



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

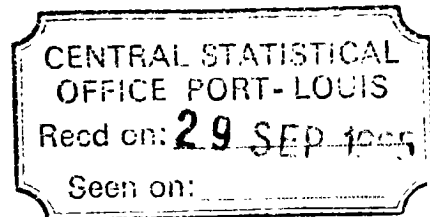
Economic Indicators

An Occasional Paper

Issue No. 218

22 September, 1995

1. The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, 2nd Quarter 1995
2. Road Transport and Accident Statistics (January - June 1995)



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PORT LOUIS
MAURITIUS

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, 2nd Quarter 1995

Introduction

This report provides data on the Export Processing Zone for the 2nd Quarter of 1995. In this issue is also published for the first time, data on Pioneer Status Enterprises. This sector comprises "small and medium" enterprises engaged mainly on new technology as well as support and service industries.

I. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

(i) Number of enterprises

At the end of June 1995, 477 enterprises were in operation. This figure shows a decline of 13 over that of March 1995 and is 32 lower than that of June 1994.

The reduction of 13 in the number of enterprises is the net result of 16 closures and 3 new enterprises. Of the 16 enterprises which ceased operation during the 2nd quarter of 1995, 9 were in the "Wearing apparel" sector, the most important sector in the EPZ.

(ii) Employment evolution - 2nd quarter 1995

The number of persons employed as at June 1995 totalled 81,823 showing a decrease of 1,337 or 1.6% over that of March 1995. Between March and June 1995 the work force in the "wearing apparel" sector alone went down by 1,360. Moderate decreases were also noted in "Textile yarn and fabrics" (-121) and "Electronic watches and clocks" (-87). On the other hand, moderate increases in employment were registered in "Toys and carnival articles" (+112) and "Optical goods" (+35). Details of net change in employment are shown in Table 1.6.

The number of foreign workers employed in the EPZ enterprises decreased by 243 from 5,985 (1,666 males and 4,319 females) to 5,742 (1,614 males and 4,128 females).

(iii) Employment evolution - June 1994 - June 1995

The number of enterprises decreased by 32 between June 1994 and June 1995 and the workforce decreased by 2,039 during the same period.

In the "Wearing apparel" sector employment went down by 3,097 or 4.4% from 70,854 to 67,757. Moderate increases were registered in the following sectors "Food" (+253), "Leather products and footwear" (+273), "Jewellery and related articles" (+118), "Toys and carnival articles" (+148) and "Optical goods" (+152).

(iv) **Exports and Imports, 2nd Quarter 1995**

EPZ Exports totalled Rs 4,843 million showing a nominal increase of 15.4% over the same quarter last year. This nominal increase represents an increase of 9% in volume and 6% in price. Imports have risen by 5.4% only from Rs 2,536 million in the 2nd quarter of 1994 to Rs 2,676 million for the same period in 1995.

Net exports works out to Rs 2,167 million and represents 45% of EPZ exports, compared to 29% for the previous quarter and 40% for the corresponding period of 1994.

(v) **Exports and Imports - 1st Semester 1995**

Total EPZ exports for the first six months reached Rs 8,341 million compared to Rs 7,358 for the same period last year. The 13.4% nominal increase is explained by an increase of around 8% in volume and 5% in price. Imports which attained Rs 5,158 million were 6.8% higher than in 1994.

(vi) **Forecast**

On the basis of data available for the first six months and foreseeable trends for the next six months, EPZ exports may well reach Rs 18,500 million in 1995.

II. **The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)**

(i) **Number of enterprises**

The PSE sector started in 1991 with only 5 enterprises and has registered a steady expansion over the years with the result that the number of enterprises at the end of 1992, 1993 and 1994 were 24, 45 and 72 respectively. The number of enterprises in June 1995 was 80 compared to 77 in March 1995. The activities in which the PSE's are engaged are shown in Table 2.2.

(ii) **Employment, 2nd Quarter 1995**

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of June 1995 was 1,223, 5.5% above that of March 1995 (1,159). The average number of workers per enterprise in June 1995 was 15.9. 46 of these enterprises employed less than 10 persons with an average of 4.7 persons whilst 13 of them employed more than 25 persons with an average of 60 persons per enterprise. In the remaining 21 enterprises employment ranged between 10 and 24 with an average of 15.5 persons per enterprise.

The number of expatriates employed in June 1995 was 39 (36 males and 3 females) compared to 44 in March 1995 (41 males and 3 females).

