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External Trade - First Quarter 1985

NOTES

Figures for 1985 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

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| 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 to the total as shown.

5. SYMBOLS

- Nil or negligible

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6. ABBREVIATIONS

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

EXTERNAL TRADE - FIRST QUARTER 1985

1. Balance of Visible Trade

The total value of trade during the first quarter of 1985 reached Rs 3,243.2 million as against Rs 2,688.6 million for the corresponding quarter of the previous year. In real terms, this represents a growth of 5.2%.

The value of exports amounted to Rs 1,472.2 million and that of imports Rs 1,771.0 million leaving thus a deficit of Rs 298.8 million for the quarter. This compares with a deficit of Rs 324.0 million for the corresponding quarter of the previous year when value of exports totalled Rs 1,182.3 million while that of imports stood at Rs 1,506.3 million.

2. Price Indices and Terms of Trade

During the first quarter of 1985, the overall prices of exported commodities rose by about 3.1% with respect to the fourth quarter of 1984. At the same time import prices followed a similar trend but with a higher growth rate (4.9%). The terms of trade have therefore suffered a decline of about 2 points during the quarter (106 against 108 in the fourth quarter of 1984 with 1982 as base).

3. Exports

The total value of exports inclusive of ships' stores and bunkers during the first quarter of 1985 amounted to Rs 1,472.2 million as compared with Rs 1,182.3 million for the same quarter of 1984. In volume terms this represents a growth of about 6.5%.

The Rs 289.9 million increase in exports between the first quarters of 1984 and of 1985 is accounted almost exclusively by higher earnings from sugar (+ Rs 142.8 Mn) and EPZ goods (+ Rs 146.4 Mn). A breakdown of total exports between the first quarters of 1984 and of 1985 together with changes are shown hereunder:

COMMODITY	1st Qr. 1984	1st Qr. 1985	Value (f.o.b.) Rs Mn
			Changes Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Sugar	625.9	768.7	+ 142.8
Molasses	-	-	-
Tea	88.6	76.3	- 12.3
EPZ	361.2	507.6	+ 146.4
Other domestic exports	15.9	19.7	+ 3.8
<u>Total domestic exports</u>	<u>1,091.6</u>	<u>1,372.3</u>	<u>+ 280.7</u>
Re-exports	15.3	21.9	+ 6.6
Ships' stores and bunkers	75.5	78.0	+ 2.5
<u>Total exports</u>	<u>1,182.3</u>	<u>1,472.2</u>	<u>+ 289.9</u>

4. Imports

The total value of imports of the country during the first quarter of 1985 has attained Rs 1,771.0 million as compared with Rs 1,506.3 million for the corresponding quarter a year ago, thus showing an increase of 18%. The higher value of imports is accounted for both by a rise of 12.9% in price and an increase of 4.2% in volume.

It is to be noted that the level of imports during the first quarter of 1985 is not far from the record level reached during the last quarter of 1984.

Additional imports of petroleum products (+ Rs 91.8 Mn) and of raw materials for the EPZ industries (+ Rs 93.9 Mn) explained more than two thirds of the increase in imports between the first quarters of 1984 and of 1985. On the other hand, decreases in the value of imports of fixed vegetable oils and fats (- Rs 16.1 Mn), dairy products (- Rs 14.3 Mn), chemicals (- Rs 20.0 Mn) and cement (- Rs 14.4 Mn) were registered and to some extent offset the rise in the import bill. The table below lists the important changes that have occurred between the first quarters of 1984 and of 1985.

