

Quarterly Export Price Index (EPI)
3rd Quarter 1997
(Base Year 1993=100)

1. Introduction

This issue of economic indicator presents quarterly Export Price Indices for the third quarter of 1997. The Export Price Index (EPI) provides a measure for price changes of exports. It is a measure of pure 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 Rev 3), changes by index points, and percentage changes for each quarter 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 of 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 material*" consists only of textile fabrics. "*Miscellaneous manufactured articles*" is the most important of the five sections covered by the EPI and comprises about 65% of the total weight. It consists exclusively of articles of wearing apparel from the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).

3. Quarterly Changes in the EPI

The export price index for the third quarter of 1997 stood at 122.6, representing a fall of 2.7% when compared to the previous quarter and a drop of 3.3% compared to the corresponding period of 1996. The index was mostly affected by decreases registered in the export prices of sugar and articles of apparel of textile fabrics.

4. Sub-indices by section and Commodity

Food and live animals

The index for *Food and live animals* fell from 130.8 in the second quarter of 1997 to 124.1 in the third quarter (-5.1%).

Sugar, which represents 88% of this section, was mostly responsible for that fall since its export prices went down by 6.7% during that period. Export prices of molasses dropped by 23.2% and those of tea by 6.6%; however, the share of these commodities in the basket represents only 3% of the section.

The index for "*fish and fish preparations*" went up by 8.5% and that of "*Meat and meat preparations*" by 2.7%.

Crude materials, inedible, except fuel

The average index for cut flowers for the third quarter of 1997 increased by 11.1% from 139.0 in the second quarter to 154.4 in the second quarter of 1997. However, when compared to the corresponding period of 1996, the index showed a minor drop of 0.1%.

Chemicals and related products

The decreasing trend in the export prices of commodities falling under this section has been maintained, with a drop of 0.2% from 100.7 in the second quarter to 100.5 in the third quarter of 1997. The drop is more consequential (-6.8%) when compared to the third quarter of 1996.

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials

The index for this section rose from 119.3 in the second quarter of 1997 to 124.5 in the third quarter (+4.4%), with increases registered in the export prices of all the components of this section. Prices of cotton fabrics went up by 4.9% and those of other textile fabrics by 1.2%.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles

The export price index of miscellaneous manufactured articles dropped from 124.3 in the second quarter of 1997 to 121.7 in the third quarter of 1997 (-2.1%). A major drop of 7.8% was registered in the export prices of articles of apparel of textile fabrics during the same period.

On the other hand, export prices of women's or girls' coats, jackets, trousers etc. (knitted or crocheted), went up by 12.4% during the same period; but their share in the basket is relatively low (3.8%).

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Table 1: Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1995-1997 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995	1996				1997 ²			
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	117.7	123.9	124.2	130.8	131.3	127.6	131.5	130.8	124.1
	Meat and meat preparations	51	109.4	112.2	120.9	125.4	117.7	119.1	122.8	127.3	130.7
	Fish and fish preparations	187	124.8	129.8	129.8	135.7	144.5	135.0	141.9	142.3	154.5
	Sugar	2,717	117.8	123.6	123.6	130.7	130.7	127.2	130.7	130.7	122.0
	Molasses	44	145.7	179.8	179.8	166.5	166.5	173.2	177.4	177.5	136.4
	Tea	54	73.6	77.4	83.6	83.6	86.9	82.9	92.6	94.8	88.5
	Cereals and cereal preparations	28	115.8	141.2	147.9	160.4	159.4	152.2	161.8	159.3	162.3
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4	134.8	139.0	154.4
	Cut flowers	72	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4	134.8	139.0	154.4
5	Chemicals and related products	90	101.5	98.0	98.4	107.8	105.1	102.3	101.5	100.7	100.5
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	114.8	116.9	119.4	121.8	119.0	119.3	119.1	119.3	124.5
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	114.8	116.9	119.4	121.8	119.0	119.3	119.1	119.3	124.5
	Cotton fabrics	241	114.0	115.9	120.0	123.2	121.1	120.1	123.5	124.0	130.1
	Other textile fabrics	60	118.2	120.9	117.1	115.8	110.5	116.1	101.1	100.7	101.9