Table 1.1:- EPZ Sector: Main economic indicators, 1984 - 1994

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992¹</u>	<u>1993²</u>	<u>1994²</u>
1. No of enterprises as at December	195	290	408	531	591	563	568	586	558	536	494
- New	55	101	139	114	95	79	62	52	33	38	27
- Closures	6	6	21	18	35	107	57	34	61	60	69
2. Employment as at December	37,522	53,951	74,015	87,905	89,080	88,658	89,906	90,861	86,937	85,621	82,176
- Net change	+11,996	+16,429	+20,064	+13,890	+1,175	-422	+1,248	+955	-3,924	-1,316	-3,445
- Growth rate (%)	+47.0	+43.8	+37.2	+18.8	+1.3	-1.0	+1.4	+1.1	-4.3	-1.5	-4.0
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	2,151	3,283	4,951	6,567	8,176	9,057	11,474	12,136	13,081	15,821	16,545
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	1,651	2,530	3,863	4,801	5,890	7,502	7,348	7,067	7,133	9,326	10,134
- Raw materials	(1,491)	(2,280)	(3,427)	(4,296)	(5,056)	(6,539)	(6,554)	(6,348)	(6,456)	(8,221)	(9,024)
- Machinery & spare parts	(160)	(250)	(436)	(505)	(834)	(963)	(794)	(719)	(677)	(1,105)	(1,110)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	500	753	1,088	1,766	2,286	1,555	4,126	5,069	5,948	6,495	6,411
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	23.2	22.9	22.0	26.9	28.0	17.2	36.0	41.8	45.5	41.1	39.0
7. Value added at current prices (Rs Million)	865	1,333	1,860	2,585	3,125	3,450	3,975	4,400	5,000	5,746	6,154
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	39.6	46.5	48.6	53.4	55.5	54.2	53.3	53.2	53.8	53.8	52.4
- Share in GDP(%)	7.2	9.6	11.3	13.1	13.5	12.7	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.4	11.7
8. Value added at constant '82 prices (Rs Million)	650	844	1,139	1,390	1,556	1,650	1,765	1,854	1,965	2,080	2,163
- Growth rate (%)	+32.9	+30.0	+34.9	+22.0	+12.0	+6.0	+7.0	+5.0	+6.0	+6.0	+4.0
9. Productivity Index (1982 = 100)	88	78	80	82	90	96	104	108	116	128	137
10. Investment (Rs Million)	210	340	560	655	870	900	690	630	560	900	820
- Machinery	(165)	(260)	(450)	(530)	(730)	(840)	(640)	(610)	(540)	(875)	(800)

¹ revised

² provisional

Table 1.2:- EPZ employment , June 1994 - June 1995

Category	Enterprise			Employment ¹											
	Number as at			June 94			March 1995			June 95					
	Jun. 94	Mar. 95	Jun. 95	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Large	408	398	386	23,862	57,917	81,779	23,597	57,579	81,176	23,046	56,854	79,900			
Small (<10)	101	92	91	326	195	521	296	204	500	276	202	478			
Outworkers	-	-	-	64	1,498	1,562	86	1,398	1,484	73	1,372	1,445			
TOTAL	509	490	477	24,252	59,610	83,862	23,979	59,181	83,160	23,395	58,428	81,823			

¹ includes expatriates: No. as at
 - Jun. 94 : 5076 (1,475 males ; 3,601 females)
 - Mar. 95 : 5,985 (1,666 males ; 4,319 females)
 - Jun. 95 : 5,742 (1,614 males ; 4,128 females)

Table 1.3 :- Employment by product group and sex : 1994, 1995 , EPZ Sector

Product group	June 1994			June 1995				
	No of Enterprises	Employment		No of Enterprises	Employment			
		Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	9	513	943	1,456	12	646	1,063	1,709
2. Flowers	50	299	306	605	48	293	311	604
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	2,546	1,068	3,614	33	2,666	1,022	3,688
4. Wearing apparel :	269	18,107	52,747	70,854	243	16,908	50,849	67,757
Pullovers	(34)	(4,121)	(17,286)	(21,407)	(32)	(3,785)	(16,502)	(20,287)
Other garments	(235)	(13,986)	(35,461)	(49,447)	(211)	(13,123)	(34,347)	(47,470)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	283	1,009	1,292	8	282	1,283	1,565
6. Wood and paper products	26	347	149	496	26	402	179	581
7. Optical goods	6	227	216	443	6	303	292	595
8. Electronic watches and clocks	4	149	444	593	3	130	427	557
9. Electric and electronic products	10	158	262	420	9	181	279	460
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	649	579	1,228	19	666	680	1,346
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	91	859	950	7	86	1,012	1,098
12. Other	67	883	1,028	1,911	63	832	1,031	1,863
TOTAL	509	24,252	59,610	83,862	477	23,395	58,428	81,823

