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Foreword

National Accounts of Mauritius – 2003 is the twenty-first issue of an annual report on National Accounts published by the Central Statistics Office. This publication presents data available as at January 2004 on the performance of the economy during the years 2000 to 2003.

As from April 2001, the office is implementing the new system of accounting, namely the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA 1993) recommended by the United Nations. To facilitate comparison, historical series of main national accounts aggregates according to SNA 1993 have been worked back to 1990, and are given in Part III at Section IV. The office has also adopted the United Nations International Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities, Revision 3 of 1990 (ISIC Rev. 3) which supersedes ISIC Rev.2.

The methodology and main data sources used in the compilation of the National Accounts estimates are given in Parts I and II, and the statistical tables and analysis in Part III. A Supply and Use Table for the year 1997 based on data from the 1997 Census of Economic Activities has been compiled and is given in Part III at Section V. An Input - Output table (product by product) for the year 1997 will appear in a separate publication.

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