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Quarterly Export Price Index (EPI), 1994 - 1995

(Base Year 1993=100)

Introduction

Up to now, the Central Statistical Office has been compiling 'Unit Value' index for exports. This index provide only a proxy measure for price changes of exports. It is derived from value and quantity data of products and groups of products which may be heterogeneous. The Export Price Index (EPI) provides a more accurate measure for price changes of exports. It is a measure of "genuine" price changes of domestically produced goods shipped to other countries. The base and reference period for the EPI is calendar year 1993, when the index is 100.

This issue of the Export Price Index (EPI) is the first of a series to be published regularly every quarter by the Central Statistical Office. The present issue provides quarterly and yearly indices of export prices for the year 1994 and 1995. A technical note on the construction of the EPI is annexed. Quarterly indices by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev3), changes by index points, and percentage changes for each quarter and for the years 1994 and 1995 as well as for the base reference year 1993 are shown in the tables annexed.

2. Structure of the EPI

The EPI is compiled using the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations (SITC Rev 3). The index comprises five sections namely: "Food and live animals", "Crude materials inedible except fuel", "chemicals and related products", "manufactured goods classified by materials" and "miscellaneous manufactured articles". Distribution of weights for the different sections, groups and items are given in Table 1. In addition to the overall index, separate sub-indices are also calculated for different product categories at more detailed level.

"Food and live animals" carries more than 30% of the total weight. Sugar accounts for 88% of the weight of this section and the remaining 12% comprises mainly meat and meat preparations, fish and fish preparations, tea and molasses. The only constituent of the section "crude materials inedible except fuels" is cut flowers. "Chemicals and related products" consists mainly of pharmaceutical products and fertilisers. "Manufactured goods classified by raw materials" consist only of textile fabrics. "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" is the most important of the five sections comprising the EPI and shares about 65% of the total weight. It consists exclusively of articles of wearing apparel from the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).

3. Changes in the EPI, 1994 - 1995

3.1 Yearly change

The overall index advanced by 4.3 and 6.6% respectively in 1994 and 1995. The yearly average index reached 104.3 in 1994 and 111.2 in 1995.

“Miscellaneous manufactured articles” which is the most important of the five sections comprising the EPI increased by a marginal 1.2% in 1994 and a more consequent increase of 6% in 1995.

“Food and live animals” rose by 10.8% in 1994 and a further 7.7% in 1995. This increase largely reflects price movements of sugar which accounts for 88% of the weight of this section.

3.2 Quarterly change

Except for a decline in the overall index in the 2nd quarter of 1994 the quarterly index registered a steady rise during every quarter of 1994 and 1995. The 1.6% decline in the index during the 2nd quarter of 1994 was mostly attributable to exchange rate effects. (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

The relatively larger increases in the 3rd quarter of 1994 and 1995 mostly reflect new prices of sugar and molasses for the crop year which comes into effect as from that quarter.

When compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year increases in the quarterly indices ranged between 3.2 and 6.1% in 1994 and between 5.1 and 7.3% in 1995 (Table 6).

4. Sub-indices by section and Commodity 1994 - 1995

4.1 Changes by section and commodity

Food and live animals

The average annual increases for this section for the years 1994 and 1995 were 10.8 and 7.7% respectively. Changes in the index were mostly led by prices of sugar which is the main commodity in this section. Export price indices for sugar increased to 110.7 in 1994 and 119.4 in 1995. Prices of molasses moved significantly up by 21.1% in 1994 and 29.7% in 1995. On the other hand export prices of tea dropped by 15.7% in 1994 and a further 12.3% in 1995, the average index of this commodity for these two years being 84.3 and 73.9 respectively compared to 100 in 1993, the base period.

Crude materials inedible except fuel

The average index for cut flowers was at its lowest (100.1) during the second quarter of 1994 and reached a high of 129.8 in the third quarter of 1995. The average index for this commodity stood at 108.8 in 1994 and rose to 123.0 showing an annual increase of 13.1% in 1995.

Chemicals and related products

Price changes of this section have been irregular and its subindex has stayed within the range of 99.4 and 104.0.

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials

With the exception of the second quarter of 1994, the index for this section continued its upward trend to reach 113.1 in the last quarter of 1995. The average price increase noted in 1994 was 3.7% followed by a more consequent increase of 7.1% in 1995 due to higher prices of textile fabrics.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles

During the two years under review a continued rise in the price of wearing apparel moved the index for this section up to 109.8 in the last quarter of 1995. The average index for 1994 shows a rise of 1.2% compared to an annual increase of 6% in 1995.

