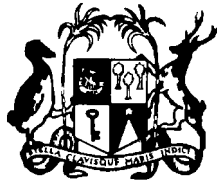


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Introduction

This is the second issue of the economic indicator on Export Price Indices. The first indicator was published in August 1996 and presented indices for the period 1994-1995. However, since then, the weights have been revised on account of some products, mostly textile fabrics, which are no longer available for export. This present issue provides quarterly and yearly indices of export prices for the year 1996 and those for the period 1994-1995, revised on the basis of the new set of weights.

The Export Price Index (EPI) provides a 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.

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, 1995 and 1996 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 fuels*", "*Chemicals and related products*", "*Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw materials*" and "*Miscellaneous manufactured articles*". Distribution of weights for the different sections, groups of commodities 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 chiefly 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 - 1996

3.1 Yearly change

The overall index advanced by 4.2% in 1994, 7.3% in 1995 and 10.1% in 1996. The yearly average index reached 104.2 in 1994, 111.8 in 1995 and 123.1 in 1996.

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“Food and live animals” rose by 10.8% in 1994, 6.2% in 1995 and 8.4% in 1996. These increases largely reflect price movements of sugar which accounts for 88% of the weight of this section.

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The quarterly index registered a steady rise during every quarter throughout the period 1994 to 1996. (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

The relatively larger increases in the 3rd quarter 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 5.8 and 7.6% in 1995 and between 6.6 and 11.3% in 1996 (Table 6).

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4.1 Changes by section and commodity

Food and live animals

The average annual increases for this section for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 were 10.8%, 6.2% and 8.4% 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 110.6 in 1994, 117.8 in 1995 and 127.2 in 1996. Price index of molasses moved significantly up by 21.1% in 1994, 20.3% in 1995 and 18.9% in 1996. On the other hand export prices of tea dropped by 15.7% in 1994 and a further 12.7% in 1995 but improved by 12.6% in 1996, the average index of this commodity for these three years being 84.3, 73.6 and 82.9 respectively compared to 100 in 1993, the base period.

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Crude materials inedible except fuel

The average index for cut flowers rose from 108.5 in 1994 to 123.0 in 1995 and 143.4 in 1996. Compared to the previous year, these figures show increases of 8.5% in 1994, 13.4% in 1995 and 16.6% in 1996. The highest increase is registered during the third quarter, irrespective of the year.

Chemicals and related products

Price changes of this section have been very modest and irregular, with quarterly indices varying between 98.0 and 107.8. In 1994 the index rose by 2.4%, followed by a fall of 0.9% in 1995 and a slight increase of 0.8% in 1996.

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials

The index for this section rose by 5.0% in 1994 and 9.3% in 1995. However, the rate of growth slowed down to 3.9% in 1996.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles

During the period under review a continued rise in the price of wearing apparel moved the index for this section up to 125.6 in the last quarter of 1996. The average index for 1994 shows a rise of 1.1% compared to an annual increase of 7.7% in 1995 and 11.3% in 1996.

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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 sub-indices 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:

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

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.

Table 1: Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1994-1996 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994				1995				1996 ²				Yearly Average
			Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average		
0	Food and live animals	3,081	110.8	114.9	114.7	120.2	121.0	117.7	123.9	124.2	130.8	131.3	127.6		
	Meat and meat preparations	51	106.8	108.9	108.4	109.7	110.5	109.4	112.2	120.9	125.4	117.7	119.1		
	Fish and fish preparations	187	121.2	117.9	116.0	127.2	137.9	124.8	129.8	129.8	135.7	144.5	135.0		
	Sugar	2,717	110.6	115.2	115.2	120.4	120.4	117.8	123.6	123.6	130.7	130.7	127.2		
	Molasses	44	121.1	134.4	134.4	156.9	156.9	145.7	179.8	179.8	166.5	166.5	173.2		
2	Tea	54	84.3	82.7	70.3	67.7	73.6	73.6	77.4	83.6	83.6	86.9	82.9		
	Cereals and cereal preparations	28	100.3	113.8	118.6	116.4	114.3	115.8	141.2	147.9	160.4	159.4	152.2		
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	108.5	115.8	117.1	129.8	129.4	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4		
5	Cut flowers	72	108.5	115.8	117.1	129.8	129.4	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4		
	Chemicals and related products	90	102.4	101.7	103.2	101.6	99.4	101.5	98.0	98.4	107.8	105.1	102.3		
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	105.0	112.5	112.6	116.3	117.8	114.8	116.9	119.4	121.8	119.0	119.3		
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	105.0	112.5	112.6	116.3	117.8	114.8	116.9	119.4	121.8	119.0	119.3		
	Cotton fabrics	241	104.0	111.6	111.2	115.9	117.1	114.0	115.9	120.0	123.2	121.1	120.1		
	Other textile fabrics	60	108.7	116.1	118.4	118.0	120.4	118.2	120.9	117.1	115.8	110.5	116.1		