C.I.F. value Rs Mn

COMMODITY	1st Qr. 1984	1st Qr. 1985	Changes Increase (+) Decrease (-)
Rice	72.0	84.3	+ 12.3
Wheaten flour	37.0	57.8	+ 20.8
Dairy products	59.5	45.2	- 14.3
Petroleum products	228.9	320.7	+ 91.8
Fixed vegetable oils and fats	64.2	48.1	- 16.1
Chemicals	111.0	91.0	- 20.0
Textile fibres, yarn and fabrics	256.2	350.1	+ 93.9
Cement	65.9	51.5	- 14.4
Iron and steel	40.2	50.8	+ 10.6
Road vehicles and parts	26.6	37.9	+ 11.3
Machinery	154.2	168.1	+ 13.9

The structure of imports by commodity classes has undergone some important changes during the first quarter of 1985 as compared with the same period a year ago. The share of food has decreased from 19.8 to 18.4%, whilst those of animal and vegetable oils and fats taken as a whole and chemicals declined from 5.0 to 3.8% and 7.3 to 5.1% respectively. On the other hand, increases have been recorded in the share of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials from 15.9 to 18.6% and in that of

miscellaneous manufactured articles from 5.6 to 6.9%.

Some of the major groups of commodities that have had a considerable weight in the imports bill of the country during the first quarter of 1985 were textile fibres, yarn and fabrics (Rs 350 Mn) - almost exclusively for the EPZ industries, refined petroleum products (Rs 321 Mn), machinery (Rs 168 Mn) of which Rs 60 million were imported by the EPZ Sector, chemicals (Rs 91 Mn), rice (Rs 84 Mn) and wheaten flour (Rs 58 Mn). The share of the above classes of commodities has accounted for more than sixty per cent of the total value of imports.

5. Exports and Imports of EPZ

The Export Enterprise Certificate Industries (EPZ) contributed during the first quarter of 1985 36% to total exports as compared with 33% for the same quarter of 1984. The total value of EPZ exports during the first quarter of 1985 amounted to Rs 507.6 million as against Rs 361.2 million for the same period in 1984. Out of the Rs 146.4 million increase Rs 127.9 million (87%) were accounted for by higher exports of textile and clothing.

It is to be noted that EPZ exports in the first quarter of 1985 are lower than those of the fourth quarter of 1984. This is to be expected when past trends are analysed. In fact, during the past four years this had always been the case. The Rs 500 million mark has been exceeded for the first time for a first quarter.

Imports for industries in the EPZ rose substantially from Rs 336 million during the first quarter of 1984 to Rs 507 million (Rs 447 Mn for raw materials and Rs 60 Mn for machinery) in the same period of 1985, thus resulting in an increase of 51%.

EPZ exports and imports by very broad groups of items exported and imported during the first quarters of 1984 and of 1985 are given in the table hereunder:

	Value Rs Mn	
	1984 1st Qr.	1985 1st Qr.
<u>Exports</u> (f.o.b.)	<u>361.2</u>	<u>507.6</u>
Clothing & textile	257.8	385.7
Other	103.4	121.9
<u>Imports</u> (c.i.f.)	<u>336.3</u>	<u>507.0</u>
Raw materials	302.8	446.8
Machinery & equipment	33.5	60.2
Net exports	+ 24.9	+ 0.6

6. Direction of trade

During the first quarter of 1985 the EEC Countries have, as usual, been the privileged market of Mauritian products. However, signs of a diversification of market have become apparent during the last two years. This seems to be confirmed in the first quarter of 1985 when the share of exports to EEC Countries fell to 77% as compared with 89% and 83% in the corresponding quarter of 1983 and 1984 respectively. As a result of this diversification the United States of America seems to become an important avenue for the Mauritian products. The share of exports to this country during the first quarter of 1985 reached 17% as contrasted with 4% and 8% in the corresponding quarter of 1983 and 1984 respectively. In value, export figures to the EEC Countries were Rs 1,069.6 million with Rs 644.8 million (46%) to the United Kingdom and Rs 300.7 million (22%) to France. The value of exports to the United States of America amounted to Rs 300.3 million (22%).

During the first quarter of 1985, the Country's main sources of supply were the EEC Countries (Rs 472.0 Mn) covering 27% of our total imports. The main suppliers from that group of countries were France (Rs 201.1 Mn) and the United Kingdom (Rs 122.1 Mn). Other important sources were the following countries: Bahrain (Rs 281.8 Mn), China (Rs 130.0 Mn) and the Republic of South Africa (Rs 128.7 Mn).