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Technical Note

Export Price Index (EPI)

Methodology for the Construction of the EPI

Definition

The Export Price Index (EPI) is a measure of price change of domestically produced Mauritian products shipped to other countries i.e it excludes re-exports. In addition to the overall index, separate sub-indices are also calculated for different product categories at more detailed level.

Comparison with Unit Value Index

The Unit Value Export Index currently compiled provides only a proxy measure for price changes of exported goods. It is derived from value and quantity data of products or groups of products obtained from trade returns and is thus highly dependent on the degree of homogeneity of the groups of products considered. On the other hand, the EPI measures "genuine" price changes and is based on actual price measurements of relatively more homogeneous group of products. It requires elaborate specifications of products and takes account of all the main price determining factors such as country of destination, quality, mode of transport and mode of payment.

Scope and Classification

The EPI covers all domestic exports, the most important commodities being sugar, molasses, tea and textile fabrics and articles of apparel and clothing accessories produced by the EPZ sector.

The index is based on the Nomenclature of the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations (SITC Rev 3). Separate subindices are produced for each SITC section and for more detailed groups where possible.

Selection of Items and Firms

A representative sample of 42 firms has been selected from trade declarations submitted to the Customs and Excise Department in 1993. The sample was drawn from exporting firms on the basis of regularity of their trade and their volume of exports. A total of 119 items (Entry Level Items, ELI's) which represent 32 product groups are priced from the selected enterprises.

Weighting Scheme

The weights are derived from the 1993 Domestic Exports. Weights assigned to each section and group are based on their export values in 1993. Each product or group of products selected for pricing purposes represents all products that fall within that weight group.

Base and Reference Period

The base price as well as the reference period for the EPI is calendar year 1993. Bench mark data for the year 1993 based on trade returns have been used to derive weights. The selected firms have supplied prices of selected commodities for each of the 12 months in 1993. The yearly average price of each product has then been worked out and is used as base price for that product.

Price Collection

Prices are collected directly from co-operating export firms. As far as possible price quotations are reported on a free on board (F.O.B.) basis and are mostly contract prices. Each reporting firm is visited once every quarter but prices are supplied on a monthly basis and are averaged for each quarter.

Sugar and Molasses

Due to their specificity, sugar and molasses have been treated differently. Sugar and molasses produced during a crop year, which normally extends between July and June of the following year, are usually exported during that same crop year. Export prices of these commodities, sugar in particular, are mostly negotiated prices. These prices can be quite volatile between quarters depending on the destination of the shipments. Therefore, in order to eliminate these price distortions between quarters, the same average yearly price for the crop year is used for the four quarters comprising that crop year. The base price of these commodities for the year 1993 is the average price for crops years 92/93 and 93/94.

Calculation of the EPI

A modified Laspeyres formula based on the weighted average of price relatives is used to calculate the EPI: the mathematical form of the formula is shown below:

$$\Sigma w_i \times I_{on} = \frac{\Sigma w_i \cdot \frac{iP_n}{iP_o}}{\Sigma w_i} \times 100$$

Where I_{on} is the index for period n compared to base period 0

w_i is the weight of the i^{th} element

iP_o is the base price of the i^{th} element

iP_n is the price of the i^{th} element in period n

$\frac{iP_n}{iP_o}$ is the price relative of the i^{th} element
in period n relative to base period 0

Σ means summation over all selected elements

Uses

The primary use of the EPI is to deflate export trade statistics. It provides quarterly measures of price trends of Mauritian products sold abroad and can be used for calculating changes in the volume of exports.

It can also serve as a basis to assess the competitiveness of Mauritian products in relation to price trends of common products of other countries with which Mauritius competes for markets.

Publication

The EPI will be published quarterly. As all price reporting is voluntary and confidential, except for sugar and molasses, no separate subindex will be published when fewer than three establishments provide data.