Table 1.4 :- Analysis of net change in employment, 2nd quarter 1995, EPZ Sector

	Evolution 2nd qr 1995	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :		
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	...	2,487
New enterprises	23	2,120
	3	367
B. Total employment lost :		
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	...	3,824
Closures	25	2,770
	16	1,054
C. Net change (A-B)	-13	- 1,337
Male	...	- 584
Female	...	- 753

¹ No. of enterprises relates to those reporting expansion/reduction in their workforce by more than 25 while employment is total expansion/reduction

Table 1.5: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group,1994 - 1995, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Jun-94	Mar. 95	Jun. 95	Jun.95-Mar.95	Jun.95-Jun.94
1. Food	9	12	12	0	3
2. Flowers	50	49	48	-1	-2
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	32	33	33	0	1
4. Wearing apparel :	269	252	243	-9	-26
Pullovers	(34)	(31)	(32)	(1)	(-2)
Other garments	(235)	(221)	(211)	(-10)	(-24)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	8	8	0	-1
6. Wood and paper products	26	26	26	0	0
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	4	4	3	-1	-1
9. Electric and electronic products	10	9	9	0	-1
10. Jewellery and related articles	20	20	19	-1	-1
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	67	64	63	-1	-4
TOTAL	509	490	477	-13	-32

Table 1.6:- Net change in employment by product group, 1994 - 1995, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Jun. 94	Mar. 95	Jun. 95	Jun.95-Mar.95	Jun.95-Jun.94
1. Food	1,456	1,705	1,709	4	253
2. Flowers	605	628	604	-24	-1
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,614	3,809	3,688	-121	74
4. Wearing apparel :	70,854	69,117	67,757	-1,360	-3,097
Pullovers	(21,407)	(20,453)	(20,287)	(-166)	(-1,120)
Other garments	(49,447)	(48,664)	(47,470)	(-1,194)	(-1,977)
5. Leather products and footwear	1,292	1,558	1,565	7	273
6. Wood and paper products	496	582	581	-1	85
7. Optical goods	443	560	595	35	152
8. Electronic watches and clocks	593	644	557	-87	-36
9. Electric and electronic products	420	462	460	-2	40
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,228	1,319	1,346	27	118
11. Toys and carnival articles	950	986	1,098	112	148
12. Other	1,911	1,790	1,863	73	-48
TOTAL	83,862	83,160	81,823	-1,337	-2,039

Table 1.7:- New and Closures: 1st and 2nd Quarter 1995 , EPZ Sector

Product group	1st Quarter 1995				2nd Quarter 1995			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	2	59	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	1	10	-	-	1	10
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Wearing apparel :	2	18	7	877	3	367	12	953
Pullovers	(-)	(-)	(2)	(220)	(-)	(-)	(1)	(119)
Other garments	(2)	(18)	(5)	(657)	(3)	(367)	(11)	(834)
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Optical goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	73
9. Electric and electronic products	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	-	-	2	33	-	-	1	11
TOTAL	6	96	10	920	3	367	16	1,054

Table 1.8 :- Net EPZ exports, 1993 - 1995

	Rs. Million									
	Year		1994				1995 ¹			
	1993	1994	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter		
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	15,821	16,545	3,162	4,196	4,607	4,580	3,498	4,843		
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	9,326	10,134	2,294	2,536	2,552	2,752	2,482	2,676		
- Raw Materials	(8,221)	(9,024)	(2,081)	(2,293)	(2,265)	(2,385)	(2,292)	(2,391)		
- Machinery	(1,105)	(1,110)	(213)	(243)	(287)	(367)	(190)	(285)		
Net Exports (A - B)	6,495	6,411	868	1,660	2,055	1,828	1,016	2,167		
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	41	39	27	40	45	40	29	45		

¹ Provisional

Table 1.9 - EPZ exports by section / commodity, 1993 - 1995

Value (f.o.b.) Million Rupees

SITC Sect.	Description	Year		1994				1995 ¹	
		1993	1994	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
0	Total exports	15,821	16,545	3,162	4,196	4,607	4,580	3,498	4,843
	Food and live animals of which:	542	838	205	204	197	232	218	255
	Fish & fish preparations	(384)	(514)	(120)	(123)	(124)	(147)	(128)	(170)
2	Crude mats, inedible exc., fuels	14	20	4	5	4	7	5	9
5	Chemicals	58	54	11	11	13	19	9	15
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials of which:								
	Text, yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,089	1,279	282	313	367	317	351	406
	Pearls & precious stones	(574)	(702)	(145)	(167)	(220)	(170)	(218)	(243)
7	Machinery and transport equipment	(409)	(452)	(109)	(116)	(114)	(113)	(119)	(126)
		70	47	7	5	12	23	13	10
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which:								
	Articles of apparel and clothing	14,047	14,305	2,653	3,658	4,013	3,981	2,902	4,148
	Optical goods	(12,719)	(12,876)	(2,389)	(3,299)	(3,634)	(3,554)	(2,529)	(3,695)
	Watches and clocks	(176)	(188)	(40)	(44)	(42)	(62)	(56)	(56)
	Toys, games and sporting goods	(612)	(512)	(125)	(146)	(105)	(136)	(108)	(135)
	Jewellery, golds. & silversmiths wares	(166)	(162)	(23)	(46)	(51)	(42)	(37)	(54)
		(171)	(193)	(29)	(54)	(57)	(53)	(46)	(60)

¹ provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ imports by section / commodity, 1993-1995

SITC Sect.	Description	1993	1994	1994			1995 ¹		
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
0	Total imports	9,326	10,134	2,294	2,536	2,552	2,752	2,482	2,676
	Food and live animals	171	267	74	60	62	71	82	38
2	Crude mats, inedible exc fuels	485	548	137	129	182	100	173	160
	- synt. fibres suit. for spinning	(12)	(15)	(3)	(4)	(2)	(6)	(4)	(6)
	- cotton	(151)	(175)	(42)	(44)	(44)	(45)	(50)	(70)
	- wool and other animal hair	(282)	(307)	(74)	(83)	(86)	(64)	(109)	(77)
5	Chemicals	318	326	70	71	90	95	82	95
6	Man. goods classified chiefly by material	6,102	6,697	1,543	1,762	1,631	1,761	1,651	1,774
	- leather	(148)	(115)	(22)	(26)	(29)	(38)	(38)	(44)
	- textile yarn and fabrics	(5,214)	(5,767)	(1,345)	(1,531)	(1,409)	(1,482)	(1,399)	(1,499)
	- pearls and precious stones	(434)	(455)	(105)	(124)	(98)	(128)	(124)	(128)
7	Machinery & transport equip.	1,105	1,110	213	243	287	367	190	285
8	Misc. manufactured goods	1,025	1,050	226	247	256	321	268	268
	- optical goods, watches etc.	(423)	(400)	(80)	(94)	(91)	(135)	(102)	(102)
9	Other comm. and transactions	120	141	29	34	39	39	36	56

¹ provisional

Table 2.1 :- Employment by size and sex, March 95 - June 95, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises		Employment ¹					
			March 95			June 95		
	Mar. 95	Jun. 95	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	12	13	402	267	669	440	282	722
10 to < 25	18	21	191	75	266	200	79	279
less than 10	47	46	177	47	224	165	57	222
TOTAL	77	80	770	389	1,159	805	418	1,223

¹ includes expatriates : No. as at - March 95 : 44 (41 males, 3 females)

- June 95 : 39 (36 males, 3 females)

Table 2.3 :- Analysis of net change in employment, 2nd quarter 1995, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Net change March 95 - June 95	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :		104
Expansion in existing enterprises	21	78
New enterprises	5	26
B. Total employment lost :		40
Reduction in existing enterprises	8	34
Closures	2	6
C. Net change (A-B)	3	64
Male	...	35
Female	...	29

Table 2.4 : -Net change in number of enterprises by product group, 1995: Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	No of enterprises		Net change
	March 95	June 95	Jun.95 - Mar.95
1. Watches and clocks	2	2	0
2. Informatics	10	11	1
3. Electric and electronic products	16	17	1
4. Light engineering	16	15	- 1
5. Support to jewellery	4	4	0
6. Support to printing and publishing	7	6	- 1
7. Services	10	13	3
8. Plastic and rubber product	8	8	0
9. Other	4	4	0
TOTAL	77	80	3

Table 2.5 :- Net change in employment by product group, 1995 : Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	Employment		Net change
	March 95	June 95	Jun.95 - Mar.95
1. Watches and clocks	231	238	7
2. Informatics	167	172	5
3. Electronic and electronic products	117	157	40
4. Light engineering	228	209	- 19
5. Support to jewellery	39	40	1
6. Support to printing and publishing	74	76	2
7. Services	147	166	19
8. Plastic and rubber products	104	111	7
9. Other	52	54	2
TOTAL	1,159	1,223	64