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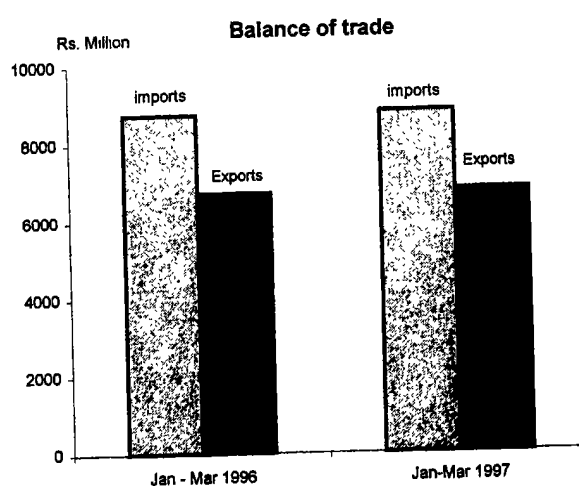
### Introduction

This Economic Indicator presents external trade statistics for the first quarter of 1997. The issue contains also data for the year 1995 and the four quarters of 1996. However, figures for 1996 are provisional and may be revised in future issues.

### 1. Total value of trade and trade balance

Total international trade for the first quarter of 1997 amounted to Rs 15,600 million, representing a drop of 23.4% over the fourth quarter of 1996, but a slight increase of 1.0% when compared to the first quarter of 1996.

During the first quarter of 1997, Mauritius exported goods worth Rs 6,790 million compared to total imports of Rs 8,810 million, thus showing a trade deficit of Rs 2,020 million. This deficit was almost at the same level as that of the corresponding quarter of 1996 (Rs 2,009 million) but 24.3% higher than that registered during the fourth quarter of 1996 (Rs 1,625 million) (*Table 1*).



### 2. Terms of trade (base year: 1992 = 100)

During the first quarter of 1997, the terms of trade index which shows price movements of exports relative to those of imports, fell by 5 percentage points from 104 during the fourth quarter of 1996 to 99.

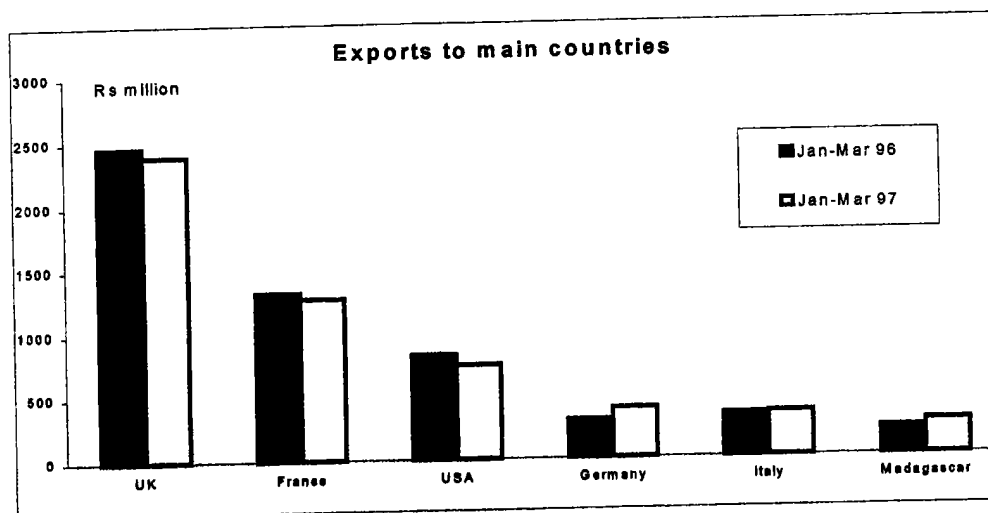
Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in *Tables 3 and 4*.

### 3. Exports

Total export proceeds for the first quarter of 1997, including domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers, amounted to Rs 6,790 million, showing an increase of Rs 71 million (or 1.1%) over the first quarter of 1996.

Domestic exports, which represent 94% of total exports, increased marginally from Rs 6,332 million to Rs 6,363 million during these periods.

Exports of sugar were 23% lower in value than proceeds received in the first quarter of last year. This was due to a decrease of 27% in volume, though prices went up by 6%. During the same period, exports of EPZ products improved by 11% in nominal terms.



