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NOTES

Figures for 1984 are provisional and subject to revision

1. COVERAGE

EXPORTS

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cover | 1. Domestic exports (including exports from the Export Processing Zone) |
| | 2. Re-Exports |
| | 3. Export ex Warehouse |
| | 4. Returned goods |
| Include | 1. Government, Parcel Post and Air Freight |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands |
| | 2. Ships' stores and bunkers |

IMPORTS

- | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cover | 1. Landed merchandise sent to warehouse for subsequent delivery |
| | 2. Landed merchandise issued for home consumption |
| Include | 1. Government Parcel Post and Air Freight |
| | 2. Donations from other Government and International Organisations |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands |
| | 2. Bullion and specie |

2. VALUATION

Exports are valued F.O.B. and imports C.I.F.

F.O.B. Free on Board

C.I.F. Cost, Insurance and Freight

All figures quoted are in Mauritian Rupees

3. COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

The classification used for the compilation of trade statistics is based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revised II) or S.I.T.C. (Rev. II). However, import and export bills of entry are being worked upon according to the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (C.C.C.N.)

4. ROUNDING OF FIGURES

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest final digit and in some cases to the nearest one decimal place and as a result in some tables there may be discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and the total as shown.

5. SYMBOLS

- Nil or negligible

... Not available

6. ABBREVIATIONS

Rs : Rupees
OOO : Thousand
Mn : Million
m. ton : Metric ton : 1,000 kilos
No. : Number

EXTERNAL TRADE - FOURTH QUARTER 1984

1. Total Trade

During the fourth quarter of 1984, the value of international trade of the Country reached the record level of Rs 3,522.1 million as compared with Rs 3,133.6 million for the previous quarter. This represents an increase of 12.3% in real terms. When compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous year, the increase is still more marked: 28.9% in real terms.

The year 1984 has witnessed a sizeable growth in the volume of international trade. This growth is estimated to be about 8.9%. In nominal terms the value of trade has registered an all-time record of Rs 11,966.2 million as compared with Rs 9,812.4 million in 1983.

2. Balance of Visible Trade

The deficit in the balance of visible trade improved during the fourth quarter of 1984 from Rs 131.8 million in the previous quarter to Rs 60.9 million. This was due to more sugar and tea exports as well as a moderate growth of EPZ exports in the fourth quarter. The trade deficit was Rs 97.1 million in the fourth quarter of 1983.

For the year 1984, the deficit in the balance of visible trade worsened since total earnings of goods exports amounted to Rs 5,480.5 million, while the imports bill reached Rs 6,485.7 million leaving a deficit of Rs 1,005.2 million. This deficit was Rs 537.6 million in 1983.

3. Terms of Trade

(1982=100)

The terms of trade for the fourth quarter of 1984 were 110 with the export and import price indices reaching 124.1 and 113.2 respectively. The terms of trade were 113 for the previous quarter in 1984 and 110 for the fourth quarter in 1983. There has, therefore, been a slight deterioration when compared with the third quarter of 1984.

However, the terms of trade for calendar year 1984 remained at the same level as for the previous year when they stood at 109. The export and import price indices in 1984 were 119.4 and 110.0 respectively.

4. Exports

The total value of exports inclusive of ships' stores and bunkers during the fourth quarter of 1984 amounted to Rs 1,730.6 million as against Rs 1,500.9 million for the previous quarter, resulting in a rise of Rs 229.7 million or 15.3% in value terms. However, the export price level having declined by about 1.8% between these two periods, the volume increase worked out to about 17.4%. But when

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comparison is made with the fourth quarter of 1983, this rise amounted to about 32.1%.

For the year 1984, total export earnings from goods went up by Rs 843.1 million or 18.2% to reach the record level of Rs 5,480.5 million. It is estimated that the export price level has risen by about 11.9% during 1984 with respect to 1983. The real increase would, therefore, be of the order of only 5.6%.