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)

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Table 1(cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1995-1997 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995		1996				1997 ²		
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	108.9	113.9	120.1	125.1	125.6	121.2	123.0	124.3	121.7
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	108.0	112.6	119.0	123.9	124.4	120.0	121.8	123.5	120.6
	Men's or boys' coats,jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted	2,022	108.8	111.7	115.8	120.6	123.0	117.8	116.5	115.7	115.1
	Women's or girls' coats,jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted	501	118.4	130.6	135.4	138.4	142.9	136.8	145.2	147.0	157.5
	Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted	221	96.3	96.7	103.5	106.1	105.3	102.9	103.1	105.5	111.1
	Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted	383	105.7	96.6	111.2	112.0	114.2	108.5	96.6	121.2	136.2
	Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted	2,924	106.8	113.3	120.6	126.5	125.7	121.5	126.0	126.6	116.7
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics	13	119.7	123.7	125.8	130.2	127.4	126.8	123.7	122.4	124.0
	Footwear	15	125.5	135.4	141.2	147.1	147.5	142.8	137.7	136.3	143.6
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	122.4	135.0	136.2	143.2	143.1	139.4	141.6	135.7	139.6
	Overall	10,000	111.8	117.0	121.3	126.8	127.2	123.1	125.4	126.0	122.6

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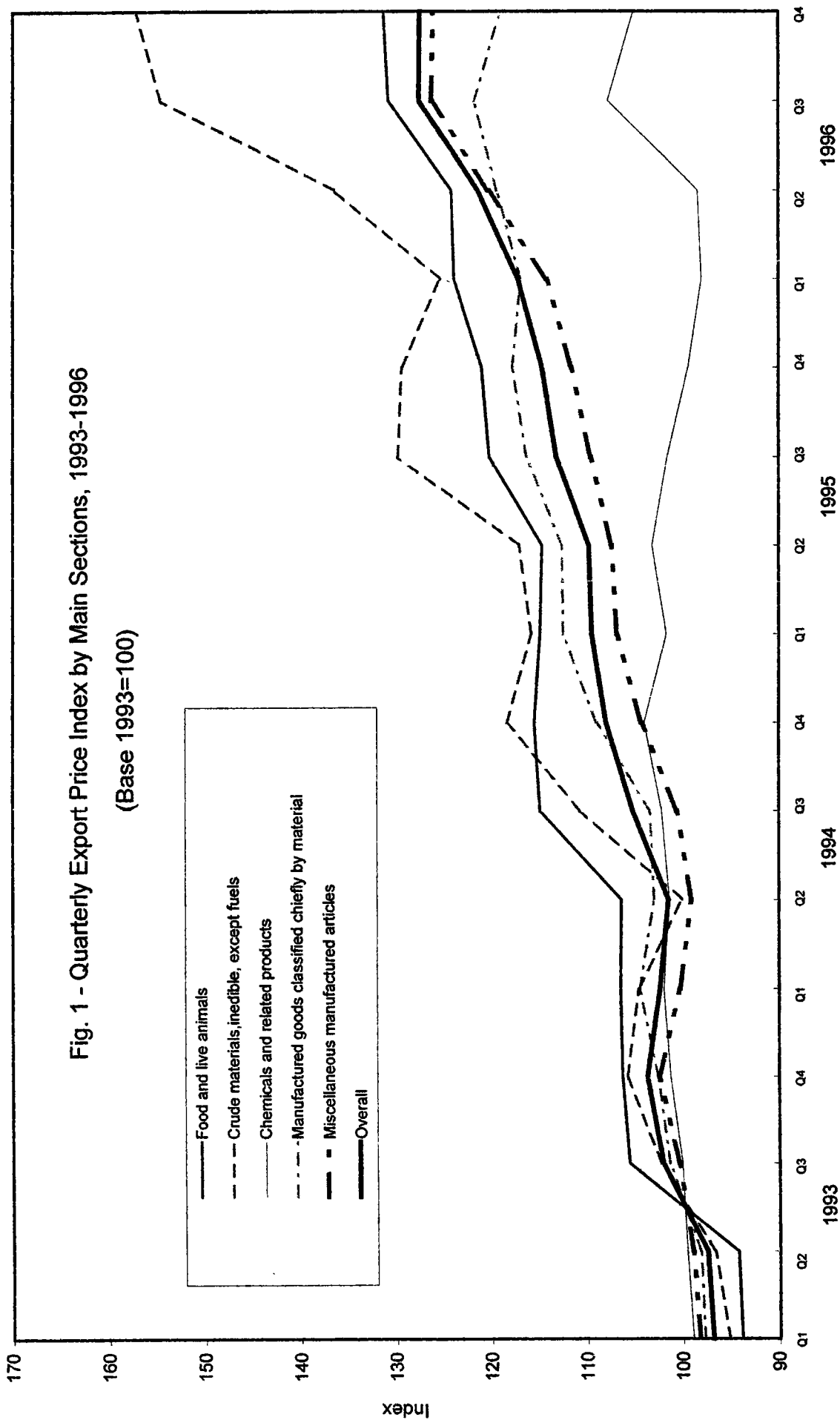