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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade 1983 - 1985

Value (Rs Mn)

	1983	1984	1984				1985
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Exports of goods							
Domestic exports	4,311.3	5,178.8	1,106.8	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,641.4	1,394.2
Re-exports	(4,223.3)	(5,065.6)	(1,091.6)	(962.1)	(1,393.9)	(1,618.3)	(1,372.3)
Ships' Stores and Bunkers	(88.0)	(113.3)	(15.3)	(40.3)	(34.7)	(23.1)	(21.9)
	326.1	311.6	75.5	64.0	72.3	99.8	78.0
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	4,637.4	5,490.4	1,182.3	1,066.3	1,500.8	1,741.2	1,472.2
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	5,175.0	6,494.0	1,506.3	1,565.9	1,633.8	1,788.1	1,771.0
Total Value of Trade (A + B)	9,812.4	11,984.4	2,688.6	2,632.2	3,134.6	3,529.3	3,243.2
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 537.6	- 1,003.6	- 324.0	- 499.6	- 133.0	- 46.9	- 298.8

Table 2 - Price (Unit Value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade 1983 - 1985

	1983	1984	1984				1985
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Export Price Index	106.7	119.4	109.4	117.6	126.4	124.1	127.9
Import Price Index	97.9	110.3	106.4	109.1	111.5	114.5	120.1
Terms of trade	109	108	103	108	113	108	106

Table 3 - Exports - Main Commodities - Values, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	1983	1984	1984				1985	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	
Sugar	2,678.9	2,522.6	625.9	314.6	739.6	842.6	768.7	
Molasses	63.3	61.5	-	23.1	22.1	16.2	-	
Tea	97.0	249.1	88.6	56.4	12.5	91.5	76.3	
Fish and fish preparations	76.2	106.3	25.3	24.0	24.6	32.4	24.7	
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	76.6	97.2	25.0	20.7	23.7	27.6	25.2	
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	936.2	1,592.4	236.7	413.3	474.3	468.4	373.6	
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	48.7	89.2	16.4	22.7	25.3	24.8	18.0	
Spectacles and frames	33.2	59.6	16.1	14.2	9.5	19.8	19.8	
Watches and clocks	65.6	84.6	14.9	22.6	16.5	30.5	24.3	
Toys, games and sporting goods	34.3	50.2	9.5	12.8	15.0	12.9	8.9	
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	32.0	48.5	9.4	14.4	8.1	15.6	9.4	
Sub-total	4,142.0	4,961.2	1,067.8	938.8	1,371.2	1,583.3	1,348.9	
Other	169.3	217.6	39.0	63.5	57.3	58.1	45.3	
Total Exports	4,311.3	5,178.8	1,106.8	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,641.4	1,394.2	

F.O.B. Rs Mn

Table 4 - Domestic exports - Selected Commodities - quantities, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1984				1985
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Sugar	(000) m.ton	608.0	530.7	143.4	67.1	146.1	174.2	153.6
Molasses	"	137.3	127.0	-	36.3	53.8	36.9	-
Tea	"	4.9	6.8	2.6	1.6	0.4	2.2	2.0
Fish and fish preparations	"	2.3	2.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
Processed diamonds and synthetic stones	No (000)	3.8	6.4	1.2	0.4	2.5	2.0	0.9

Table 5 - Total exports and main commodities of EPZ exports, 1983 - 1985

Value (F.O.B.) Rs Mn

Description of item	1983	1984	1984				1985
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Fish and fish preparations	67.5	98.6	24.3	22.2	22.4	29.7	22.2
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	65.5	78.4	22.2	14.0	20.5	21.7	16.2
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	48.6	89.1	16.4	22.6	25.3	24.8	17.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	921.4	1,584.5	235.6	411.8	472.5	460.6	369.5
Optical goods, n.e.s.	33.3	60.2	16.1	14.2	9.5	20.4	19.6
Watches and clocks	64.8	84.4	14.9	22.6	16.5	30.4	23.8
Toys, games and sporting goods	34.2	50.1	9.4	12.8	15.0	12.9	8.8
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	31.4	47.8	9.2	14.2	7.8	16.6	9.4
Other	40.2	57.6	13.1	12.6	13.6	18.5	20.2
Total EPZ	1,306.9	2,150.7	361.2	547.0	603.1	639.6	507.6
Other exports	3,004.4	3,028.1	745.6	455.3	825.4	1,001.8	836.6
Total Exports	4,311.3	5,178.8	1,106.8	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,641.4	1,394.2

Table 6 - Exports - Main Countries of destination - F.O.B. value, 1983 - 1985

Rs Mn

Country of destination	1983	1984	1984				1985
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Total Exports	4,311.3	5,178.8	1,106.8	1,002.3	1,428.5	1,641.4	1,394.2
Preferential Tariff Countries	4,239.9	5,096.9	1,093.1	979.6	1,403.9	1,620.3	1,369.9
E.E.C. Countries	3,677.2	4,192.2	921.7	762.1	1,126.0	1,382.6	1,069.6
of which United Kingdom	(2,182.1)	(2,616.4)	(646.4)	(356.7)	(745.5)	(867.7)	(644.8)
France	(1,009.9)	(896.0)	(168.0)	(236.1)	(172.1)	(320.0)	(300.7)
Germany, Federal Republic	(166.8)	(271.1)	(29.2)	(61.7)	(89.0)	(91.3)	(43.7)
Other Preferential Tariff Countries	562.7	904.7	171.4	217.5	278.0	237.7	300.3
of which United States of America	(366.2)	(642.0)	(89.0)	(139.3)	(247.1)	(166.6)	(234.6)
General Tariff Countries	74.1	51.9	13.8	22.7	24.6	21.0	24.3

Note: U.S.S.R. and Zimbabwe have been wrongly classified amongst the general tariff countries since 1979 and 1980 respectively. The preferential status has been conferred to U.S.S.R. and Zimbabwe as per Government Notices 242/79 and 185/80 respectively. Past figures have been adjusted accordingly.

Table 7 - Value of imports of goods by sections, 1983 - 1985

SITC Section	Description	1983	1984	1984				1985	
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
0	Food and live animals	1,130.1	1,287.1	298.1	340.0	343.1	305.9	326.2	
1	Beverages and tobacco	22.8	25.6	4.4	5.9	7.5	7.9	3.7	
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	227.3	295.8	60.5	75.4	51.1	108.8	83.4	
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	972.2	1,076.2	240.0	282.2	213.9	340.2	329.2	
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	155.0	229.7	75.5	48.7	47.7	57.8	66.7	
5	Chemicals	402.1	456.2	111.0	100.5	143.6	101.0	91.0	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,298.9	1,945.0	449.7	440.2	528.6	526.5	537.9	
7	Machinery and transport equipment	624.5	749.5	181.4	178.0	185.4	204.7	208.2	
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	336.2	423.7	84.5	93.4	111.1	134.7	122.7	
9	Other commodities and transactions	6.0	5.2	1.2	1.6	1.8	0.6	2.1	
	Total Imports	5,175.0	6,494.0	1,506.3	1,565.9	1,633.8	1,788.1	1,771.0	

Table 8 - Imports - Main commodities, 1983 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1983	1984	1984				1985
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Rice	210.1	269.6	72.0	45.0	102.8	49.8	84.3
Wheaten flour	176.3	224.6	37.0	69.0	50.6	68.0	57.8
Dairy products	200.5	233.4	59.5	67.6	49.2	57.1	45.2
Textile fibres, etc.	132.7	212.9	40.0	57.0	28.7	87.4	61.1
Refined petroleum products	954.2	1,024.2	228.9	268.5	194.1	332.6	320.7
Fixed vegetables oils and fats	105.7	176.0	64.2	30.4	30.5	50.8	48.1
Textile yarn	248.0	399.9	101.0	118.3	110.5	70.1	126.1
Textile fabrics	262.5	604.3	115.2	128.3	172.9	188.0	162.9
Cement	163.4	186.8	65.9	16.1	62.6	42.3	51.5
Iron and steel	136.7	190.7	40.2	39.7	38.6	72.2	50.8
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	110.6	121.6	31.6	25.9	31.7	32.4	31.4
Machinery other than electrical	275.4	317.3	84.0	74.4	81.7	77.0	81.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances	150.1	184.5	40.3	42.2	47.3	54.8	45.7
Sub-total	3,126.2	4,145.8	979.8	982.4	1,001.2	1,182.5	1,166.9
Other	2,048.8	2,348.2	526.5	583.5	632.6	605.6	604.1
Total Imports	5,175.0	6,494.0	1,506.3	1,565.9	1,633.8	1,788.1	1,771.0

Table 9 - Imports - Selected commodities - quantities, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1984				1985
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Rice	000 m. ton	72.1	87.0	25.4	14.6	33.2	13.9	23.5
Wheaten flour	"	56.2	62.6	11.4	18.4	15.7	17.1	14.7
Dairy products	"	11.4	12.2	2.8	3.6	2.4	3.4	2.5
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	16.6	16.2	6.1	3.3	3.1	3.8	4.3
Fertilizers manufactured	"	44.7	41.9	5.9	11.3	13.4	11.4	10.6
Cotton fabrics	1000 sq. metres	7.0	14.0	3.1	2.9	3.4	4.8	3.5
Cement	000 m. ton	224.4	230.9	86.5	20.2	76.5	47.5	60.4
Iron and steel	"	27.9	35.3	9.2	8.7	7.6	9.9	10.7

Table 10 - Imports - Main sources of supply - C.I.F. Value, 1983 - 1985

Rs Mn

Country of Origin	1984				1985		
	1983	1984	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
Total Imports	5,175.0	6,494.0	1,506.3	1,565.9	1,633.8	1,788.1	1,771.0
<u>Preferential Tariff countries</u>	<u>3,298.8</u>	<u>4,158.8</u>	<u>956.5</u>	<u>1,038.4</u>	<u>1,090.5</u>	<u>1,073.4</u>	<u>1,020.6</u>
<u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	<u>1,615.6</u>	<u>1,966.5</u>	<u>500.9</u>	<u>469.6</u>	<u>484.6</u>	<u>511.4</u>	<u>472.0</u>
of which United Kingdom	(449.4)	(513.7)	(109.8)	(132.6)	(139.6)	(131.7)	(122.1)
France	(61.5)	(755.1)	(187.7)	(164.5)	(208.0)	(194.9)	(201.1)
Germany Fed. Rep.	(211.3)	(263.1)	(70.9)	(65.3)	(56.8)	(75.1)	(64.8)
Italy	(205.9)	(190.3)	(37.5)	(53.9)	(44.8)	(54.1)	(46.2)
<u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	<u>1,683.2</u>	<u>2,192.3</u>	<u>455.6</u>	<u>568.7</u>	<u>605.9</u>	<u>562.1</u>	<u>548.6</u>
of which Australia	(242.3)	(270.1)	(66.0)	(78.5)	(41.3)	(84.3)	(76.9)
Rep. of South Africa	(468.9)	(522.0)	(116.0)	(131.7)	(154.9)	(119.4)	(128.7)
United States of America	(151.3)	(154.2)	(18.4)	(62.3)	(15.8)	(57.7)	(43.7)
<u>General Tariff Countries</u>	<u>1,876.2</u>	<u>2,335.2</u>	<u>549.8</u>	<u>527.6</u>	<u>543.2</u>	<u>714.6</u>	<u>750.4</u>
of which Bahrain	(923.0)	(625.5)	(217.6)	(96.7)	(171.4)	(139.8)	(281.8)
China (Mainland)	(235.9)	(384.6)	(89.2)	(64.2)	(108.9)	(122.3)	(130.0)
Japan	(250.7)	(404.1)	(80.3)	(104.9)	(33.0)	(135.9)	(96.9)

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