A breakdown of total exports is shown hereunder:

	<u>Values (f.o.b.) Rs Mn</u>	
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
Sugar	2,678.9	2,522.6
Molasses	63.3	61.5
Tea	97.0	249.1
EPZ	1,306.8	2,150.9
<u>Other domestic exports</u>	<u>77.3</u>	<u>83.0</u>
Total domestic exports	4,223.3	5,067.1
Re-exports	88.0	113.2
<u>Ships' stores and bunkers</u>	<u>326.1</u>	<u>300.2</u>
<u>Total Exports</u>	<u>4,637.4</u>	<u>5,480.5</u>

5. Imports

The total value of imports of the Country during the fourth quarter of 1984 stood at Rs 1,791.5 million as compared with Rs 1,632.7 million for the previous quarter, bringing about a rise of Rs 158.8 million or 9.7% in nominal terms. Preliminary calculations indicate that the import price level has increased by about 1.5% between these periods. As a result, the volume increase in imports appeared to be 8.1%. However, when figures for the fourth quarter of 1984 and for the same period in 1983 are compared, there is a marked rise of 38.2% in the value of imports. But when the effects of prices are eliminated, the increase registered in the volume of imports was 26.3%.

During the calendar year 1984, the value of imports has

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increased by Rs 1,310.7 million (25.3%) with respect to 1983 to reach the record level of Rs 6,485.7 million. This increase is accounted for by a rise of both 11.5% in volume and 12.4% in price.

Significant increases in the imports of textile fibres, yarn and fabrics (+ Rs 551 Mn), machinery (+ Rs 107 Mn), fixed vegetable oils and fats (+ Rs 70 Mn), petroleum products (+ Rs 68 Mn), rice (+ Rs 60 Mn), iron and steel (+ Rs 54 Mn) and wheaten flour (+ Rs 48 Mn) are responsible for the very important rise in the imports bill of the Country. The above groups of commodities accounted for nearly 75% of the increase in imports.

6. Direction of Trade 1984

Most of the Country's exports in 1984 were directed towards the EEC countries. However, the United States of America has also become a very important market for Mauritius. Export figures to the EEC countries were Rs 4,195.5 million, representing 81% of total exports with Rs 2,616.4 million (51%) to the United Kingdom, Rs 896.8 million (17%) to France and Rs 640.0 million (12%) to the United States of America.

The Country's main sources of supply in 1984 have been the EEC countries (Rs 1,968.3 Mn) representing about 30% of total imports. The main suppliers from this group of countries were, as usual, France (Rs 755.1 Mn) and the United Kingdom (Rs 513.8 Mn). Other important sources of supply were Bahrain (Rs 680.6 Mn), the Republic of South Africa (Rs 516.7 Mn), Japan (Rs 404.9 Mn) and China Mainland (Rs 384.6 Mn).

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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade 1983 - 1984

Values (Rs Mn.)

	1983	1984	1983				1984			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
			Exports of goods	4,311.3	5,180.3	922.1	769.8	1,493.3	1,126.2	1,107.0
Domestic exports	(4,223.3)	(5,067.1)	(901.9)	(749.7)	(1,474.7)	(1,097.0)	(1,091.7)	(962.1)	(1,393.9)	(1,619.1)
Re-exports	(88.0)	(113.2)	(20.2)	(20.1)	(18.6)	(29.2)	(15.3)	(40.3)	(34.7)	(23.0)
Ships' stores & Bunkers	326.1	300.2	93.3	82.4	77.7	72.7	75.6	64.0	72.4	88.5
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	4,637.4	5,480.5	1,015.4	852.2	1,571.0	1,198.9	1,182.6	1,066.3	1,500.9	1,730.6
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	5,175.0	6,485.7	1,167.0	1,314.9	1,397.0	1,296.0	1,500.0	1,561.5	1,632.7	1,791.5
Total value of Trade (A + B)	9,812.4	11,966.2	2,182.4	2,167.1	2,968.0	2,494.9	2,682.6	2,627.8	3,133.6	3,522.1
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 537.6	-1,005.2	- 151.6	- 462.7	+ 174.0	- 97.1	- 317.4	- 495.2	- 131.8	- 60.9

Table 2 - Price (Unit Value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade 1983 - 1984

(1982 = 100)

	1983	1984	1983				1984			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
			Export Price Index	106.7	119.4	99.1	104.0	108.2	113.6	109.4
Import Price Index	97.9	110.0	97.7	97.1	101.5	103.4	106.4	109.1	111.5	113.2
Terms of Trade	109	109	101	107	107	110	103	108	113	110

