



# Malaysia assures stable sugar supply despite India's export ban

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Petaling Jaya: Malaysia's sugar supply is expected to remain stable in the coming months despite India's decision to halt sugar exports, with industry players saying the country is well protected due to diversified sourcing and favourable global market conditions.

MSM Malaysia Holdings Bhd, the nation's largest refined sugar producer, said it has not faced any major difficulties in securing raw sugar supplies following India's export restrictions, The Star reported.

Group chief executive officer Dr Mazatul 'Aini Shahar Abdul Malek Shahar said the company mainly sources raw sugar from countries such as Brazil and Thailand rather than India.

She said the company's procurement strategy, along with the current global sugar surplus, is expected to support stable supplies for the next six to nine months.

According to her, procurement activities and supply arrangements continue without disruption due to proactive planning across multiple sourcing countries.

Mazatul said India's export ban also serves as a reminder for industries to avoid relying heavily on a single country for essential commodities.

She noted that although India’s move highlights vulnerabilities in global food supply chains, Malaysia remains well insulated because of MSM’s existing trade patterns and the current global sugar surplus. She added that the situation could also create opportunities for better pricing.

India announced on May 13 that it would ban all sugar exports until the end of September in an effort to safeguard domestic supplies and control local prices.

Meanwhile, the Malaysian Bakery, Biscuit, Confectionery, Mee and Kuey Teow Merchants Association said local food manufacturers and traders have not experienced any major impact from the ban so far.

Association president Chang Tuck Cheong said most sugar used by local businesses is imported from Thailand, Brazil and Indonesia, allowing the market to remain stable. She added that sugar prices have continued to remain around RM200 per 50kg.

Chang said businesses using large volumes of sugar have not reported serious supply concerns at this stage.

Responding to concerns that India’s export ban could increase demand pressure on sugar suppliers such as Thailand, Brazil and Indonesia, she said association members were not worried.

Drawing from past experience, she said sugar shortages have rarely been an issue and members are currently not overly concerned about supply disruptions. However, she noted that if import costs rise in the future, businesses may consider passing the additional costs on to consumers.

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