Export Price Index-EPI

(Base period: Calendar year 1993=100)

Table 1: Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1994_1995

| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | Yearly Average | 1995 ² | | | | Yearly Average |
|------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | |
| 0 | Food and live animals | 3,081 | 106.5 | 106.4 | 114.9 | 115.5 | 110.8 | 115.0 | 114.7 | 123.3 | 124.1 | 119.3 |
| | Meat and meat preparations | 51 | 107.0 | 105.3 | 105.9 | 109.0 | 106.8 | 108.9 | 108.5 | 109.7 | 110.5 | 109.4 |
| | Fish and fish preparations | 187 | 116.0 | 119.1 | 121.0 | 128.9 | 121.3 | 117.9 | 116.0 | 127.2 | 137.9 | 124.8 |
| | Sugar | 2,717 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 115.2 | 115.2 | 110.7 | 115.2 | 115.2 | 123.6 | 123.6 | 119.4 |
| | Molasses | 44 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 134.3 | 134.3 | 121.1 | 134.3 | 134.3 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 157.1 |
| | Tea | 54 | 95.7 | 82.4 | 77.8 | 81.2 | 84.3 | 84.0 | 70.3 | 67.7 | 73.6 | 73.9 |
| | Other food products | 28 | 104.9 | 101.6 | 96.7 | 97.9 | 100.3 | 113.6 | 118.5 | 116.3 | 117.8 | 116.6 |
| 2 | Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 72 | 105.8 | 100.1 | 110.7 | 118.4 | 108.8 | 115.8 | 117.1 | 129.8 | 129.4 | 123.0 |
| | Cut flowers | 72 | 105.8 | 100.1 | 110.7 | 118.4 | 108.8 | 115.8 | 117.1 | 129.8 | 129.4 | 123.0 |
| 5 | Chemicals and related products | 90 | 102.0 | 101.4 | 102.2 | 104.0 | 102.4 | 101.7 | 103.2 | 101.6 | 99.4 | 101.5 |
| 6 | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 301 | 103.3 | 102.2 | 102.5 | 106.6 | 103.7 | 109.0 | 110.0 | 112.1 | 113.1 | 111.1 |
| | Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s. & related products | 301 | 103.3 | 102.2 | 102.5 | 106.6 | 103.7 | 109.0 | 110.1 | 112.1 | 113.1 | 111.1 |
| | Cotton fabrics | 178 | 103.6 | 102.0 | 102.4 | 108.2 | 104.1 | 111.6 | 112.5 | 115.9 | 117.1 | 114.3 |
| | Other textile fabrics | 123 | 102.9 | 102.5 | 102.6 | 104.3 | 103.1 | 105.2 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 107.3 | 106.4 |

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Table 1(cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1994-1995

