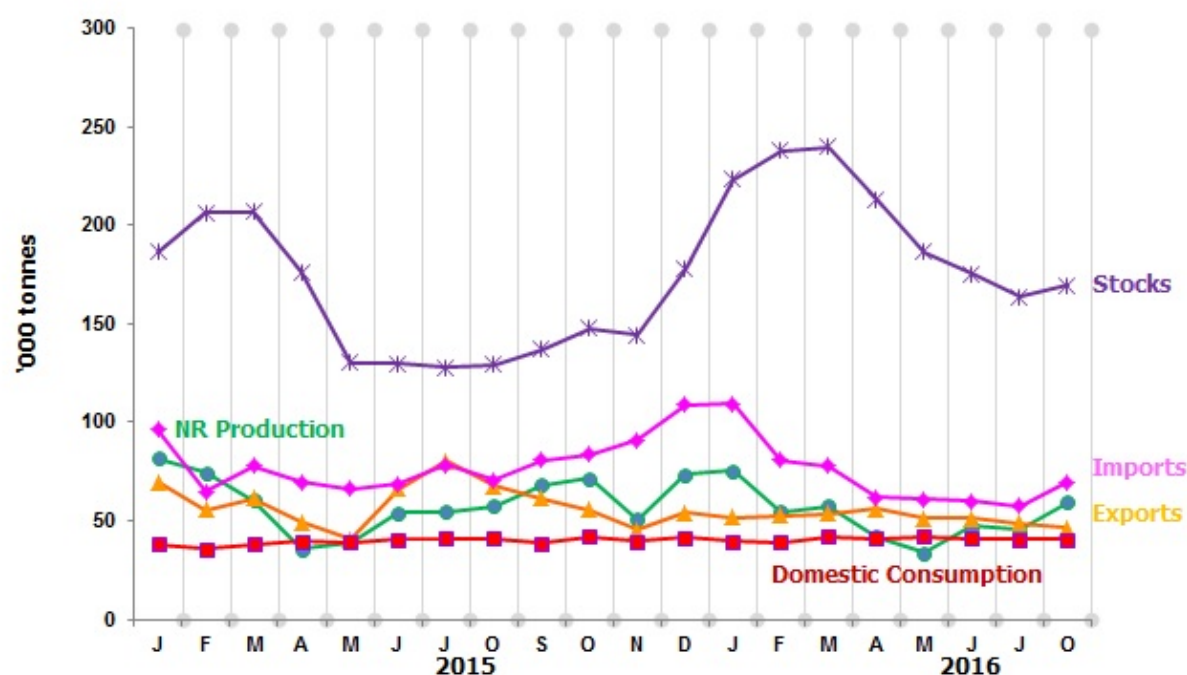
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics Malaysia, August 2016, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

**Table 1** presents the principal statistics of rubber for August 2016 while **Chart 1** shows the monthly time series.

**Table 1:** Principal Statistics of rubber, August 2016

| Principal Statistics               | August 2016 | July 2016 | August 2015 | Change month-on-month (%) | Change year-on-year (%) |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Production (tonnes)                | 59,520      | 45,623    | 57,366      | 30.5                      | 3.8                     |
| Exports (tonnes)                   | 46,548      | 48,578    | 67,770      | -4.2                      | -31.3                   |
| Imports (tonnes)                   | 69,928      | 57,411    | 70,637      | 21.8                      | -1.0                    |
| Domestic consumption (tonnes)      | 40,518      | 40,450    | 40,877      | 0.2                       | -0.9                    |
| Closing stocks (tonnes)            | 169,465     | 163,897   | 129,414     | 3.4                       | 30.9                    |
| Number of paid workers (estate)    | 10,679      | 10,648    | 12,095      | 0.3                       | -11.7                   |
| Salaries & wages (RM'000) (estate) | 15,653      | 13,551    | 15,546      | 15.5                      | 0.7                     |

**Chart 1:** Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2015/2016



\*Notes:

Data for August 2016 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the September 2016 publication.

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