Exports by country of destination for the first quarter of 1997 (*Table 6*) show that our main buyers remained the countries of the European Union: they purchased some 75% of our exports for Rs 4,986 million, these figures showing almost no change when compared to the first quarter of 1996. The United Kingdom remained the main buyer with Rs 2,390 million worth of our exports, representing 36% of total exports. The other major markets were France (Rs 1,268 million), U.S.A (Rs 744 million), Germany (Rs 387 million), Italy (Rs 345 million) and Malagasy Republic (Rs 266 million).

#### 4. Imports

The import bill for the first quarter of 1997 attained Rs 8,810 million, showing a slight increase of 1 % over the figure of Rs 8,728 registered during the corresponding period of 1996. Overall import prices are estimated to have increased by around 4% while imports dropped by 3% in volume terms.

Comparative figures for imports by S.I.T.C sections are shown below, while further details by section and commodity are presented in tables 7 and 8.

(c.i.f value) million rupees

S.I.T.C Section	Jan - Mar 1996	Jan - Mar 1997	<----Change (%)---->		
			Value	Price	Volume
1. Food, live animals, beverages & tobacco	1,518	1,411	- 7	- 2	- 5
2. Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	713	918	+ 29	+ 12	+ 15
3. Chemicals & related products	691	734	+ 6	+ 11	- 5
4. Manufactured goods	3,564	3,620	+ 2	0	+ 2
5. Machinery & transport equipment	1,706	1,557	- 9	+ 12	- 19
6. Other goods n.e.s	536	570	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>+ 4</b>	<b>- 3</b>

Compared to the first quarter of 1996, imports of "Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco" fell by 7% in nominal terms, due to a decrease of 2% in price levels and another decrease of 5% in volume. Although prices of goods classified under "Machinery and transport equipment" increased by 12% during this period, the total value of imports of these goods fell by 9% as a result of a drop of 19% in volume. The other S.I.T.C sections recorded nominal increases ranging from 2% to 29%, the highest increase being registered for "Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials". However, it should be pointed out that unit value indices do not reflect genuine price changes since they are affected by factors like changes in country of origin and product mix.

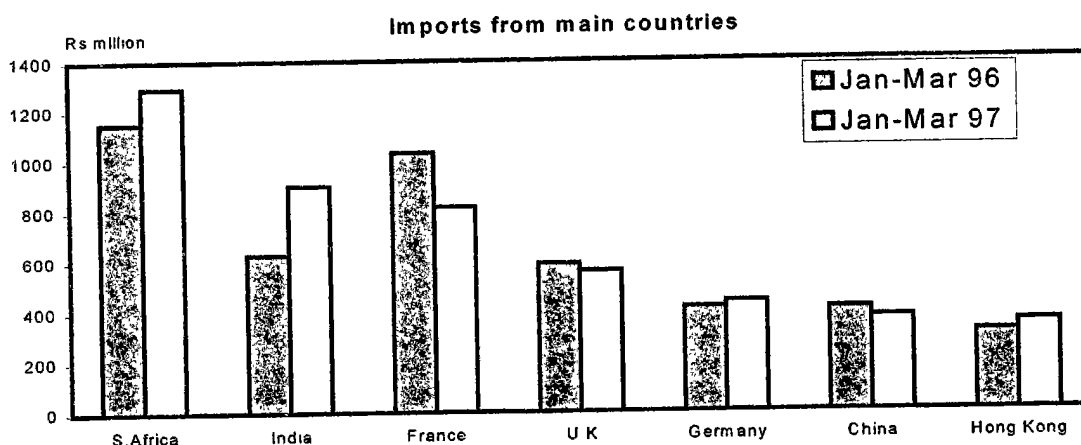


Table 9 shows imports by country of origin. During the first quarter of 1997, Mauritius imported Rs 2,510 million worth of goods from countries of the European Union, representing 28% of total imports for that period. On a countrywise basis, our main suppliers were the Republic of South Africa (15%), India (10%), France (9%), United Kingdom (6%) and Germany (5%).

## **5. The EPZ Sector**

During the first quarter of 1997, EPZ enterprises exported some Rs 4,675 million worth of goods against Rs 4,210 million for the same period last year, showing a nominal increase of 11%. EPZ exports to countries of the European Union, representing 73% of total, increased from Rs 2,921 million during the first quarter of 1996 to Rs 3,406 million (+17%).