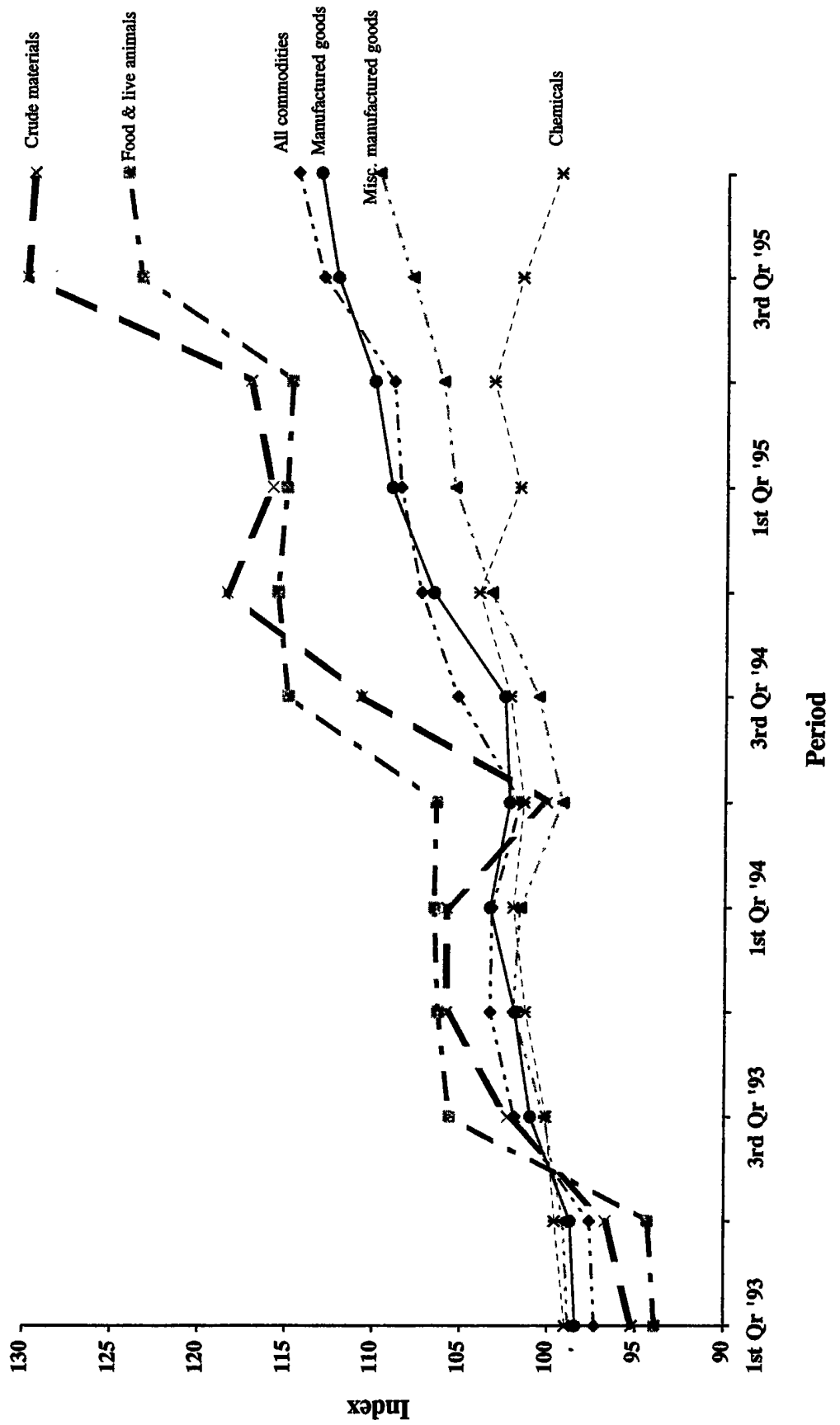
| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | Yearly Average | 1995 ² | | | | Yearly Average |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | |
| | | | 8 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles Articles of apparel and clothing accessories <i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> <i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> <i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> <i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> <i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i> <i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i> Footwear Optical goods, watches and clocks | 6,456 | 101.6 | | 99.2 | 100.6 | 103.3 | 101.2 | |
| | | 6,064 | 102.0 | 99.4 | 100.8 | 103.2 | 101.4 | 105.4 | 105.7 | 107.4 | 109.5 | 107.0 |
| | | 2,022 | 99.1 | 97.5 | 100.8 | 105.3 | 100.7 | 106.4 | 108.3 | 108.6 | 110.4 | 108.4 |
| | | 501 | 113.4 | 111.5 | 109.7 | 110.1 | 111.2 | 117.7 | 113.5 | 118.3 | 123.1 | 118.2 |
| | | 221 | 99.5 | 101.6 | 100.6 | 99.3 | 100.3 | 98.2 | 97.5 | 99.2 | 99.3 | 98.6 |
| | | 383 | 99.3 | 101.1 | 100.9 | 102.6 | 101.0 | 103.1 | 101.1 | 101.3 | 99.4 | 101.2 |
| | | 2,924 | 102.5 | 98.3 | 99.3 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 103.4 | 103.8 | 105.9 | 108.6 | 105.4 |
| | | 13 | 102.0 | 105.8 | 115.6 | 117.1 | 110.1 | 115.8 | 119.7 | 121.3 | 121.8 | 119.7 |
| | | 15 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 101.2 | 100.3 | 107.7 | 110.9 | 113.6 | 115.3 | 111.9 |
| | | 377 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 96.9 | 106.0 | 98.6 | 106.0 | 112.3 | 114.4 | 115.5 | 112.1 |
| | Overall Index | 10,000 | 103.2 | 101.6 | 105.2 | 107.3 | 104.3 | 108.5 | 108.9 | 112.9 | 114.4 | 111.2 |

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Fig. 1 - Quarterly Export Price Index by main sections, 1993 - 1995

(Base Year 1993 = 100)



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(Base period: Calendar year 1993 = 100)