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			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	
			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 6,064 2,022 501 221 383 2,924 13 15 377	101.1 101.3 99.8 111.2 100.7 104.5 100.3 110.1 100.6 98.3	106.9 106.6 106.6 117.7 95.3 114.2 104.4 115.8 116.4 111.5	107.4 106.4 108.6 113.6 93.7 105.0 104.7 119.7 123.4 123.2	109.6 108.5 109.0 119.6 98.0 106.1 107.3 121.3 129.2 126.6	111.6 110.5 110.9 122.5 98.2 97.5 110.8 121.8 132.9 128.4	108.9 108.0 108.8 118.4 96.3 105.7 106.8 119.7 125.5 122.4	113.9 112.6 111.7 130.6 96.7 96.6 113.3 123.7 135.4 135.0	120.1 119.0 115.8 135.4 103.5 111.2 120.6 125.8 141.2 136.2	125.1 123.9 120.6 138.4 106.1 112.0 126.5 130.2 147.1 143.2
	Overall	10,000	104.2	109.5	109.8	113.2	114.7	111.8	117.0	121.3	126.8	127.2	123.1	

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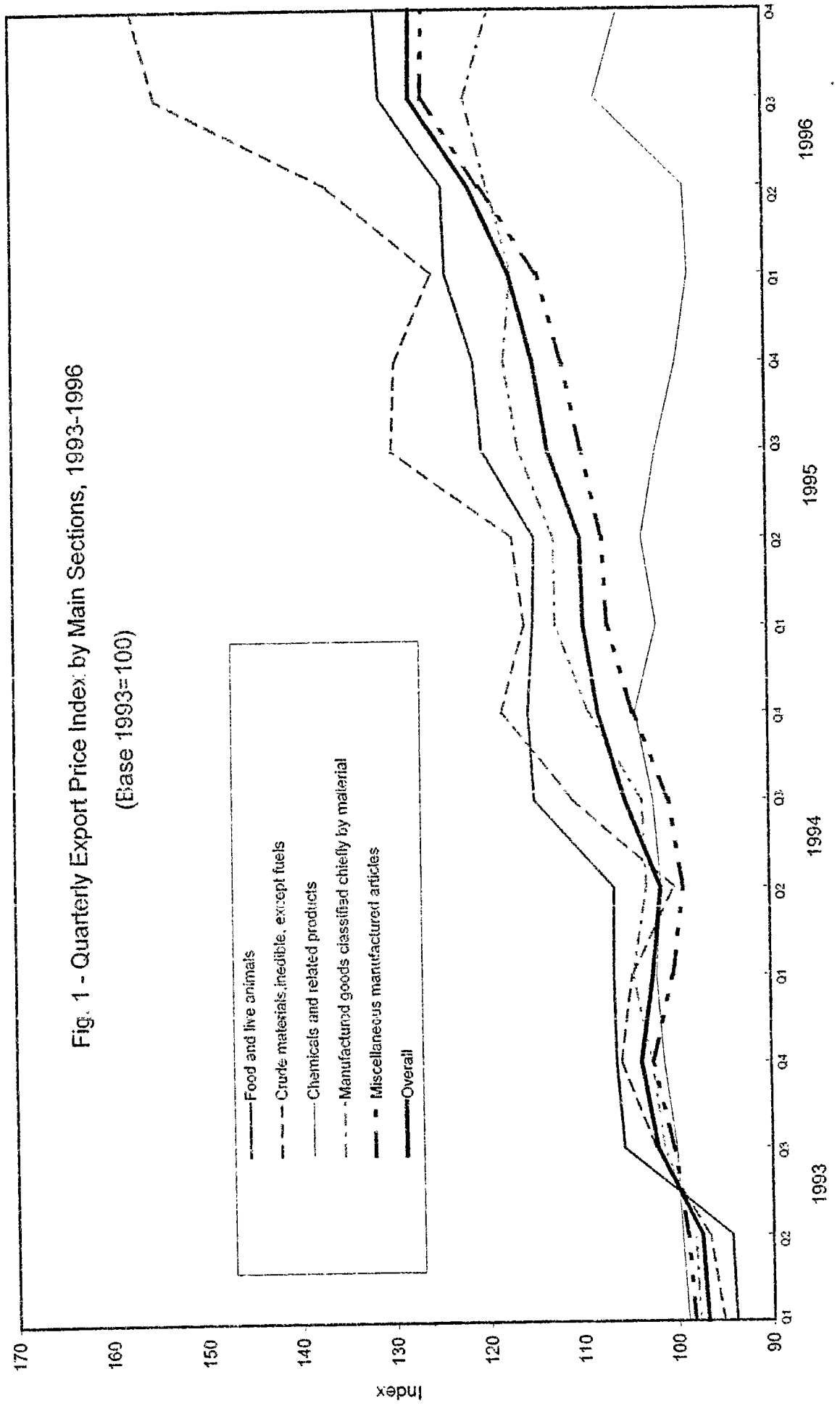


