

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Singapore's External Trade - May 2025<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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#### **Highlights**

#### **NODX**

• Declined by 3.5% in May 2025, following the 12.4% growth in April 2025; non-electronics decreased while electronics grew.

#### **NORX**

• Expanded by 16.1% in May 2025, easing from the 39.3% increase in April 2025; both electronics and non-electronics rose.

#### **Total trade**

 Increased by 1.0% in May 2025, following the 14.7% growth in April 2025; exports rose while imports declined.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All top products/economies which are stated to have contributed towards the changes in trade figures are ranked by absolute change in level and not change in percentage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In tandem with the use of a new set of tariff codes for the classification of all goods traded within and outside ASEAN, data has been updated to ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 version.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Goods trade data are reported mainly in nominal terms in line with international practice. Goods trade data in real terms for broad categories of trade are available in Table 1 of the statistical appendix.

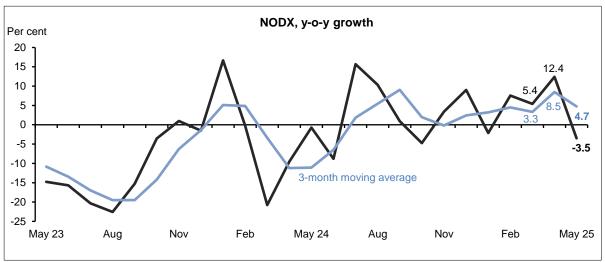
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# **Performance by Key Trade Components**

## **Non-oil Domestic Exports (NODX)**

## NODX declined in May 2025; non-electronics decreased while electronics grew

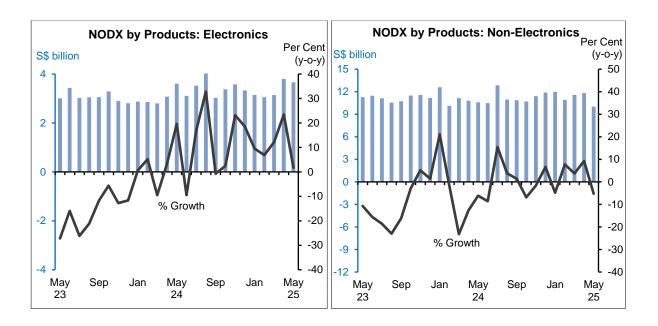
1. On a <u>year-on-year (y-o-y)</u> basis, NODX declined by 3.5% in May 2025, following the 12.4% growth in the previous month. Non-electronics decreased while electronics grew. NODX grew by 3.7% in the first five months of 2025<sup>4</sup>.



Note: On a 3-month moving average (3MMA) y-o-y basis, NODX grew by 4.7% in May 2025, following the 8.5% rise in April 2025.

- 2. <u>Electronic products.</u> On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, electronic NODX grew by 1.7% in May 2025, following the 23.4% expansion in the previous month. PCs, ICs and consumer electronics increased by 50.9%, 4.3% and 49.0% respectively, contributing the most to the rise in electronic NODX.
- 3. Non-electronic products. On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, non-electronic NODX declined by 5.3% in May 2025, after the 9.3% expansion in the previous month. Petrochemicals, non-monetary gold and specialised machinery contracted by 17.8%, 25.9% and 11.7% respectively, contributing the most to the decline in non-electronic NODX.

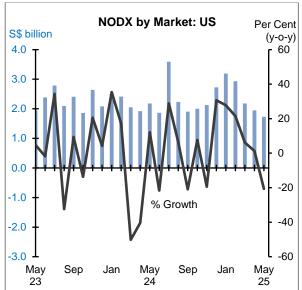
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EnterpriseSG is actively monitoring the evolving tariff situation and will adjust the 2025 NODX forecast as necessary to reflect changing market conditions.

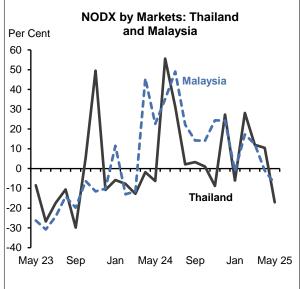


### NODX to the US, Thailand and Malaysia declined in May 2025

- 4. <u>Top 10 Markets<sup>5</sup>.</u> NODX to the US, Thailand and Malaysia declined in May 2025, though NODX to Taiwan, Indonesia, South Korea and Hong Kong grew.
  - NODX to the US contracted by 20.6% in May 2025, after the 1.2% increase in the preceding month, due to specialised machinery (-49.2%), food preparations (-35.7%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (-41.0%).
  - NODX to Thailand contracted by 17.0% in May 2025, after the 10.5% growth in the preceding month, due to non-monetary gold (-35.5%), food preparations (-55.3%) and PCs (-76.3%).
  - NODX to Malaysia declined by 7.6% in May 2025, following the 1.0% decrease in the preceding month, due to non-monetary gold (-25.1%), other computer peripherals (-99.3%) and primary chemicals (-61.4%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The top 10 markets are based on each market's percentage share of NODX in the preceding year.