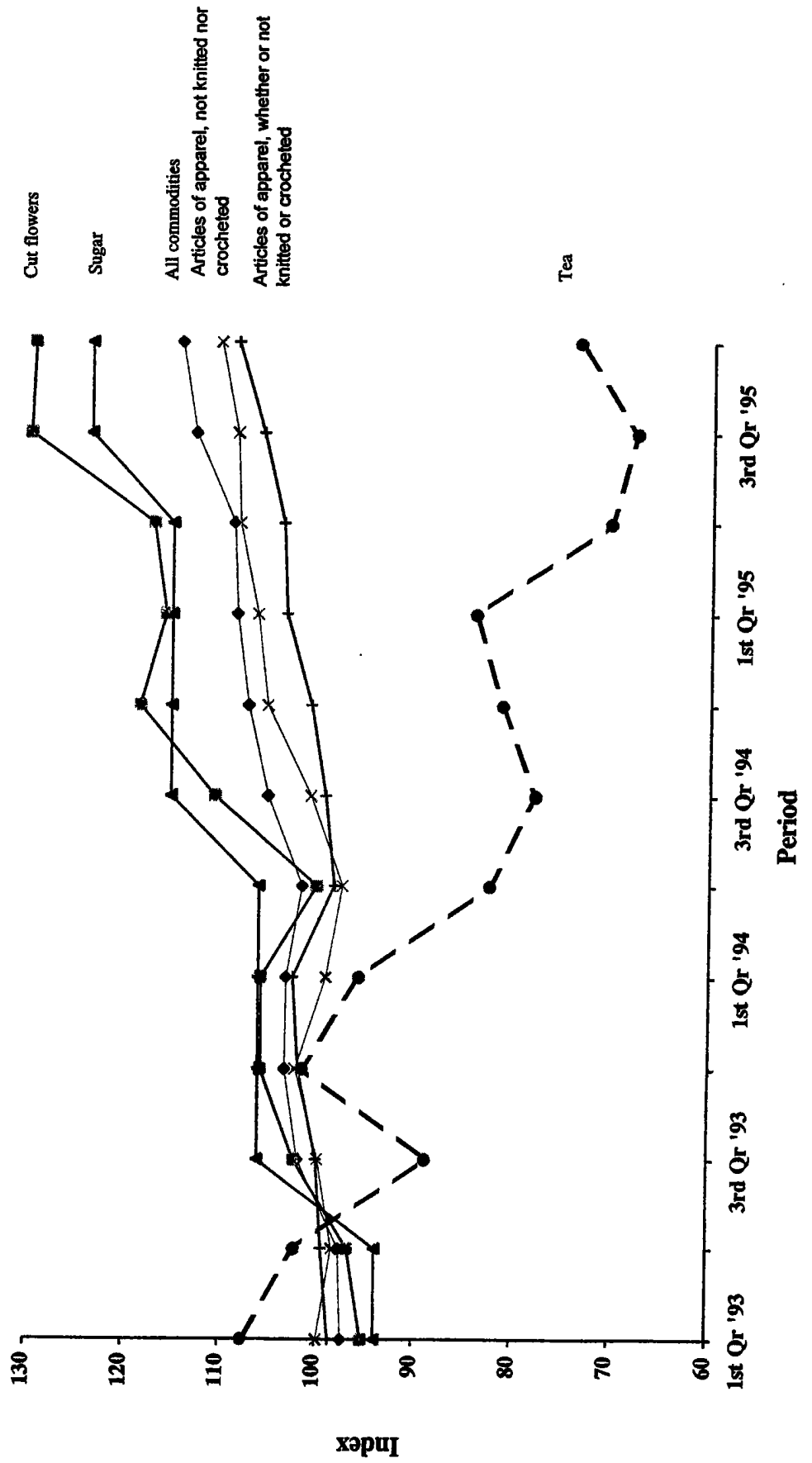
Table 2: Quarterly Export Price index of selected commodity groups, 1994-1995

| Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | | Yearly Average | 1995 ¹ | | | | Yearly Average |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|----------------|
| | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All commodities | 10,000 | 103.2 | 101.6 | 105.2 | 107.3 | 104.3 | 108.5 | 108.9 | 112.9 | 114.4 | 111.2 | |
| of which | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugar | 2,717 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 115.2 | 115.2 | 110.7 | 115.2 | 115.2 | 123.6 | 123.6 | 119.4 | |
| Molasses | 44 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 134.3 | 134.3 | 121.1 | 134.3 | 134.3 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 157.1 | |
| Tea | 54 | 95.7 | 82.4 | 77.8 | 81.2 | 84.3 | 84.0 | 70.3 | 67.7 | 73.6 | 73.9 | |
| Cut flowers | 72 | 105.8 | 100.1 | 110.7 | 118.4 | 108.8 | 115.8 | 117.1 | 129.8 | 129.4 | 123.0 | |
| Boys articles of apparel not knitted or crocheted | 2,022 | 99.1 | 97.5 | 100.8 | 105.3 | 100.7 | 106.4 | 108.3 | 108.6 | 110.4 | 108.4 | |
| Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted | 2,924 | 102.5 | 98.3 | 99.3 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 103.4 | 103.8 | 105.9 | 108.6 | 105.4 | |