Table 2: Quarterly Export Price index of selected commodity groups, 1994-1996 (base 1993 = 100)

Description	Weight	1994	1995					1996 ¹				
		Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average
All commodities	10,000	104.3	109.5	109.8	113.2	114.5	111.8	117.2	121.4	127.6	127.5	123.4
<i>of which</i>												
Sugar	2,717	110.7	115.2	115.2	120.4	120.4	110.7	123.6	123.6	130.7	130.7	127.2
Molasses	44	121.2	134.4	134.4	156.9	156.9	145.7	179.8	179.8	164.7	164.7	172.3
Tea	54	84.3	82.7	70.3	67.7	73.6	73.6	77.4	83.6	83.6	86.9	82.9
Cut flowers	72	108.5	115.8	117.1	129.8	129.4	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4
Men's or boys coats, jackets, trousers etc. not knitted or crocheted	2,022	100.7	106.6	108.6	109.0	110.9	108.8	111.7	115.8	120.6	123.0	117.8
Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted	2,924	100.2	104.4	104.7	107.3	110.8	106.8	113.3	120.6	126.5	125.7	121.5

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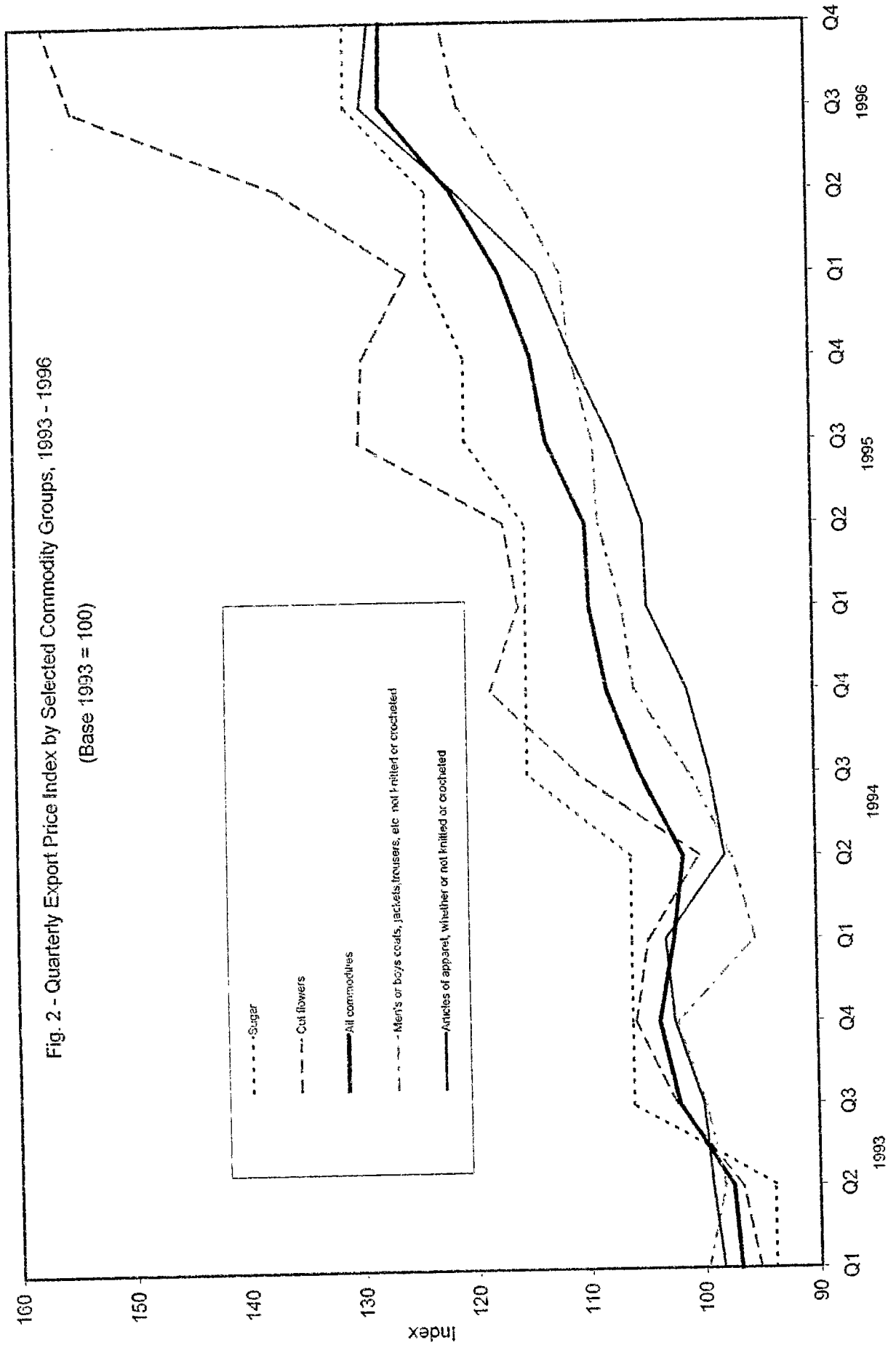


Table 3: Point change from previous period by SITC, 1994-1996 (base 1993=100)

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			Average	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	10.8	-0.6	-0.2	5.5	0.8	6.9	2.9	0.3	6.6	0.5	9.9	
	Meat and meat preparations	51	6.8	-0.1	-0.5	1.3	0.8	2.6	1.7	8.7	4.5	-7.7	9.7	
	Fish and fish preparations	187	21.2	-11.0	-1.9	11.2	10.7	3.6	-8.1	0.0	5.9	8.8	10.2	
	Sugar	2,717	10.6	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	7.2	3.2	0.0	7.1	0.0	9.3	
	Molasses	44	21.1	0.0	0.0	22.5	0.0	24.6	22.9	0.0	-13.3	0.0	27.5	
2	Tea	54	-15.7	1.5	-12.4	-2.6	5.9	-10.7	3.8	6.2	0.0	3.3	9.3	
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	0.3	15.9	4.8	-2.2	-2.1	15.5	26.9	6.7	12.5	-1.0	36.5	
5	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	8.5	-2.6	1.3	12.7	-0.4	14.5	-4.0	11.1	18.1	2.6	20.4	
	Cut flowers	72	8.5	-2.6	1.3	12.7	-0.4	14.5	-4.0	11.1	18.1	2.6	20.4	
6	Chemicals and related products	90	2.4	-2.3	1.5	-1.6	-2.2	-0.9	-1.4	0.4	9.4	-2.7	0.8	
	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	5.0	3.5	0.1	3.7	1.5	9.8	-0.9	2.5	2.4	-2.8	4.5	
6	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	5.0	3.5	0.1	3.7	1.5	9.8	-0.9	2.5	2.4	-2.8	4.5	
	Cotton fabrics	178	4.0	3.4	-0.4	4.7	1.2	10.0	-1.2	4.1	3.2	-2.1	6.1	
	Other textile fabrics	123	8.7	4.0	2.3	-0.4	2.4	9.5	0.5	-3.8	-1.3	-5.3	-2.1	

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SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994	1995				1996 ²					
			Average	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	10.8	-0.5	-0.2	4.8	0.7	6.2	2.4	0.2	5.3	0.4	8.4
	Meat and meat preparations	51	6.8	-0.1	-0.5	1.2	0.7	2.4	1.5	7.8	3.7	-6.1	8.8
	Fish and fish preparations	187	21.2	-8.5	-1.6	9.7	8.4	2.9	-5.9	0.0	4.5	6.5	8.2
	Sugar	2,717	10.6	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	6.5	2.7	0.0	5.7	0.0	7.9
	Molasses	44	21.1	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	20.3	14.6	0.0	-7.4	0.0	18.9
2	Tea	54	-15.7	1.8	-15.0	-3.7	8.7	-12.7	5.2	8.0	0.0	3.9	12.6
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	0.3	16.2	4.2	-1.9	-1.8	15.4	23.5	4.7	8.5	-0.6	31.5
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	8.5	-2.2	1.1	10.8	-0.3	13.4	-3.1	8.9	13.3	1.7	16.6
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	Chemicals and related products	90	2.4	-2.2	1.5	-1.6	-2.2	-0.9	-1.4	0.4	9.6	-2.5	0.8
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	5.0	3.2	0.1	3.3	1.3	9.3	-0.8	2.1	2.0	-2.3	3.9
	Textile yarn, Fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	5.0	3.2	0.1	3.3	1.3	9.3	-0.8	2.1	2.0	-2.3	3.9
	Cotton fabrics	178	4.0	3.1	-0.4	4.2	1.0	9.6	-1.0	3.5	2.7	-1.7	5.4
	Other textile fabrics	123	8.7	3.6	2.0	-0.3	2.0	8.8	0.4	-3.2	-1.1	-4.6	-1.8

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8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	1.1	2.5	0.5	2.0	1.8	7.7	2.1	5.4	4.2	0.4	11.3
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	1.3	2.6	-0.2	2.0	1.8	6.6	1.9	5.7	4.1	0.4	11.1
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	-0.2	0.9	1.9	0.4	1.7	9.0	0.7	3.7	4.1	2.0	8.3
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	11.2	6.8	-3.5	5.3	2.4	6.4	6.6	3.7	2.2	3.3	15.6
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	0.7	-3.0	-1.7	4.6	0.2	-4.4	-1.5	7.0	2.5	-0.8	6.9
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	4.5	2.1	-8.1	1.0	-8.1	1.1	-0.9	15.1	0.7	2.0	2.6
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	0.3	3.4	0.3	2.5	3.3	6.5	2.3	6.4	4.9	-0.6	13.8
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	10.1	-1.1	3.4	1.3	0.4	8.7	1.6	1.7	3.5	-2.2	6.0
	Footwear	15	0.6	13.6	6.0	4.7	2.9	24.7	1.9	4.3	4.2	0.3	13.8
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	-3.2	1.0	10.5	2.8	1.4	24.5	5.1	0.9	5.1	-0.1	13.8
	Overall	10,000	4.2	1.4	0.3	3.1	1.3	7.3	2.0	3.7	4.5	0.3	10.1