## Non-oil Domestic Exports to Top Markets (% y-o-y growth)

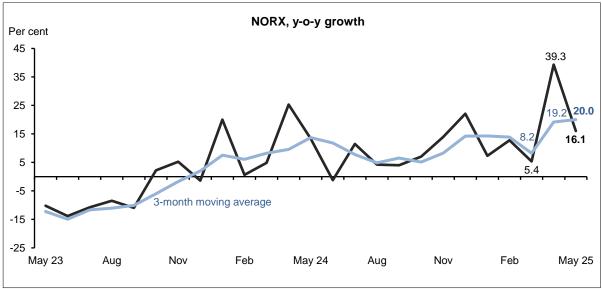
Top Markets^	NODX		Electronic NODX		Non-Electronic NODX	
	Apr 2025	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025
US	1.2	-20.6	0.8	-23.4	1.3	-20.0
Thailand	10.5	-17.0	-4.2	-9.9	19.9	-20.8
Malaysia	-1.0	-7.6	-0.5	0.4	-1.4	-12.9
China	-17.3	-3.0	-9.6	-18.6	-18.4	-0.2
EU 27	6.2	-4.8	18.3	-0.4	4.4	-5.5
Japan	6.3	-7.4	28.1	34.5	-1.6	-17.1
Hong Kong	26.4	0.1	30.1	5.9	19.2	-15.6
South Korea	37.9	4.8	66.4	5.7	29.4	4.4
Indonesia	111.1	8.1	8.8	130.6	119.9	-1.4
Taiwan	47.4	17.2	26.0	0.7	60.7	34.2

<sup>^:</sup> Ranked by contribution to the y-o-y change in NODX levels over the year.

## Non-oil Re-exports (NORX)

#### NORX grew over the year; both electronics and non-electronics rose

5. On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, NORX expanded by 16.1% in May 2025, easing from the 39.3% increase in the previous month. Both electronics and non-electronics rose.



Note: On a 3-month moving average (3MMA) y-o-y basis, NORX expanded by 20.0% in May 2025, extending the 19.2% growth in April 2025.

- 6. **Electronic products.** On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, electronic NORX grew by 29.9% in May 2025, moderating from the 58.5% expansion in April 2025. The growth in electronic NORX was due to PCs (+284.3%), ICs (+12.6%) and telecommunications equipment (+42.9%).
- 7. **Non-electronic products.** On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, non-electronic NORX increased by 1.1% in May 2025, following the 15.5% expansion in April 2025. The rise in non-electronic NORX was due to specialised machinery (+33.9%), non-electric engines & motors (+15.5%) and electrical machinery (+36.5%).
- 8. <u>Top 10 Markets<sup>6</sup>.</u> NORX to Taiwan (+152.5%), the US (+86.9%) and Vietnam (+49.1%) expanded in May 2025.

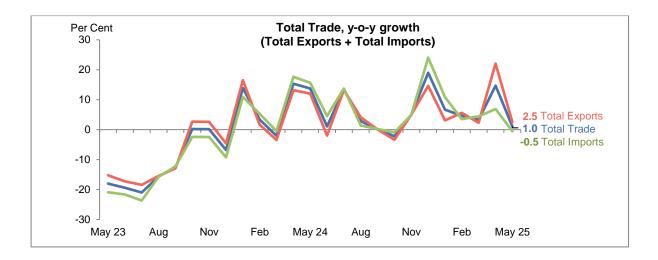
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The top 10 markets are based on each market's percentage share of NORX in the preceding year.

## **Overall Trade Performance**

## **Total Trade**

## Total trade increased in May 2025; exports rose while imports declined

- 9. On a <u>y-o-y</u> basis, total trade increased by 1.0% in May 2025, following the 14.7% expansion in the preceding month<sup>7</sup>. In May 2025:
  - Total exports increased by 2.5%, after the previous month's 22.1% expansion. Growth was driven by non-oil exports (+9.9%), while oil exports (-26.5%) declined.
  - Total imports declined by 0.5%, after the previous month's 6.9% increase.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Total trade increased in May 2025 due to the rise in non-oil trade (+7.4% y-o-y) while oil trade (-23.6% y-o-y) declined. For non-oil trade, both electronic trade (+17.5%) and non-electronic trade (+0.03%) grew.

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