Table 2: Quarterly Export Price index of selected commodity groups, 1995-1997 (base 1993 = 100)

Description	Weight	1995 Average	1996				Yearly average	1997 ²		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
All commodities	10,000	111.8	117.0	121.3	126.8	127.2	123.1	125.4	126.0	122.6
<i>of which</i>										
Sugar	2,717	110.7	123.6	123.6	130.7	130.7	127.2	130.7	130.7	122.0
Molasses	44	145.7	179.8	179.8	164.7	164.7	172.3	177.4	177.5	136.4
Tea	54	73.6	77.4	83.6	83.6	86.9	82.9	92.6	94.8	88.5
Cut flowers	72	123.0	125.4	136.5	154.6	157.2	143.4	134.8	139.0	154.4
Men's or boys coats, jackets, trousers etc. not knitted or crocheted	2,022	108.8	111.7	115.8	120.6	123.0	117.8	116.5	115.7	115.1
Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted	2,924	106.8	113.3	120.6	126.5	125.7	121.5	126.0	126.6	116.7

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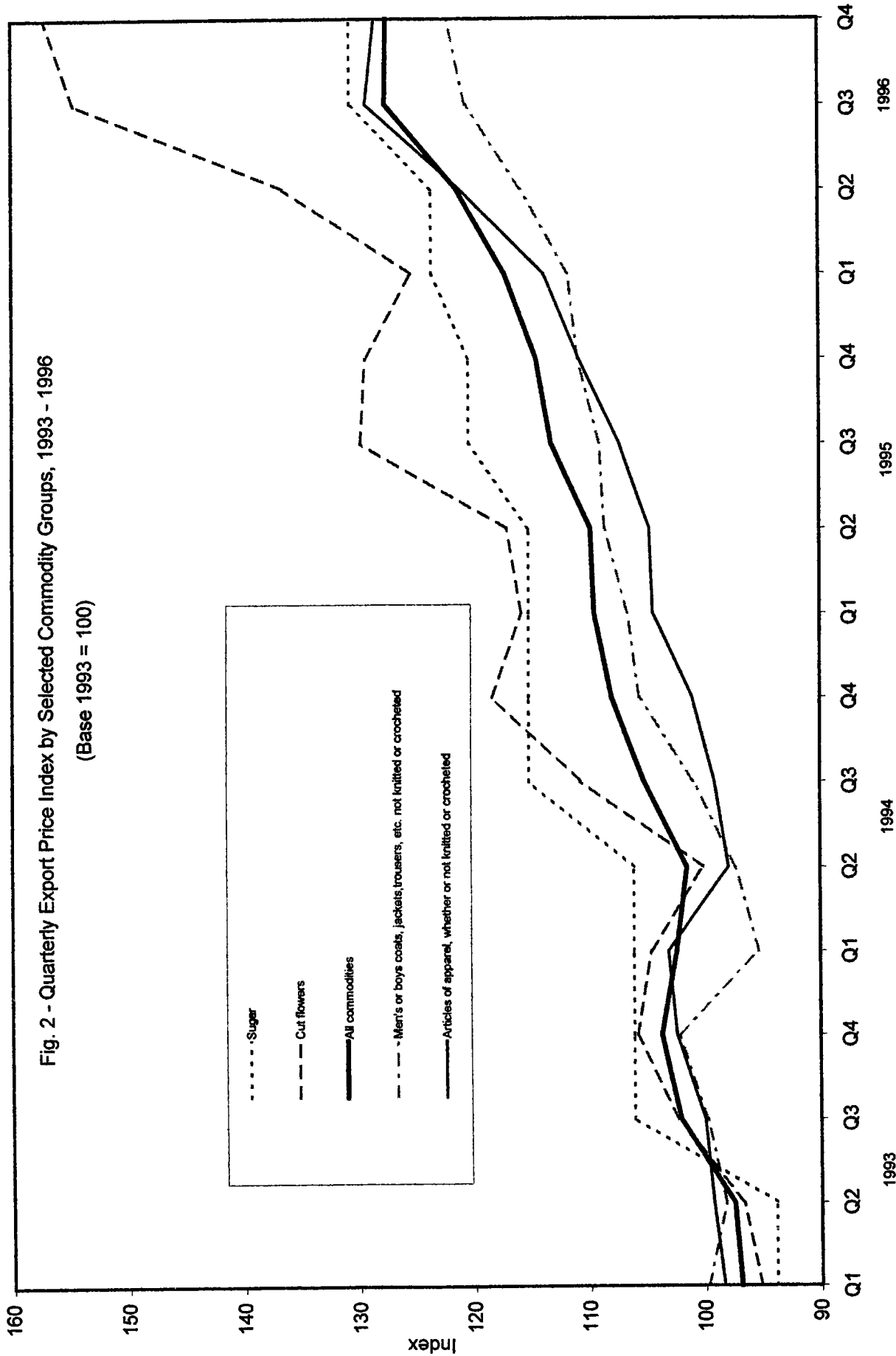


Table 3: Point change from previous period by SITC, 1995-1997 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995	1996					1997 ²		