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Table 5 : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1996 (base 1994=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994	1995				1996 ²					
			Average	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	10.8	8.4	8.3	5.3	5.5	6.9	9.0	9.5	10.6	10.3	9.9
	Meat and meat preparations	51	6.8	1.9	3.1	3.8	1.5	2.6	3.3	12.5	15.7	7.2	9.7
	Fish and fish preparations	187	21.2	1.9	-3.1	6.2	9.0	3.6	11.9	13.8	8.5	6.6	10.2
	Sugar	2,717	10.6	9.1	9.1	5.2	5.2	7.2	8.4	8.4	10.3	10.3	9.3
	Molasses	44	21.1	26.5	26.5	22.5	22.5	24.6	45.4	45.4	9.6	9.6	27.5
	Tea	54	-15.7	-13.0	-12.1	-10.1	-7.6	-10.7	-5.3	13.3	15.9	13.3	9.3
	Cereal and cereal products	28	0.3	8.9	17.0	19.7	16.4	15.5	27.4	29.3	44.0	45.1	36.5
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	8.5	11.2	17.0	19.1	11.0	14.5	9.6	19.4	24.8	27.8	20.4
	Cut flowers	72	8.5	11.2	17.0	19.1	11.0	14.5	9.6	19.4	24.8	27.8	20.4
5	Chemicals and related products	90	2.4	-0.3	1.8	-0.6	-4.6	-0.9	-3.7	-4.8	6.2	5.7	0.8
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	5.0	8.0	9.6	12.9	8.8	9.8	4.4	6.8	5.5	1.2	4.5
	Textile yarn, Fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	5.0	8.0	9.6	12.9	8.8	9.8	4.4	6.8	5.5	1.2	4.5
	Cotton fabrics	178	4.0	8.0	9.2	13.5	8.9	10.0	4.3	8.8	7.3	4.0	6.1
	Other textile fabrics	123	8.7	7.7	11.7	10.4	8.3	9.5	4.8	-1.3	-2.2	-9.9	-2.1

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Table 5 (cont'd) : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1996

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994		1995				1996 ²				
			Average	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	1.1	7.8	6.6	8.3	9.0	7.3	7.0	12.7	15.5	14.0	12.3
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	1.3	6.7	5.8	6.9	7.5	6.6	6.0	12.6	15.4	13.9	12.0
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	-0.2	9.0	11.3	11.3	8.2	5.3	5.1	7.2	11.6	12.1	9.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	11.2	7.1	4.2	2.0	9.9	12.3	12.9	21.8	18.8	20.4	18.5
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	0.7	-4.4	-3.4	-10.5	-3.6	0.0	1.4	9.8	8.1	7.1	6.6
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	4.5	1.2	17.3	0.0	2.0	-14.4	-17.6	6.2	5.9	16.7	2.8
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	0.3	6.5	1.3	6.8	8.2	9.8	8.9	15.9	19.2	14.9	14.7
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	10.1	9.6	13.8	13.9	5.7	4.7	7.9	6.1	8.9	5.6	7.1
	Footwear	15	0.6	24.9	18.1	22.5	28.6	30.4	19.0	17.8	17.9	14.6	17.3
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	-1.7	24.1	20.0	25.4	33.0	18.0	23.5	13.0	16.6	14.7	17.0
	Overall	10,000	4.2	7.6	7.1	8.3	8.0	6.7	7.5	11.5	13.6	12.5	11.3

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Table 6: Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1996

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994	1995				1996 ²					
			Average	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	10.8	7.9	7.8	4.6	4.8	6.2	7.8	8.3	8.8	8.5	8.4
	Meat and meat preparations	51	6.8	1.8	2.9	3.6	1.4	2.4	3.0	11.5	14.3	6.5	8.8
	Fish and fish preparations	187	21.2	1.6	-2.6	5.1	7.0	2.9	10.1	11.9	6.7	4.8	8.2
	Sugar	2,717	10.6	8.6	8.6	4.5	4.5	6.5	7.3	7.3	8.6	8.6	7.9
	Molasses	44	21.1	24.6	24.6	16.7	16.7	20.3	33.8	33.8	6.1	6.1	18.9
2	Tea	54	-15.7	-13.6	-14.7	-13.0	-9.4	-12.7	-6.4	18.9	23.5	18.1	12.6
	Cereal and cereal products	28	0.3	8.5	16.7	20.4	16.8	15.4	24.1	24.7	37.8	39.5	31.5
5	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	8.5	10.7	17.0	17.3	9.3	13.4	8.3	16.6	19.1	21.5	16.6
	Cut flowers	72	8.5	10.7	17.0	17.3	9.3	13.4	8.3	16.6	19.1	21.5	16.6
6	Chemicals and related products	90	2.4	-0.3	1.8	-0.6	-4.4	-0.9	-3.6	-4.7	6.1	5.7	0.8
	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	5.0	7.7	9.3	12.5	8.1	9.3	3.9	6.0	4.7	1.0	3.9
6	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	5.0	7.7	9.3	12.5	8.1	9.3	3.9	6.0	4.7	1.0	3.9
	<i>Cotton fabrics</i>	178	4.0	7.7	9.0	13.2	8.2	9.6	3.9	7.9	6.3	3.4	5.4
	<i>Other textile fabrics</i>	123	8.7	7.1	11.0	9.7	7.4	8.8	4.1	-1.1	-1.9	-8.2	-1.8