During the same period, imports by this sector increased marginally by 3% to Rs 2,758 million against Rs 2,671 in 1996. Imports of raw materials were up by Rs 155 million (+ 6%) whilst machinery fell by Rs 68 million (- 24%).

Net EPZ exports for the first quarter of 1997 worked out to Rs 1,917 million against Rs 1,539 million for the corresponding period last year. The ratio of net EPZ exports to total exports of the EPZ progressed to 41% from 37% for the same period last year.

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# External Trade

## Notes

### (1) Coverage

Trade figures are compiled according to the **General Trade System** as recommended by the United Nations. Using the national boundary as the statistical frontier, the General Trade System is a record of all goods entering (imports) and leaving the country (exports).

- Imports include goods brought in directly for domestic consumption plus goods imported into customs bonded warehouses
- Exports cover domestic exports and re-exports which include re-exports from customs bonded warehouses. Domestic exports are defined as goods of national origin. Re-exports are goods which are exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.
- Ships stores and bunkers are included in total exports and are shown separately.
- Trade by parcel post is also included in imports and exports

### (2) Valuation

Imports are valued on a C.I.F. (Cost, Insurance and Freight) basis whilst exports on a F.O.B. (Free On Board) basis.

C.I.F. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her imports of merchandise, other goods, etc. including all charges for transporting and insuring the goods from the country of exports to the given country but excluding the cost of unloading from the ship, aircraft etc. unless it is borne by the carrier.

F.O.B. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her exports of merchandise and other goods, including all costs of transporting the goods to the Customs frontier, export duties and the cost of loading the goods on to the carrier unless the latter cost is borne by the carrier.

### (3) Classification

#### (i) Commodity Code

Commodities are coded according to the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature (HS). However, for the purposes of economic analysis and to facilitate international comparison of trade by commodity data, the commodities are also classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3) or SITC Rev. 3. The HS and the SITC Rev. 3 are six and five digit codes respectively but have been extended to eight and seven digits to accommodate national requirements.

**4. Terms of trade**

The terms of trade index measures the price movements of exports relative to imports. It is the ratio of exports price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the real purchasing power of exports has increased whilst a decrease indicates a drop in the purchasing power

**5. Symbols used**

- Nil or negligible
- .- Not applicable
- ... Not available

**Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1995 - 1997**

Value : Million Rupees

	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Exports of goods	26,756	31,391	6,569	6,127	9,469	9,226	6,640
<i>Domestic exports</i>	25,786	30,475	6,332	6,012	9,268	8,863	6,363
<i>Re-exports<sup>2</sup></i>	970	916	237	115	201	363	277
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	570	600	150	150	150	150	150
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>27,326</b>	<b>31,991</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>6,277</b>	<b>9,619</b>	<b>9,376</b>	<b>6,790</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>2</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>40,892</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>8,810</b>
<b>Total Value of Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>61,689</b>	<b>72,883</b>	<b>15,447</b>	<b>16,640</b>	<b>20,419</b>	<b>20,377</b>	<b>15,600</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-7,037</b>	<b>-8,901</b>	<b>-2,009</b>	<b>-4,086</b>	<b>-1,181</b>	<b>-1,625</b>	<b>-2,020</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Includes :- Irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft



**Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade, 1993 - 1997**

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade*
		Export	Import	
<b>Base year : 1992 = 100</b>				
1993		109	111	98
1994		114	119	96
1995		121	126	96
1996 <sup>1</sup>		134	135	99
1996	1st Qr	124	132	94
	2nd Qr	133	135	99
	3rd Qr	139	136	102
	4th Qr	142	136	104
1997 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	136	137	99

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

\* Ratio of export price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the terms of trade have moved in favour of Mauritius.

**Table 3 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1995 - 1997**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100			
		Price Indices			
		1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>136</b>
Sugar	306	120	131	128	136
Molasses	5	167	214	136	119
Tea	5	96	115	96	153
EPZ products	661	121	133	123	141

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**Table 4 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1995 - 1996**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100			
		Price Indices			
		1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>137</b>
0 - Food and live animals	120	127	150	143	139
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5	103	114	108	121
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	31	173	183	181	189
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	80	101	131	123	138
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	11	145	145	152	149
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	78	123	129	120	133
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362	130	139	136	137
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	222	126	123	122	137
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	119	121	127	122

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5 - Domestic exports by main product/sector, 1995 - 1997