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	6.9	2.9	0.3	6.6	0.5	9.9	0.2	-0.7	-6.7
	Meat and meat preparations	51	2.6	1.7	8.7	4.5	-7.7	9.7	5.1	4.5	3.4
	Fish and fish preparations	187	3.6	-8.1	0.0	5.9	8.8	10.2	-2.6	0.4	12.2
	Sugar	2,717	7.2	3.2	0.0	7.1	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	-8.7
	Molasses	44	24.6	22.9	0.0	-13.3	0.0	27.5	10.9	0.1	-41.1
2	Tea	54	-10.7	3.8	6.2	0.0	3.3	9.3	5.7	2.2	-6.3
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	15.5	26.9	6.7	12.5	-1.0	36.5	2.4	-2.5	3.1
5	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	14.5	-4.0	11.1	18.1	2.6	20.4	-22.4	4.2	15.4
	Cut flowers	72	14.5	-4.0	11.1	18.1	2.6	20.4	-22.4	4.2	15.4
6	Chemicals and related products	90	-0.9	-1.4	0.4	9.4	-2.7	0.8	-3.6	-0.8	-0.2
	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	9.8	-0.9	2.5	2.4	-2.8	4.5	0.1	0.2	5.2
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	9.8	-0.9	2.5	2.4	-2.8	4.5	0.1	0.2	5.2
	Cotton fabrics	178	10.0	-1.2	4.1	3.2	-2.1	6.1	2.4	0.5	6.1
	Other textile fabrics	123	9.5	0.5	-3.8	-1.3	-5.3	-2.1	-9.4	-0.4	1.2