Table 3 - Exports - Main Commodities - Values, 1983 - 1984

F.O.B. Rs Mn

Commodity	1983	1984	1983				1984			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Sugar	2,678.9	2,522.6	605.2	371.3	1,052.2	650.1	625.9	314.6	739.6	842.6
Molasses	63.3	61.5	6.0	5.5	31.4	20.3	-	23.1	22.1	16.2
Tea	97.0	249.1	33.4	20.9	8.7	34.0	88.6	56.4	12.5	91.5
Fish and fish preparations	76.2	107.2	23.9	15.2	23.2	13.9	25.9	24.1	24.8	32.4
Textile	76.6	97.2	22.6	22.1	19.8	12.1	25.0	20.7	23.7	27.6
Clothing	936.2	1,599.9	152.1	240.9	265.3	277.7	238.8	414.4	476.6	470.0
Processed diamonds and synthetic stones	48.7	87.8	6.6	15.1	12.9	14.1	16.4	23.3	25.3	22.8
Spectacles and frames	33.2	60.9	11.0	5.0	4.9	12.3	16.3	14.2	9.5	21.0
Watches and clocks	65.6	85.2	12.6	17.2	18.8	16.9	14.9	22.8	16.6	30.8
Toys, games and sporting goods	34.3	50.3	7.4	9.4	9.6	7.9	9.5	12.8	15.0	12.9
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	32.0	48.5	6.2	6.2	9.5	10.1	9.3	14.4	8.1	16.6
Sub-total	4,142.0	4,970.2	887.0	728.8	1,456.3	1,069.4	1,070.6	940.8	1,373.8	1,584.4
Other	169.3	210.1	35.1	41.0	37.0	56.8	36.4	61.5	54.7	57.7
Total Exports	4,311.3	5,180.3	922.1	769.8	1,493.3	1,126.2	1,107.0	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,642.1

Table 4 - Domestic exports - Selected commodities - quantities, 1983 - 1984

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1983				1984			
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Sugar	000 M/Tons	608.0	530.7	147.0	84.7	235.9	140.4	143.4	67.1	146.1	174.2
Molasses	"	137.3	127.0	18.0	18.5	64.9	35.9	-	36.3	53.8	36.9
Tea	"	4.9	6.8	2.0	1.2	0.5	1.2	2.6	1.6	0.4	2.2
Fish and fish preparations	"	2.3	2.8	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9
Processed diamonds & synthetic stones	No. 000	3.8	6.4	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.4	2.5	2.0

Table 5 - Total exports and main commodities of EPZ exports, 1983 - 1984

F.O.B. Rs Mn

Commodity	1983	1984	1983				1984			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Clothing	921.4	1,585.1	149.1	237.8	260.7	273.8	235.6	411.9	472.7	464.8
Fish and fish preparations	67.5	98.6	20.4	13.7	20.8	12.5	24.3	22.2	22.4	29.7
Textile	65.5	78.4	20.5	17.8	17.0	10.3	22.2	14.0	20.5	21.8
Processed diamonds and synthetic stones	48.6	87.3	6.6	15.0	12.9	14.1	16.4	22.8	25.3	22.8
Spectacles and frames	33.2	60.8	11.0	5.0	4.9	12.3	16.2	14.2	9.4	20.9
Watches and clocks	64.8	84.4	12.5	16.9	18.6	16.8	14.9	22.6	16.5	30.4
Toys, games and sporting goods	34.2	50.1	7.4	9.4	9.5	7.9	9.4	12.8	15.0	12.9
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	31.4	47.8	6.1	6.0	9.3	10.0	9.2	14.2	7.8	16.6
Sub-total	1,266.6	2,092.5	233.6	321.6	353.7	357.7	348.2	534.7	589.6	619.9
Other EPZ	40.2	58.4	6.4	9.7	12.1	11.9	13.1	12.3	13.5	19.1
Total EPZ	1,306.8	2,150.9	240.0	331.3	365.8	369.6	361.3	547.0	603.1	639.0
Other exports	3,004.5	3,029.4	682.1	438.5	1,127.5	756.6	745.7	455.3	825.4	1,003.1
Total Exports	4,311.3	5,180.3	922.1	769.8	1,493.3	1,126.2	1,107.0	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,642.1