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Fig. 2 - Quarterly Export Price Index by selected commodity groups, 1993 - 1995

(Base Year 1993 = 100)



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(Base period: Calendar year 1993 = 100)

Table 3: Point change from previous period by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ | Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | Year | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | Year |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | | Food and live animals | 3,081 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 8.5 | 0.6 | 10.8 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 8.6 | 0.8 | 8.5 |
| | | Meat and meat preparations | 51 | 3.0 | -1.7 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 6.8 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 2.6 |
| | | Fish and fish preparations | 187 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 7.9 | 21.3 | -11.0 | -1.9 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 3.5 |
| | | Sugar | 2,717 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 8.7 |
| | | Molasses | 44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 45.5 | 0.0 | 36.0 |
| | | Tea | 54 | -5.8 | -13.3 | -4.6 | 3.4 | -15.7 | 2.8 | -13.7 | -2.6 | 5.9 | -10.4 |
| | | Other food products | 28 | 1.9 | -3.3 | -4.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 15.7 | 4.9 | -2.2 | 1.5 | 16.3 |
| 2 | | Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 72 | 0.0 | -5.7 | 10.6 | 7.7 | 8.8 | -2.6 | 1.3 | 12.7 | -0.4 | 14.2 |
| | | Cu flowers | 72 | 0.0 | -5.7 | 10.6 | 7.7 | 8.8 | -2.6 | 1.3 | 12.7 | -0.4 | 14.2 |
| 5 | | Chemicals and related products | 90 | 0.7 | -0.6 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | -2.3 | 1.5 | -1.6 | -2.2 | -0.9 |
| 6 | | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 301 | 1.4 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 7.4 |
| | | Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products | 301 | 1.4 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 7.4 |
| | | Cotton fabrics | 178 | 0.6 | -1.6 | 0.4 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 10.2 |
| | | Other textile fabrics | 123 | 2.6 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 3.3 |

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Table 3(cont'd) : Point change from previous period by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ | Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | |
| | | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | | |
| 8 | | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6,456 | -0.4 | -2.4 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 6.1 |
| | | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories <i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> | 6,064 | -0.4 | -2.6 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 5.6 |
| | | <i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> | 2,022 | -3.1 | -1.6 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 7.7 |
| | | <i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> | 501 | 5.9 | -1.9 | -1.8 | 0.4 | 11.2 | 7.6 | -4.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 7.0 |
| | | <i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> | 221 | 0.8 | 2.1 | -1.0 | -1.3 | 0.3 | -1.1 | -0.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | -1.7 |
| | | <i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i> | 383 | -3.4 | 1.8 | -0.2 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.5 | -2.0 | 0.2 | -1.9 | 0.2 |
| | | <i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i> | 2,924 | 0.6 | -4.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 5.2 |
| | | Footwear | 13 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 9.8 | 1.5 | 10.1 | -1.3 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 9.6 |
| | | Optical goods, watches and clocks | 15 | -1.9 | 1.2 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 11.6 |
| | | | 377 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 9.1 | -1.4 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 13.5 |
| | | Overall Change | 10,000 | -0.1 | -1.6 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 6.9 |

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Table 4 : Percentage change from previous period by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | Year | |
| | | | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | |
| 0 | Food and live animals | 3,081 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 10.8 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 7.7 |
| | Meat and meat preparations | 51 | 2.9 | -1.6 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 6.8 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| | Fish and fish preparations | 187 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 6.5 | 21.3 | -8.5 | -1.6 | 9.7 | 8.4 | 2.9 |
| | Sugar | 2,717 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 7.9 |
| | Molasses | 44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.5 | 0.0 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.9 | 0.0 | 29.7 |
| | Tea | 54 | -5.7 | -13.9 | -5.6 | 4.4 | -15.7 | 3.4 | -16.3 | -3.7 | 8.7 | -12.3 |
| | Other food products | 28 | 1.8 | -3.1 | -4.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 16.0 | 4.3 | -1.9 | 1.3 | 16.2 |
| 2 | Crude materials,inedible, except fuels | 72 | 0.0 | -5.4 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 8.7 | -2.2 | 1.1 | 10.8 | -0.3 | 13.1 |
| | Cut flowers | 72 | 0.0 | -5.4 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 8.7 | -2.2 | 1.1 | 10.8 | -0.3 | 13.1 |
| 5 | Chemicals and related products | 90 | 0.7 | -0.6 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | -2.2 | 1.5 | -1.6 | -2.2 | -0.9 |
| 6 | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 301 | 1.4 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 7.1 |
| | Textile yarn,Fabrics,made_up articles,n.e.s & related products | 301 | 1.4 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 7.1 |
| | Cotton fabrics | 178 | -0.6 | -1.5 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 9.8 |
| | Other textile fabrics | 123 | 2.6 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 3.2 |

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Table 4 (cont'd) : Percentage change from previous period by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | |
| | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | | |
| 8 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6,456 | -0.4 | -2.4 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 6.0 |
| | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 6,064 | -0.4 | -2.5 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 5.5 |
| | Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted | 2,022 | -3.0 | -1.6 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 7.6 |
| | Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted | 501 | 5.5 | -1.7 | -1.6 | 0.4 | 11.2 | 6.9 | -3.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 6.3 |
| | Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted | 221 | 0.8 | 2.1 | -1.0 | -1.3 | 0.3 | -1.1 | -0.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | -1.7 |
| | Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted | 383 | -3.3 | 1.8 | -0.2 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.5 | -1.9 | 0.2 | -1.9 | 0.2 |
| | Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted | 2,924 | 0.6 | -4.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 5.2 |
| | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics | 13 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 9.3 | 1.3 | 10.1 | -1.1 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 8.7 |
| | Footwear | 15 | -1.9 | 1.2 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 11.6 |
| | Optical goods, watches and clocks | 377 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 9.4 | -1.4 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 13.7 |
| | Overall Change | 10,000 | -0.1 | -1.6 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 6.6 |

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Table 5 : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ | Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| | | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | |
| | | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | | |
| 0 | | Food and live animals | 3,081 | 12.6 | 12.1 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.5 |
| | | Meat and meat preparations | 51 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| | | Fish and fish preparations | 187 | 27.5 | 23.1 | 16.9 | 17.6 | 21.3 | 1.9 | -3.1 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 3.5 |
| | | Sugar | 2,717 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.7 |
| | | Molasses | 44 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 21.1 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 35.9 |
| | | Tea | 54 | -11.9 | -19.8 | -11.0 | -20.3 | -15.7 | -11.7 | -12.1 | -10.1 | -7.6 | -10.4 |
| | | Other food products | 28 | 6.8 | 3.3 | -3.9 | -5.1 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 16.9 | 19.6 | 19.9 | 16.3 |
| 2 | | Crude materials,inedible, except fuels | 72 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 17.0 | 19.1 | 11.0 | 14.2 |
| | | Cut flowers | 72 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 17.0 | 19.1 | 11.0 | 14.2 |
| 5 | | Chemicals and related products | 90 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.4 | -0.3 | 1.8 | -0.6 | -4.6 | -0.9 |
| 6 | | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 301 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| | | Textile yarn,Fabrics,made up articles, n.e.s & related products | 301 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| | | Cotton fabrics | 178 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 10.5 | 13.5 | 8.9 | 10.2 |
| | | Other textile fabrics | 123 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 |

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Table 5 (cont'd) : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ | Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| | | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | |
| | | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | |
| 8 | | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6,456 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| | | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 6,064 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.6 |
| | | Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted | 2,022 | -0.7 | -0.8 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 10.8 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 7.7 |
| | | Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted | 501 | 20.4 | 16.1 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 8.6 | 13.0 | 7.0 |
| | | Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted | 221 | 0.7 | 3.0 | -3.3 | 0.6 | -1.3 | -4.1 | -1.4 | 0.0 | -1.7 |
| | | Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted | 383 | 2.5 | 2.3 | -0.8 | -0.1 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -3.2 | 0.2 |
| | | Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted | 2,924 | 3.9 | -1.1 | -0.7 | -1.1 | 0.9 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 5.2 |
| | | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics | 13 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 16.1 | 16.6 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 9.6 |
| | | Footwear | 15 | -0.6 | -0.5 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 8.5 | 10.5 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 11.6 |
| | | Optical goods, watches and clocks | 377 | -9.1 | -9.5 | 2.6 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 16.5 | 17.5 | 9.5 | 13.5 |
| | | Overall Change | 10,000 | 5.9 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.9 |

