

TABLE 3.17

### Direction of External Trade

#### January-June

|                                                  | Exports    |       |           |       | Imports    |       |           |       | Trade Balance |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------------|--------|
|                                                  | Change (%) |       | Share (%) |       | Change (%) |       | Share (%) |       | RM million    |        |
|                                                  | 2005       | 2006  | 2005      | 2006  | 2005       | 2006  | 2005      | 2006  | 2005          | 2006   |
| <b>United States</b>                             | 15.6       | 9.0   | 19.2      | 18.9  | -5.4       | 18.1  | 13.0      | 13.7  | 21,847        | 21,365 |
| <b>Singapore</b>                                 | 18.9       | 13.8  | 15.7      | 16.1  | 14.0       | 10.0  | 11.5      | 11.2  | 16,148        | 19,290 |
| <b>Japan</b>                                     | 8.0        | -0.5  | 9.7       | 8.8   | -4.5       | 5.0   | 14.6      | 13.6  | -5,286        | -6,911 |
| <b>North East Asia<br/>(not including Japan)</b> | 5.7        | 7.8   | 18.8      | 18.3  | 16.7       | 17.1  | 23.9      | 24.8  | -1,452        | -6,115 |
| China                                            | 6.4        | 12.1  | 6.4       | 6.5   | 26.2       | 21.7  | 10.9      | 11.8  | -6,116        | -9,000 |
| Hong Kong SAR                                    | 7.3        | -1.2  | 5.9       | 5.3   | -4.7       | 20.0  | 2.3       | 2.5   | 10,171        | 9,031  |
| Republic of Korea                                | 13.6       | 15.4  | 3.8       | 3.9   | 6.0        | 22.4  | 5.0       | 5.4   | -721          | -1,552 |
| Taiwan                                           | -7.7       | 6.9   | 2.7       | 2.6   | 21.3       | 2.2   | 5.7       | 5.2   | -4,808        | -4,594 |
| <b>ASEAN<br/>(not including Singapore)</b>       | 18.7       | 12.3  | 10.7      | 10.9  | 15.0       | 13.1  | 14.0      | 14.0  | -1,564        | -1,984 |
| Thailand                                         | 30.7       | 7.3   | 5.6       | 5.4   | 10.4       | 14.7  | 5.4       | 5.5   | 3,107         | 2,512  |
| Indonesia                                        | 21.8       | 4.4   | 2.4       | 2.3   | 6.6        | 18.5  | 3.8       | 4.0   | -1,674        | -2,848 |
| Philippines                                      | -1.7       | 7.2   | 1.4       | 1.4   | 27.8       | -12.7 | 3.0       | 2.3   | -2,503        | -1,458 |
| Viet Nam                                         | -5.1       | 82.8  | 0.8       | 1.3   | 81.5       | 46.6  | 0.7       | 1.0   | 550           | 1,548  |
| Brunei                                           | -12.8      | 12.1  | 0.2       | 0.2   | 77.3       | 271.2 | 0.0       | 0.0   | 534           | 533    |
| <b>European Union</b>                            | 4.0        | 13.6  | 11.7      | 12.0  | 7.9        | 4.8   | 12.0      | 11.2  | 4,937         | 7,785  |
| Germany                                          | 4.2        | 11.8  | 2.1       | 2.1   | 2.0        | 7.0   | 4.4       | 4.2   | -3,701        | -3,703 |
| Netherlands                                      | 13.3       | 15.1  | 3.2       | 3.3   | -14.2      | 22.9  | 0.7       | 0.8   | 6,678         | 7,576  |
| United Kingdom                                   | -8.3       | 6.5   | 1.8       | 1.8   | 0.3        | -1.8  | 1.6       | 1.4   | 1,307         | 1,674  |
| France                                           | -6.2       | 13.8  | 1.2       | 1.3   | 16.8       | 14.1  | 1.4       | 1.5   | 183           | 201    |
| Italy                                            | -11.5      | 34.4  | 0.5       | 0.7   | 45.5       | 0.7   | 1.2       | 1.0   | -999          | -540   |
| Ireland                                          | 70.3       | -18.5 | 0.4       | 0.3   | 37.8       | 0.2   | 0.7       | 0.6   | -515          | -687   |
| <b>South Asia</b>                                | 23.9       | 14.5  | 3.9       | 4.0   | -24.3      | 10.5  | 1.0       | 1.0   | 7,722         | 8,926  |
| India                                            | 27.9       | 16.5  | 2.7       | 2.9   | -25.8      | 9.5   | 1.0       | 0.9   | 4,946         | 5,903  |
| <b>West Asia</b>                                 | 4.1        | 15.9  | 2.5       | 2.6   | 63.8       | 50.3  | 3.0       | 4.1   | 70            | -2,070 |
| United Arab Emirates                             | 20.4       | 6.3   | 1.3       | 1.3   | 47.0       | 26.0  | 0.6       | 0.7   | 2,103         | 1,998  |
| Saudi Arabia                                     | 8.4        | -4.9  | 0.4       | 0.3   | 91.2       | 57.3  | 1.2       | 1.7   | -1,589        | -3,073 |
| Iran                                             | 0.1        | 22.7  | 0.2       | 0.3   | 132.7      | 59.5  | 0.3       | 0.4   | -19           | -249   |
| Oman                                             | 28.5       | 6.1   | 0.1       | 0.1   | 27.7       | 106.0 | 0.4       | 0.8   | -685          | -1,576 |
| <b>Australia</b>                                 | 16.9       | 8.0   | 3.2       | 3.2   | 35.9       | -6.3  | 2.0       | 1.7   | 4,033         | 4,951  |
| <b>New Zealand</b>                               | -15.3      | 115.8 | 0.3       | 0.5   | -3.1       | -6.8  | 0.3       | 0.3   | 58            | 925    |
| <b>Africa</b>                                    | 31.9       | 5.1   | 1.4       | 1.3   | 14.5       | 68.2  | 0.6       | 0.9   | 2,281         | 1,593  |
| <b>Rest of the world</b>                         | 11.7       | 28.3  | 2.9       | 3.4   | 20.9       | -1.5  | 4.1       | 3.5   | -925          | 1,258  |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | 12.2       | 10.6  | 100.0     | 100.0 | 9.0        | 12.6  | 100.0     | 100.0 | 47,870        | 49,013 |
| <b>RM billion</b>                                |            |       | 253.3     | 280.3 |            |       | 205.4     | 231.3 |               |        |

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia.