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N O T E S

Figures for 1985 are provisional and subject to revision

1. COVERAGE

EXPORTS

- 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 to the total as shown.

### 5. SYMBOLS

- Nil or negligible

... Not available

- . - Not applicable

### 6. ABBREVIATIONS

Rs. : Rupees

000 : Thousand

Mn : Million

m. ton : Metric ton : 1,000 kilos

No. : Number

M<sup>2</sup> : Square metres

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1. Total Trade

The volume of international trade of the Country has grown by about 9% during the fourth quarter of 1985 with respect to the previous quarter, increasing in nominal terms from Rs 4,068 million to Rs 4,354 million. Compared with the fourth quarter of 1984, the growth in volume is estimated to be around 17%.

During the year 1985, the value of total trade of the Country attained the level of Rs 15,050 million as compared with Rs 11,985 million in 1984. The increase in real terms between these two years worked out to be 12%.

2. Balance of Visible Trade

The fourth quarter of 1985 has for the first time since the third quarter of 1983 registered a surplus in the visible trade amounting to Rs 46 million. The value of exports reached Rs 2,200 million and that of imports Rs 2,154 million. During the previous quarter the deficit amounted to Rs 222 million, whereas during the fourth quarter of 1984 it was Rs 47 million.

For the year 1985, the deficit was Rs 1,032 million with exports amounting to Rs 7,009 million and imports Rs 8,041 million. It would be recalled that the deficit in 1984 was Rs 1,003 million.

3. Terms of Trade (1982 = 100)

The terms of trade have improved from 113 during the third quarter to 122 during the fourth quarter. In fact the prices of exported goods rose by about 2%, whilst those of imported commodities fell by about 6% with respect to the previous quarter.

During the year 1985, the terms of trade moved in favour of the Country by 5 points to reach 113. The level of export prices increased by about 14% and that of import prices by about 10% with respect to 1984.

4. Exports

4.1 Exports performance - fourth quarter 1985

The total value of exports inclusive of ships' stores and bunkers during the fourth quarter of 1985 amounted to Rs 2,200 million as against Rs 1,923 million for the previous quarter, resulting in a rise of Rs 277 million or about 14% in value terms. The export price level between these two periods having risen by about 2% the volume increase is therefore around 12%.

The main exports during the fourth quarter were sugar (Rs 953 Mn) and EPZ products (Rs 1,005 Mn).

#### 4.2 Exports performance - Year 1985

For the year 1985, the total export earnings of the Country were Rs 7,009 million increasing by Rs 1,518 million over the year 1984. As the export price level has risen by about 14% with respect to 1984, the increase in volume terms has, therefore, been of the order of 12%.

The main exports during the year were: EPZ goods (Rs 3,283 Mn), sugar (Rs 2,867 Mn), tea (Rs 178 Mn) and ships' stores and bunkers (Rs 373 Mn).

Exports<sup>1/</sup> to the Preferential Tariff Countries were Rs 6,546 million (99%), out of which Rs 5,266 million (79%) were to the EEC Countries. The values of exports to the United Kingdom were Rs 2,884 million, to France Rs 1,381 million and to the United States of America Rs 1,002 million.

#### 5. Imports

##### 5.1 Imports - fourth quarter 1985

The total value of imports of the Country during the fourth quarter of 1985 reached Rs 2,154 million as compared with a more or less similar level of Rs 2,145 million during the previous quarter. But as there was a decrease of about 6% in the level of prices of imported goods, the volume increase was about 7%. However, when compared with the corresponding quarter of 1984 a substantial rise of about 21% was noted in the value of imports. Since prices during these two quarters have remained at the same level the volume increase between the two periods was also 21%.

Some of the important groups of commodities that have weighed heavily in the import bill during the fourth quarter of 1985 were:

	<u>Rs Mn</u>
EPZ raw materials and equipment	691
Food	353
Refined petroleum products	268

The above three groups of commodities have accounted for just over 60% of the total value of imports for that quarter.

##### 5.2 Imports - Year 1985

During the year 1985, the import bill of the Country reached Rs 8,041 million, increasing by Rs 1,547 million over the previous year. As the price of imported goods increased by around 10%, the increase in volume terms over the year 1984 works out to around 13%.

The main/

<sup>1/</sup> Excluding Ships' stores and bunkers

The main groups of commodities imported were as follows:

	<u>Rs Mn</u>
Textile fibres, yarn and fabrics	1,742
Food	1,352
Refined petroleum products	1,105
Machinery	890
Chemicals	554

Between 1984 and 1985 main increases were registered in the following broad groups of commodities: textile fibres, yarn and fabrics (+ Rs 525 Mn) and machinery (+ Rs 241 Mn).

During the year 1985, Rs 5,319 million (66%) worth of imports were supplied by the Preferential Tariff Countries and the remaining (Rs 2,722 Mn) by the General Tariff Countries. Imports from the EEC Countries amounted to Rs 2,593 million (32%) of which Rs 1,019 million came from France and Rs 642 million from the United Kingdom. Other substantial suppliers were the Gulf Countries (Rs 1,030 Mn), the Republic of South Africa (Rs 690 Mn), Japan (Rs 481 Mn) and China (Rs 431 Mn).

#### 6. The performance of the EPZ Sector

Total <sup>EPZ</sup> exports for the year 1985 attained the level of Rs 3,283 million as against Rs 2,151 million for the year 1984, resulting in a 53% increase in nominal terms over 1984. During the fourth quarter of 1985, the Exports Enterprise Certificate Industries (EPZ) have exported Rs 1,005 million worth of goods as compared with Rs 978 million during the previous quarter and Rs 640 million during the fourth quarter of 1984.

/products Textile and clothing/accounted for 80% of the total EPZ exports during the year 1985 and amounted to Rs 2,625 million.

During 1985 EPZ imports attained Rs 2,530 million (raw materials: Rs 2,226 Mn and machinery and equipment; Rs 304 Mn) as compared with Rs 1,650 million (raw materials: Rs 191 Mn and machinery and equipment; Rs 1,459 Mn) for the year 1984. On average EPZ industries have imported /million for a value of Rs 650 during each quarter in 1985. During the fourth quarter imports amounted to Rs 691 million.

Net EPZ exports during 1985 amounted to Rs 753 million representing 23% to total EPZ exports. The corresponding figures for the year 1984 were Rs 501 million and 23%.

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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade, 1984-1985

Value Rs. Mn

	1984	1985				1984				1985							
		1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.				
Exports of goods	5,179	1,107	1,002	1,428	1,641	1,400	1,300	1,837	2,099	Domestic exports	(5,066)	(962)	(1,394)	(1,618)	(1,379)	(1,805)	(2,065)
Re-exports	(113)	(15)	(40)	(35)	(23)	(22)	(23)	(32)	(34)	Ships' Stores and Bunkers	312	76	72	100	80	86	101
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	5,491	1,183	1,066	1,500	1,741	1,480	1,406	1,923	2,200	B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	6,494	1,506	1,634	1,788	1,764	2,145	2,154
Total Value of Trade (A + B)	11,985	2,689	2,632	3,134	3,529	3,244	3,384	4,068	4,354	BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 1,003	- 323	- 134	- 47	- 284	- 222	+ 46

Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of total exports and imports and terms of trade, 1984 - 1985  
 (Base year 1982 = 100)

Period	Unit Value Price Indices		Terms of Trade
	Total exports	Total imports	
1st quarter 1984	109.4	106.4	103
2nd quarter 1984	117.6	109.1	108
3rd quarter 1984	126.4	111.5	113
4th quarter 1984	124.1	114.5	108
<u>Year 1984</u>	<u>119.4</u>	<u>110.3</u>	<u>108</u>
1st quarter 1985	128.3	120.1	107
2nd quarter 1985	130.1	121.7	107
3rd quarter 1985	136.9	121.1	113
4th quarter 1985	139.7	114.1	122
<u>Year 1985</u>	<u>136.4</u>	<u>120.8</u>	<u>113</u>



Table 3.1 - Domestic exports of main commodities - value, 1984 - 1985

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

Commodity/Sector	1984	1985	1984				1985				
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Sugar	2,523	2,867	626	315	740	843	769	391	753	953	
Molasses	61	71	-	23	22	16	9	-	28	34	
Tea	249	178	89	56	12	92	76	56	18	28	
EPZ	2,151	3,283	361	547	603	640	505	795	978	1,005	
Other	82	127	16	21	17	27	20	36	28	45	
Total Exports	5,066	6,526	1,092	962	1,394	1,618	1,379	1,278	1,805	2,065	

Table 3.2 - Domestic exports of selected commodities, quantity, 1984 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1984		1985							
		1984	1985	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.				
Sugar	(000)m. ton	531	540	143	67	146	174	154	75	140	170
Molasses	"	127	151	-	36	54	37	16	-	64	71
Tea	m. ton	6,771	6,985	2,559	1,600	385	2,227	1,978	2,328	1,040	1,638

Table 3.3 - Domestic exports of main commodities, quantity and value, 1984 - 1985  
F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	Unit	1984		1985	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Sugar	(000) m. ton	531	2,523	540	2,867
Molasses	"	127	61	151	71
Tea	m. ton	6,771	249	6,985	178
EPZ	--	--	2,151	--	3,283

Table 4 - Total exports by main countries of destination, 1984 - 1985

F.C.B. value Rs Mn

Country of destination	1984	1985	1984				1985			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	5,097	6,546	1,093	980	1,404	1,620	1,376	1,283	1,812	2,074
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	4,192	5,266	922	762	1,126	1,383	1,078	994	1,511	1,682
of which United Kingdom	(2,616)	(2,884)	(646)	(357)	(746)	(868)	(654)	(452)	(905)	(872)
France	(896)	(1,381)	(168)	(236)	(172)	(320)	(300)	(331)	(280)	(471)
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(271)	(419)	(29)	(62)	(89)	(91)	(44)	(62)	(154)	(158)
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	905	1,280	171	218	278	238	298	289	301	391
of which United States of America	(642)	(1,002)	(89)	(139)	(247)	(167)	(233)	(223)	(238)	(308)
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	82	90	14	23	25	21	24	17	25	25
Total Exports	5,179	6,636	1,107	1,002	1,428	1,641	1,400	1,300	1,837	2,099

Table 5 - Imports by Section, 1984 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

S.I.T.C. Section	Description	1984	1985	1984				1985			
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
0	Food and live animals	1,287	1,352	298	340	343	306	326	327	346	353
1	Beverages and tobacco	26	27	4	6	8	8	4	7	8	8
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	296	395	60	75	51	109	84	113	104	94
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,076	1,153	240	282	214	340	322	306	250	275
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	230	262	76	49	48	58	67	65	63	67
5	Chemicals	456	554	111	100	144	101	91	122	178	163
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,945	2,596	450	440	529	526	538	631	733	694
7	Machinery and transport equipment	749	1,068	181	178	185	205	208	268	283	309
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	424	626	84	93	111	135	122	135	179	190
9	Other commodities and transactions	5	8	1	2	2	1	2	3	-	3
	Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154

Table 6.1 Imports of main commodities Value, 1984 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1984	1985	1984				1985			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Rice	270	280	72	45	103	50	84	41	75	79
Wheaten flour	225	243	37	69	51	68	58	62	67	56
Dairy products	233	237	59	68	49	57	45	66	62	63
Textile fibres, etc.	213	287	40	57	29	87	61	86	74	66
Refined petroleum products	1,024	1,105	229	268	194	333	314	280	243	268
Fixed vegetable oils and fats	176	193	64	30	30	51	48	56	43	46
Textile yarn	400	597	101	118	110	70	126	190	151	129
Textile fabrics	604	858	115	128	173	188	163	184	235	275
Cement	187	127	66	16	63	42	51	6	68	1
Iron and steel	191	235	40	40	39	72	51	63	59	62
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	122	159	32	26	32	32	31	36	42	49
Machinery other than electrical	317	439	84	74	82	77	81	114	124	121
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	184	257	40	42	47	55	46	63	68	80
Other	2,348	3,024	527	585	632	606	605	731	834	859
Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154

Table 6.2 - Imports of selected commodities - quantity, 1984 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1984	1985	1984				1985			
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Rice	000 m. ton	87	83	25	15	33	14	23	11	23	26
Wheaten flour	"	63	60	11	18	16	17	15	16	15	15
Dairy products	"	12	12	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	16	15	6	3	3	4	4	4	4	3
Fertilizers manufactured	"	42	51	6	11	13	11	11	101	12	18
Cotton fabrics	Mn M <sup>2</sup>	14	19	3	3	3	5	4	3	5	7
Cement	000 m. ton	231	146	86	20	77	47	60	7	79	-
Iron and steel	"	35	47	9	9	8	10	11	13	13	11

Table 6.3 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity and value, 1984 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	Unit	1984		1985	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Rice	000 m.ton	87	270	83	280
Wheaten flour	"	63	225	60	243
Dairy products	"	12	233	11	237
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	16	176	15	193
Fertilizers manufactured	"	42	75	51	96
Cotton fabrics	Mn M <sup>2</sup>	14	230	19	339
Cement	000 m.ton	231	187	146	127
Iron and steel	"	35	191	47	235



Table 7 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1984 - 1985

Country of Origin	1984				1985				1985			
	1984				1985				1985			
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	4,159	5,319	1,967	2,593	1,038	1,091	1,073	1,341	1,080	1,558	1,339	1,339
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u> of which United Kingdom	(514)	(642)	(470)	(133)	(133)	(140)	(132)	(180)	(122)	(177)	(163)	(163)
France	(755)	(1,019)	(164)	(208)	(164)	(208)	(195)	(253)	(201)	(293)	(272)	(272)
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(268)	(371)	(65)	(57)	(65)	(57)	(75)	(113)	(65)	(85)	(107)	(107)
Italy	(190)	(268)	(54)	(45)	(54)	(45)	(54)	(74)	(46)	(80)	(68)	(68)
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	2,192	2,726	569	606	569	606	562	672	578	825	651	651
of which Australia	(270)	(353)	(79)	(41)	(79)	(41)	(84)	(65)	(137)	(67)	(83)	(83)
Rep. of South Africa	(522)	(690)	(132)	(155)	(132)	(155)	(119)	(199)	(129)	(199)	(163)	(163)
U.S. of America	(154)	(229)	(62)	(16)	(62)	(16)	(58)	(58)	(43)	(94)	(29)	(29)
2. <u>General Tariff countries</u>	2,335	2,722	528	543	528	543	715	637	683	587	814	814
of which Bahrain	(625)	(375)	(97)	(171)	(97)	(171)	(140)	(1)	(214)	(62)	(98)	(98)
China (Mainland)	(385)	(431)	(64)	(109)	(64)	(109)	(122)	(56)	(130)	(59)	(186)	(186)
Japan	(404)	(481)	(105)	(83)	(105)	(83)	(136)	(120)	(97)	(113)	(150)	(150)
Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,566	1,634	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,978	1,764	2,145	2,154	2,154

Table 8: - Net EPZ exports, 1984 - 1985

	1984	1985	1984				1985			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	2,151	3,283	361	547	603	640	505	795	978	1,005
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	1,650	2,530	336	443	405	466	507	672	659	691
Net exports (A - B)	501	753	25	104	198	174	- 2	123	319	314
Net exports as % of total exports	23%	23%	7%	19%	33%	27%	-	15%	33%	31%

Value Rs Mn

Table 9 - EPZ exports by main commodities, 1984 - 1985

F.O.B. Value Rs. Mn

Description of Item	1984	1985	1984				1985				
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Fish and fish preparations	99	115	24	22	22	30	22	31	38	24	
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	78	86	22	14	20	22	16	32	18	20	
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	89	127	16	23	25	25	18	32	34	42	
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,584	2,539	236	412	473	465	367	601	792	779	
Optical goods, n.e.s.	60	82	16	14	10	20	20	17	14	31	
Watches and clocks	84	146	15	23	16	30	24	39	33	51	
Toys, games and sporting goods	50	44	9	13	15	13	9	12	13	10	
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	48	58	9	14	8	17	9	12	14	22	
Other	59	86	14	12	14	18	20	19	22	26	
Total EPZ Exports	2,151	3,283	361	547	603	640	505	795	978	1,005	

Table 10 - EPZ imports of main commodities (1984 - 1985)

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Description of item	1984	1985	1984				1985			
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	44	46	13	10	5	16	11	17	6	
Wool and other animal hair	154	192	27	45	19	64	48	30	44	
Chemicals	40	59	11	9	11	9	10	21	17	
Leather	25	39	5	7	6	6	5	11	13	
Textile yarn and fabrics	872	1,347	181	216	251	224	271	358	363	
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	65	108	11	24	14	16	15	27	38	
Machinery	191	304	34	61	38	58	60	79	86	
Optical goods, watches & clocks, etc.	101	182	24	22	22	33	36	54	51	
Jewellery	34	60	7	11	7	9	14	12	21	
Other	124	193	23	38	32	33	37	50	52	
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>691</b>	