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Table 6: Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | Year |
|------------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | |
| | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | |
| 0 | Food and live animals | 3,081 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.7 |
| | Meat and meat preparations | 51 | 12.9 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 2.4 |
| | Fish and fish preparations | 187 | 31.1 | 24.1 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 1.6 | -2.6 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 2.9 |
| | Sugar | 2,717 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.9 |
| | Molasses | 44 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 24.5 | 24.5 | 24.5 | 24.5 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 29.7 |
| | Tea | 54 | -11.1 | -19.4 | -12.4 | -20.0 | -12.2 | -14.7 | -13.0 | -9.4 | -12.3 |
| | Other food products | 28 | 6.9 | 3.4 | -3.9 | -5.0 | 8.3 | 16.6 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 16.2 |
| 2 | Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 72 | 11.1 | 3.5 | 8.2 | 11.9 | 9.5 | 17.0 | 17.3 | 9.3 | 13.1 |
| | Cut flowers | 72 | 11.1 | 3.5 | 8.2 | 11.9 | 9.5 | 17.0 | 17.3 | 9.3 | 13.1 |
| 5 | Chemicals and related products | 90 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | -0.3 | 1.8 | -0.6 | -4.4 | -0.9 |
| 6 | Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 301 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 6.1 | 7.1 |
| | Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products | 301 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 6.1 | 7.1 |
| | Cotton fabrics | 178 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 7.7 | 10.3 | 13.2 | 8.2 | 9.8 |
| | Other textile fabrics | 123 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 |

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Table 6 (Cont'd) :Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1995

| SITC ¹ | Description | Weight | 1994 | | | | 1995 ² | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | | |
| | | | Year | | | | Year | | | | | |
| 8 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6,456 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 6,064 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| | <i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> | 2,022 | -0.7 | -0.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 7.6 |
| | <i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i> | 501 | 21.9 | 16.9 | 5.4 | 2.4 | 11.2 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 7.8 | 11.8 | 6.3 |
| | <i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> | 221 | 0.7 | 3.0 | -3.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -1.3 | -4.0 | -1.4 | 0.0 | -1.7 |
| | <i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i> | 383 | 2.6 | 2.3 | -0.8 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -3.1 | 0.2 |
| | <i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i> | 2,924 | 4.0 | -1.1 | -0.7 | -1.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 5.2 |
| | <i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i> | 13 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 16.2 | 16.5 | 10.1 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 8.7 |
| | Footwear | 15 | -0.6 | -0.5 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 8.6 | 10.5 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 11.6 |
| | Optical goods, watches and clocks | 377 | -8.7 | -9.0 | 2.8 | 11.0 | -1.4 | 10.6 | 17.2 | 18.1 | 9.0 | 13.7 |
| | Overall Change | 10,000 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 6.6 |

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Table 7 (cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, Year 1993

| SITC ¹ Section | Description | Weight | 1993 | | | | Yearly Average |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | | | 1st Qr | 2nd Qr | 3rd Qr | 4th Qr | |
| 8 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6,456 | 98.8 | 99.1 | 100.2 | 102.0 | 100.0 |
| | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories | 6,064 | 98.4 | 98.7 | 100.5 | 102.4 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i> | 2,022 | 99.8 | 98.3 | 99.8 | 102.2 | 100.0 |
| | <i>'Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i> | 501 | 93.0 | 95.4 | 104.1 | 107.5 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i> | 221 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 103.9 | 98.7 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i> | 383 | 96.8 | 98.8 | 101.7 | 102.7 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i> | 2,924 | 98.6 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 101.9 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i> | 13 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 99.5 | 100.5 | 100.0 |
| | Footwear | 15 | 99.8 | 100.9 | 98.2 | 101.1 | 100.0 |
| | Optical goods, watches and clocks | 377 | 104.9 | 105.3 | 94.3 | 95.5 | 100.0 |
| | Overall Index | 10,000 | 97.3 | 97.6 | 101.9 | 103.3 | 100.0 |

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