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Table 6 (Cont'd) : Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1994-1996

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1994				1995				1996 ²			
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	
			8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	1.1	6.6	8.4	8.9	7.0	7.7	6.5	11.8	14.1
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	1.3	5.8	6.9	7.4	6.4	6.6	5.6	11.8	14.2	12.6	11.1	
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	-0.2	11.9	11.6	8.1	5.0	9.0	4.8	6.6	10.6	10.9	8.3	
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	11.2	3.7	1.8	9.0	11.2	6.4	11.0	19.2	15.7	16.7	15.6	
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	0.7	-3.4	-10.1	-3.5	0.0	-4.4	1.5	10.5	8.3	7.2	6.9	
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	4.5	17.9	0.0	1.9	-12.9	1.1	-15.4	5.9	5.6	17.1	2.6	
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	0.3	1.3	6.9	8.3	9.7	6.5	8.5	15.2	17.9	13.4	13.8	
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	10.1	13.5	13.1	4.9	4.0	8.7	6.8	5.1	7.3	4.6	6.0	
	Footwear	15	0.6	18.4	22.3	28.4	29.7	24.7	16.3	14.4	13.9	11.0	13.8	
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	-1.7	21.9	26.0	35.3	16.3	24.5	21.1	10.6	13.1	11.4	13.8	
	Overall	10,000	4.2	6.9	8.2	7.6	6.2	6.8	6.8	10.5	12.0	10.9	10.1	

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Table 7: Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, Year 1993 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1993					Yearly Average
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr		
0	Food and live animals	3,081	93.9	94.3	105.6	106.3	100.0	
	Meat and meat preparations	51	94.8	99.0	102.3	104.0	100.0	
	Fish and fish preparations	187	88.5	96.0	104.1	111.3	100.0	
	Sugar	2,717	93.9	93.9	106.1	106.1	100.0	
	Molasses	44	92.1	92.1	107.9	107.9	100.0	
	Tea	54	107.6	102.2	88.8	101.5	100.0	
	Cereal and cereal products	28	98.1	98.3	100.6	102.7	100.0	
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	95.2	96.7	102.3	105.8	100.0	
	Cut flowers	72	95.2	96.7	102.3	105.8	100.0	
5	Chemicals and related products	90	99.0	99.6	100.1	101.3	100.0	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	97.8	98.2	101.4	102.6	100.0	
	Textile yarn, Fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	97.8	98.2	101.4	102.6	100.0	
	<i>Cotton fabrics</i>	241	97.8	97.5	101.7	103.0	100.0	
	<i>Other textile fabrics</i>	60	97.8	101.3	100.0	100.9	100.0	

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Table 7 (cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, Year 1993 (base 1993=100)

SITC' Section	Description	Weight	1993				Yearly Average	
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr		
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	98.3	99.0	100.4	102.5	100.0	
	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	97.6	98.2	101.2	103.2	100.0	
	<i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	99.8	98.2	99.8	102.2	100.0	
	<i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	501	92.9	95.4	104.1	107.6	100.0	
	<i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	221	96.8	96.4	110.0	96.8	100.0	
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	383	85.6	94.3	107.9	112.2	100.0	
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	2,924	98.4	99.3	100.0	102.4	100.0	
	Footwear	13	99.8	100.3	99.4	100.5	100.0	
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	15	99.6	102.0	96.1	102.4	100.0	
		377	109.6	110.9	89.3	91.0	100.0	
		Overall Index	10,000	96.9	97.5	102.1	103.7	100.0