Table 6 - Exports - Main Countries of destination - F.O. B. value, 1983 - 1984

Values Rs Mn

Country of destination	1983	1984			1983				1984				
		1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Total exports	4,311.3	5,180.3	922.1	769.8	1,493.3	1,126.2	1,107.0	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,642.1			
Preferential Tariff Countries	4,230.6	5,092.4	912.8	747.5	1,479.4	1,091.0	1,091.7	976.5	1,403.9	1,620.2			
<u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	3,677.2	4,195.5	817.1	684.7	1,271.4	904.1	921.7	762.2	1,126.0	1,385.8			
of which United Kingdom	2,182.1	2,616.4	447.7	296.5	853.4	584.6	646.4	356.7	745.5	867.8			
France	1,010.0	896.8	299.2	259.3	262.3	189.1	168.0	236.1	172.1	320.6			
Germany, Fed. Republic	166.8	272.1	14.7	34.6	57.7	59.9	29.2	61.7	89.0	92.1			
<u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	553.4	896.9	25.8	62.8	208.0	186.9	170.0	214.3	278.0	234.4			
of which United States of America	366.2	640.0	38.9	40.7	138.7	148.0	89.0	139.3	247.1	164.4			
<u>General Tariff Countries</u>	80.7	87.7	9.3	22.4	13.9	35.2	15.3	25.9	24.6	22.0			

255.6
896.8
272.1
640.0

Table 7 - Value of imports of goods by sections - 1983 - 1984

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

SITC Section	Description	1983	1984	1983				1984			
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
0	Food and live animals	1,130.1	1,276.7	268.3	287.8	305.6	268.3	291.8	335.8	341.8	307.2
1	Beverages and Tobacco	22.8	25.6	3.1	10.2	5.4	4.0	4.4	5.9	7.5	7.9
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	227.3	295.8	55.9	60.5	51.8	59.1	60.5	75.4	50.9	109.0
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	972.2	1,073.6	264.9	258.0	247.2	202.0	240.0	282.2	213.9	337.6
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	155.0	229.7	23.5	49.1	43.9	38.4	75.5	48.7	47.7	57.8
5	Chemicals	402.1	456.4	81.7	91.9	137.5	91.1	111.0	100.5	143.8	101.0
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,298.9	1,944.2	269.4	315.2	370.1	344.3	449.7	440.0	528.6	525.9
7	Machinery and transport equipment	624.5	752.2	128.4	150.1	154.0	192.1	181.4	178.0	185.7	207.1
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	336.2	425.5	70.6	89.8	80.5	95.1	84.5	93.4	111.1	136.5
9	Other commodities and transactions	6.0	6.0	1.1	2.4	0.9	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.4
	TOTAL IMPORTS	5,175.0	6,485.7	1,167.0	1,314.9	1,397.0	1,296.0	1,500.0	1,561.5	1,632.7	1,791.5

Table 8 - Imports - Main commodities 1983 - 1984

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1983	1984	1983				1984			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Rice	210.1	269.6	41.4	47.7	89.0	32.0	72.0	45.0	102.8	49.8
Wheaten flour	176.3	224.6	48.8	43.1	44.7	39.7	37.0	69.0	50.6	68.0
Dairy products	200.5	233.4	54.4	47.0	51.6	47.5	59.5	67.6	49.2	57.1
Textile fibres, etc.	132.7	212.9	37.2	39.1	21.9	34.4	40.0	57.0	28.7	87.4
Refined petroleum products	954.2	1,021.7	261.7	255.1	241.6	195.8	228.9	268.5	194.1	330.1
Fixed vegetables oils and fats	105.7	176.0	18.1	30.4	30.8	26.4	64.2	30.4	30.5	50.8
Textile yarn	248.0	399.7	56.3	62.4	66.4	62.8	101.0	118.3	110.5	70.1
Textile fabrics	262.5	604.3	47.8	59.4	60.3	94.9	115.2	128.3	172.9	188.0
Cement	163.4	186.8	33.7	30.8	73.6	25.2	65.9	16.1	62.6	42.3
Iron and steel	136.7	190.8	29.6	34.5	34.3	38.3	40.2	39.7	38.6	72.2
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	110.6	121.6	21.0	31.7	30.5	27.5	31.6	25.9	31.7	32.4
Machinery other than electrical	275.4	317.2	56.2	69.7	52.9	96.6	84.0	74.4	81.7	77.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	150.1	186.7	33.1	30.8	43.6	42.6	40.3	42.2	47.3	56.9
Sub-total	3,126.2	4,145.3	739.3	781.7	841.2	763.7	979.8	982.4	1,001.2	1,182.1
Other	2,048.8	2,340.4	427.7	533.2	555.8	532.3	520.2	579.1	631.5	609.4
TOTAL IMPORTS	5,175.0	6,485.7	1,167.0	1,314.9	1,397.0	1,296.0	1,500.0	1,561.5	1,632.7	1,791.5