Description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total domestic exports: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>25,786</b>	<b>30,475</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>6,012</b>	<b>9,268</b>	<b>8,863</b>	<b>6,363</b>
<b>EPZ Products: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>
<b>Non-EPZ Products: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>7,519</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>1,688</b>
<b>Live animals</b>							
Quantity : Thousand unit	145	107	25	32	33	17	23
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	65	125	25	38	34	28	25
<b>Wheaten flower</b>							
Quantity : tonne	7,368	24,994	4,569	4,470	8,010	7,945	5,402
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	39	154	31	27	47	49	30
<b>Cane sugar</b>							
Quantity : Thousand tonne	524	612	141	16	262	193	101
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	6,326	8,024	1,809	248	3,206	2,761	1,386
<b>Cane molasses</b>							
Quantity : Thousand tonne	117	79	4	-	44	31	28
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	136	88	4	-	55	29	23
<b>Tea, whether or not flavoured</b>							
Quantity : tonne	2,872	1,339	699	434	30	176	226
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	50	28	12	8	2	6	6
<b>Cut flowers &amp; foliage</b>							
Quantity : tonne	538	514	139	116	102	157	170
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	126	126	37	27	24	38	38
<b>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</b>							
Quantity : tonne	21,544	27,213	8,232	3,822	10,000	5,159	5,485
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	121	159	50	24	53	32	30
<b>Articles of apparel &amp; clothing</b>							
Quantity : (not applicable)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	270	287	58	90	63	76	49
<b>Other commodities &amp; transactions</b>							
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	386	483	96	105	106	176	101

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Table 6 - Exports of goods by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1995				1996				1997 <sup>2</sup>
	1995	1996 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr		
<b>Total Exports<sup>1</sup></b>									
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>									
(a) European Union Countries									
Belgium	26,756	31,391	6,569	6,127	9,469	9,226	6,640		
France	26,027	30,410	6,318	5,923	9,208	8,961	6,363		
Germany	(19,768)	(23,701)	(4,925)	(4,349)	(7,217)	(7,210)	(4,986)		
Italy	511	732	122	212	204	194	134		
Netherlands	5,662	6,109	1,317	1,728	1,442	1,622	1,268		
Portugal	1,561	1,748	298	460	488	502	387		
Reunion	1,098	1,269	335	280	288	366	345		
United Kingdom	579	769	169	186	245	169	183		
Spain	245	1,009	7	3	571	428	5		
Other	490	524	100	123	135	166	103		
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries									
Australia	9,173	10,799	2,459	1,110	3,707	3,523	2,390		
Canada	367	649	103	227	122	197	126		
Comoro Islands	82	93	15	20	15	43	45		
Hong Kong	(6,259)	(6,709)	(1,393)	(1,574)	(1,991)	(1,751)	(1,377)		
India	53	113	10	20	32	51	23		
Kenya	249	205	53	57	46	49	44		
Malagasy, Republic of	41	32	6	5	5	16	5		
Malaysia	235	209	54	66	52	37	30		
Pakistan	124	141	13	17	21	90	47		
Seychelles	31	67	6	9	30	22	13		
Singapore	693	915	214	203	255	243	266		
South Africa, Republic of	14	28	8	9	5	6	3		
Sweden	8	5	1	1	1	2	-		
Uganda	46	46	8	13	13	12	14		
U.S.A.	59	47	11	10	10	16	11		
Zimbabwe	117	239	52	62	60	65	45		
Other	67	121	16	25	40	40	32		
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>									
Japan	28	13	1	3	1	8	3		
Switzerland	3,965	4,092	825	988	1,292	987	744		
Taiwan	115	160	30	32	45	53	55		
Other	414	276	85	54	83	54	42		
Japan	729	981	251	204	261	265	277		
Switzerland	170	196	45	45	46	60	53		
Taiwan	361	391	84	107	94	106	125		
Other	23	38	14	9	10	5	12		
	175	356	108	43	111	94	87		

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Ship's stores & Bunkers<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 7 - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>40,892</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>8,810</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>5,922</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>1,379</b>
Meat and meat preparations	540	577	137	105	156	179	133
Dairy products and bird's eggs	849	947	265	175	243	264	221
Fish and fish preparations	635	755	168	176	170	241	185
Wheat	379	598	115	88	182	213	60
Rice	329	667	255	102	168	142	160
Wheaten flour	3	84	17	20	21	26	18
Cereal preparations	165	192	41	47	46	58	39
Vegetables and fruits	532	695	156	224	172	143	194
Other	1,241	1,407	322	310	365	410	369
<b>1 - Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>
Beverages	196	191	35	38	46	72	28
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	25	21	7	7	6	1	4
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>320</b>
Cork and wood	310	312	63	118	79	52	61
Textile fibres	699	882	224	183	337	138	179
Other	200	404	79	98	104	123	80

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>1</sup>
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related materials</b>						
Refined petroleum products	2,401	3,212	704	918	877	918
Gas, natural and manufactured	2,019	2,821	576	809	794	788
Other	229	264	64	86	60	119
	153	127	64	23	23	11
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	441	464	142	123	120	78
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	361	341	115	90	85	56
Other	80	123	27	33	35	22
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	2,688	3,163	734	847	891	734
Dyeing & tanning materials	336	430	89	121	116	98
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	576	671	136	178	194	143
Fertilisers	146	189	17	50	73	35
Plastics in primary forms	317	338	76	83	96	78
Plastics in non-primary forms	197	222	47	60	63	48
Other	1,116	1,313	294	355	349	332
	12,587	13,715	2,925	3,519	3,681	2,859
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>						
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	734	680	136	167	189	137
Textile yarn	2,653	3,437	680	859	912	768
Cotton fabrics	2,146	2,019	406	590	500	448
Other textile fabrics	2,484	2,442	450	706	592	446
Cement	687	754	196	157	193	142
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	545	473	104	91	182	147
Iron and steel	887	1,255	270	383	307	192
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	700	803	182	178	217	149
Other	1,751	1,852	501	388	589	430

**Table 7 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>8,917</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>1,557</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	318	769	58	461	75	175	64
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,275	1,548	360	357	453	378	309
General industrial machinery & equipment	933	1,148	272	328	279	269	203
Office machines & automated data processing machines	454	622	103	180	169	170	113
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus	732	1,011	216	243	338	214	193
Road vehicles	1,487	1,711	354	417	484	456	316
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	372	599	96	319	56	128	50
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances n.e.s. & electrical parts of household type	1,021	1,374	223	367	402	382	272
Other	66	135	24	13	58	40	37
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>761</b>
Articles of apparel and clothing	355	356	62	75	91	128	67
Footwear	118	128	18	23	34	53	19
Watches and clocks & optical goods	502	404	117	112	83	92	83
Other	2,270	2,383	442	552	596	793	592
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>172</b>

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**Table 8 - Imports of selected commodities (quantity), 1995 - 1997**

Commodity	Unit	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
Meat and meat preparations	Thousand tonne	20	15	4	3	4	4	3
Dairy products and birds eggs	"	19	17	5	3	4	5	4
Fish and fish preparations	"	24	31	8	8	6	9	7
Wheat	"	112	124	24	19	35	46	12
Rice	"	56	88	35	15	20	18	20
Wheaten flour	"	-	12	3	3	3	3	3
Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats	"	29	27	4	9	7	7	4
Fertilisers manufactured	"	44	56	16	3	15	22	10
Cement	"	582	601	165	126	162	148	109
Iron and steel	"	88	102	21	26	28	27	20

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



Table 9 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>	
		1996					
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr		
<b>Total imports</b>							
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>							
(a) European Union Countries							
Belgium	34,363	40,892	8,728	10,363	10,800	11,001	8,810
Denmark	25,563	30,286	6,564	7,796	7,614	8,312	6,641
France	(11,069)	(13,299)	(2,781)	(3,676)	(3,356)	(3,486)	(2,510)
Germany	536	686	145	137	165	239	156
Greece	221	977	47	666	202	62	51
Ireland	4,427	4,554	1,033	1,144	1,165	1,212	816
Italy	1,554	1,903	413	485	525	480	436
Luxembourg	75	46	1	4	40	1	2
Netherlands	154	169	30	45	45	49	45
Portugal	1,109	1,392	313	308	382	389	228
Reunion	23	4	2	-	1	1	17
Spain	223	221	46	57	63	55	54
United Kingdom	58	69	14	22	19	14	18
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries							
Australia	24	26	5	7	7	7	8
Canada	377	604	143	154	100	207	121
Hong Kong	2,288	2,648	589	647	642	770	558
India	(14,494)	(16,987)	(3,783)	(4,120)	(4,258)	(4,826)	(4,131)
Kenya	1,110	1,811	453	324	490	544	365
Malagasy, Republic of	60	52	21	11	10	10	15
Malaysia	1,641	1,474	313	368	386	407	352
New Zealand	2,900	3,629	627	823	978	1,201	901
Pakistan	371	256	111	40	75	30	48
Singapore	354	465	77	156	111	121	177
South Africa, Republic of	1,121	964	191	297	228	248	178
Sweden	430	444	117	80	135	112	89
U. S. A.	365	644	210	134	141	159	96
Zimbabwe	910	867	160	254	222	231	204
Other	3,825	4,893	1,151	1,252	1,122	1,368	1,293
	68	76	11	18	21	26	13
	891	1,022	229	256	247	290	249
	157	61	23	16	12	10	41
	291	329	89	91	80	69	110

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 9 (cont'd) - Imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>10,606</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>2,169</b>
Argentina	286	272	43	64	67	98	79
Austria	69	67	7	23	16	21	17
Bahrain	76	219	-	-	219	-	-
Brazil	357	206	17	67	102	20	15
Burkina Faso	74	227	40	56	106	25	-
China	1,005	1,740	408	428	516	388	373
Finland	84	71	13	14	22	22	11
Indonesia	293	447	73	97	125	152	94
Israel	76	121	22	19	33	47	32
Japan	1,642	1,795	425	444	473	453	167
Jordan	37	36	-	-	36	-	29
Korea, Republic of	437	493	106	98	152	137	103
Kuwait	776	1,247	294	192	407	354	324
Macau	88	90	20	40	23	7	24
Mali	39	70	37	-	27	6	17
Morocco	38	42	6	4	16	16	9
Philippines	76	53	17	4	27	5	20
Saudi Arabia	376	212	33	-	1	178	9
Switzerland	811	878	161	237	232	248	189
Taiwan	1,083	1,120	234	280	309	297	298
Thailand	275	269	64	48	67	90	81
Turkey	117	182	12	59	67	44	47
United Arab Emirates	62	31	4	7	8	12	7
Other	623	718	128	386	135	69	224

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 10 - Net EPZ exports, 1995 - 1997**

Value : Million Rupees

	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
A. Total exports ( f.o.b )	18,267	21,001	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675
B. Total imports ( c.i.f )	10,856	12,106	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,951	2,758
<i>Raw materials</i>	9,869	10,988	2,393	2,890	3,006	2,699	2,548
<i>Machinery</i>	987	1,118	278	293	295	252	210
Net Exports (A - B)	7,411	8,895	1,539	2,262	2,377	2,717	1,917
Net Exports as % of total exports	41	42	37	42	42	48	41

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 11 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>1</sup>
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>						
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>21,001</b>				<b>4,675</b>
(a) European Union Countries	17,730	20,310	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,495
Belgium	(12,663)	(14,964)	(3,930)	(3,974)	(4,139)	(3,406)
France	435	651	193	186	174	117
Germany	5,208	5,762	1,620	1,360	1,551	1,203
Italy	1,445	1,606	440	467	427	326
Netherlands	1,015	1,140	303	249	323	305
Reunion	491	685	143	168	141	172
Spain	246	222	33	59	61	42
United Kingdom	308	553	83	201	163	100
Other	3,412	4,234	737	979	1,265	1,093
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>
Australia	(5,067)	(5,346)	(1,144)	(1,356)	(1,502)	(1,089)
Canada	41	67	5	14	25	23
Hong kong	246	204	53	57	46	48
Malagasy, Republic of	152	159	44	50	42	23
Singapore	410	526	127	140	127	132
South Africa, Republic of	31	29	8	6	6	9
Sweden	59	179	33	48	49	31
U.S.A.	66	116	15	24	39	30
Zimbabwe	3,860	3,787	799	959	1,088	694
Other	106	139	28	29	36	36
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>
Japan	537	691	145	159	202	185
Switzerland	98	131	30	32	30	38
Other	322	344	73	93	87	83
	117	216	42	34	85	59

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 12 - EPZ exports by main section/selected commodities, 1995 - 1997

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b> of which :	993	979	228	244	263	244	222
Fish & fish preparations	640	719	164	202	190	163	164
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	23	20	4	6	4	6	4
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	53	16	8	3	3	2	7
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b> of which :	1,657	2,135	465	558	565	547	491
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,035	1,447	338	380	372	357	316
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	464	509	89	134	148	138	119
<b>7 - Machinery and transport equipment</b>	79	99	11	6	54	28	23
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b> of which :	15,460	17,748	3,494	4,627	4,789	4,838	3,926
Articles of apparel and clothing	13,780	16,187	3,131	4,192	4,400	4,464	3,619
Optical goods	235	211	54	59	42	56	48
Watches and clocks	452	406	101	105	86	114	95
Toys, games and sporting goods	207	193	40	54	54	45	31
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	229	286	56	77	80	73	59