Table 9 - Imports - Selected commodities - quantities, 1983 - 1984

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1983				1984			
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Rice	000 m. ton	72.1	87.0	12.4	18.6	29.1	12.0	25.4	14.6	33.2	13.9
Wheaten flour	"	56.2	62.6	14.5	15.0	15.5	11.2	11.4	18.4	15.7	17.1
Dairy products	"	11.4	12.2	3.5	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.8	3.6	2.4	3.4
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	16.6	16.2	3.2	5.2	5.1	3.2	6.1	3.3	3.1	3.8
Fertilizers manufactured	"	44.7	41.9	11.3	5.7	16.5	11.3	5.9	11.3	13.4	11.4
Cotton fabrics	Mn sq.metres	7.0	14.0	1.3	1.8	1.3	2.7	3.1	2.9	3.4	4.8
Cement	000 m. ton	224.4	230.9	46.0	42.6	102.5	33.3	86.5	20.2	76.7	47.5
Iron and steel	"	27.9	40.0	5.9	7.4	7.6	7.1	9.2	7.3	7.5	15.1

Table 10 - Imports - Main sources of supply - C.I.F. Value, 1983 - 1984

Country of Origin	1983	1984	1983				1984				
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
			Rs Mn								
Total Imports	5,175.0	6,485.7	1,167.0	1,314.9	1,397.0	1,296.0	1,500.0	1,561.5	1,632.7	1,791.5	
Preferential Tariff Countries	3,266.8	4,072.1	712.1	871.8	847.5	835.4	941.6	1,020.7	1,050.1	1,052.6	
E.E.C. Countries	1,615.6	1,968.3	354.5	410.0	410.8	443.0	500.9	469.6	484.5	513.3	
of which United Kingdom	449.4	513.8	91.5	111.6	126.5	119.7	109.8	132.6	139.6	131.7	513.7
France	611.5	755.1	129.2	147.6	146.0	188.7	187.7	164.5	208.0	195.0	415.2
Germany Fed. Rep.	211.3	270.0	42.3	56.4	51.1	61.5	70.9	65.3	56.8	77.0	270.1
Italy	205.9	190.3	62.3	58.3	45.9	39.4	37.6	53.9	44.8	54.1	140.4
Other Preferential Tariff Countries	1,651.2	2,103.8	357.6	461.7	436.7	395.1	440.7	551.1	567.7	546.3	
of which Australia	242.3	270.6	54.4	78.2	54.3	55.4	65.9	78.3	42.3	84.1	270.6
Rep. of South Africa	468.9	516.7	101.8	123.1	131.2	112.8	109.6	127.5	152.3	127.2	
United States of America	151.3	156.1	36.4	32.8	55.1	27.0	18.5	62.3	15.7	59.7	151.3
General Tariff Countries	1,908.2	2,413.6	454.9	443.0	549.6	460.7	558.4	540.9	582.5	731.8	
of which Bahrain	923.0	680.6	252.5	242.6	236.8	191.1	226.4	96.7	171.4	186.1	384.6
China (Mainland)	235.9	384.6	62.2	31.6	61.3	80.8	89.2	64.2	108.9	122.3	384.6
Japan	250.7	404.9	49.7	58.7	67.5	74.8	80.3	104.9	83.3	136.4	104.9