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 13 - EPZ imports by main section/selected commodities, 1995 - 1997**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>12,106</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>2,758</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	368	423	93	102	88	140	102
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels</b>	750	1,088	263	234	397	194	225
of which :							
Cotton	347	491	153	66	233	39	77
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	22	21	4	3	5	9	4
Wool and other animal hair	307	340	64	104	91	81	89
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products</b>	25	16	1	12	1	2	1
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	426	484	95	122	135	132	116
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	7,071	7,678	1,640	2,067	2,045	1,926	1,711
of which :							
Leather	160	138	39	32	34	33	30
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,984	6,640	1,365	1,829	1,777	1,669	1,491
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	470	367	96	82	86	103	109
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	987	1,118	278	293	295	252	210
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured goods</b>	1,079	1,055	250	273	264	268	320
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	398	321	93	86	62	80	65
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	117	150	30	30	58	32	123
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	150	243	50	80	76	37	73

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 14 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Country of origin	Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees													
	1995					1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>			
	1995					1996					1st Qr			
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>12,106</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>9,030</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>2,069</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(3,725)</b>	<b>(4,013)</b>	<b>(924)</b>	<b>(1,073)</b>	<b>(980)</b>	<b>(1,036)</b>	<b>(956)</b>	245	310	66	73	85	86	81
Belgium	1,718	1,551	391	436	338	386	328	695	775	209	179	232	155	262
France	540	664	133	165	178	188	135	29	32	7	8	11	6	8
Germany	119	259	31	69	39	120	54	340	368	76	121	87	84	81
Italy	39	54	11	22	10	11	7	39	54	11	22	10	11	7
Netherlands														
Spain														
United Kingdom														
Other														
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(4,562)</b>	<b>(5,017)</b>	<b>(1,057)</b>	<b>(1,237)</b>	<b>(1,402)</b>	<b>(1,321)</b>	<b>(1,113)</b>	237	255	68	60	71	56	51
Australia	31	12	3	3	3	3	24	1,438	1,225	269	321	323	312	304
Bahamas	1,429	1,874	331	432	582	529	392	91	97	20	24	26	27	29
Hong kong	104	196	58	51	27	60	31	149	126	24	34	42	26	21
India	169	292	97	60	70	65	35	Malagasy, Republic of	289	97	51	82	58	35
Malaysia	413	289	53	96	82	58	35	Malaysia	352	56	108	85	103	76
New Zealand	275	352	56	108	85	103	76	Malaysia	202	47	43	50	62	50
Pakistan	144	202	47	43	50	62	50	Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	30
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	29
South Africa, Republic of	82	97	31	5	41	20	6	Malaysia	97	97	5	41	20	6
U.S.A.	2,569	3,076	690	873	919	594	689	U.S.A.	3,076	690	873	919	594	689
Zambia	74	226	40	55	106	25	-	U.S.A.	226	40	55	106	25	-
Zimbabwe	464	874	154	307	242	171	222	U.S.A.	874	154	307	242	171	222
Other	77	111	28	23	24	36	32	U.S.A.	111	28	23	24	36	32
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>38</b>	U.S.A.	381	129	108	87	57	38
Burkina Faso	103	75	22	10	34	9	20	U.S.A.	75	22	10	34	9	20
China	86	91	20	41	23	7	24	U.S.A.	91	20	41	23	7	24
Indonesia	38	69	37	-	26	6	17	U.S.A.	69	37	-	26	6	17
Japan	4	21	-	15	6	-	20	U.S.A.	21	-	15	6	-	20
Korea, Republic of	300	379	73	110	111	85	80	U.S.A.	379	73	110	111	85	80
Macao	681	650	155	167	180	148	195	U.S.A.	650	155	167	180	148	195
Mali	70	49	13	9	7	20	16	U.S.A.	49	13	9	7	20	16
Mexico	305	150	19	28	73	30	25	U.S.A.	150	19	28	73	30	25
Switzerland														
Taiwan														
Thailand														
Other														

<sup>1</sup> Provisional