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Table 3(cont'd) : Point change from previous period by SITC, 1995-1997 (base 1993 = 100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995 Average	1996				1997 ²			
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	7.8	2.3	6.2	5.0	0.5	12.3	-2.6	1.3	-2.6
	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	6.7	2.1	6.4	4.9	0.5	12.0	-2.6	1.7	-2.9
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	9.0	0.8	4.1	4.8	2.4	9.0	-6.5	-0.8	-0.6
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	501	7.1	8.1	4.8	3.0	4.5	18.5	2.3	1.8	10.5
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	-4.4	-1.5	6.8	2.6	-0.8	6.6	-2.2	2.4	5.6
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	383	1.2	-0.9	14.6	0.8	2.2	2.8	-17.6	24.6	15.0
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	2,924	6.5	2.5	7.3	5.9	-0.8	14.7	0.3	0.6	-9.9
	Footwear	13	9.6	1.9	2.1	4.4	-2.8	7.1	-3.7	-1.3	1.6
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	15	24.9	2.5	5.8	5.9	0.4	17.3	-9.8	-1.4	7.3
	Overall	377	24.1	6.6	1.2	7.0	-0.1	17.0	-1.5	-5.9	3.9
	Overall	10,000	7.6	2.3	4.3	5.5	0.4	11.3	-1.8	0.6	-3.4

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Table 4 : Percentage change from previous period by SITC, 1995-1997

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995	1996					1997 ²		
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	6.2	2.4	0.2	5.3	0.4	8.4	0.2	-0.5	-5.1
	Meat and meat preparations	51	2.4	1.5	7.8	3.7	-6.1	8.8	4.3	3.6	2.7
	Fish and fish preparations	187	3.0	-5.9	0.0	4.5	6.5	8.2	-1.8	0.3	8.5
	Sugar	2,717	6.5	2.7	0.0	5.7	0.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	-6.7
	Molasses	44	20.3	14.6	0.0	-7.4	0.0	18.9	6.5	0.1	-23.2
2	Tea	54	-12.7	5.2	8.0	0.0	3.9	12.6	6.6	2.4	-6.6
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	15.4	23.5	4.7	8.5	-0.6	31.5	1.5	-1.5	1.9
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	13.4	-3.1	8.9	13.3	1.7	16.6	-14.2	3.1	11.1
5	Cut flowers	72	13.4	-3.1	8.9	13.3	1.7	16.6	-14.2	3.1	11.1
	Chemicals and related products	90	-0.9	-1.4	0.4	9.6	-2.5	0.8	-3.4	-0.8	-0.2
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	9.3	-0.8	2.1	2.0	-2.3	3.9	0.1	0.2	4.4
	Textile yarn, Fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	9.3	-0.8	2.1	2.0	-2.3	3.9	0.1	0.2	4.4
	Cotton fabrics	178	9.6	-1.0	3.5	2.7	-1.7	5.4	2.0	0.4	4.9
	Other textile fabrics	123	8.8	0.4	-3.2	-1.1	-4.6	-1.8	-8.5	-0.4	1.2

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			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	7.7	2.1	5.4	4.2	0.4	11.3	-2.1	1.0	-2.1
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	6.6	1.9	5.7	4.1	0.4	11.1	-2.1	1.4	-2.4
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	9.0	0.7	3.7	4.1	2.0	8.3	-5.3	-0.7	-0.5
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	6.4	6.6	3.7	2.2	3.3	15.6	1.6	1.2	7.1
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	-4.4	-1.5	7.0	2.5	-0.8	6.9	-2.1	2.3	5.3
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	1.1	-0.9	15.1	0.7	2.0	2.6	-15.4	25.4	12.4
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	6.5	2.3	6.4	4.9	-0.6	13.8	0.2	0.5	-7.8
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	8.7	1.6	1.7	3.5	-2.2	6.0	-2.9	-1.1	1.3
	Footwear	15	24.7	1.9	4.3	4.2	0.3	13.8	-6.6	-1.0	5.4
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	24.5	5.1	0.9	5.1	-0.1	13.8	-1.0	-4.2	2.9
	Overall	10,000	7.3	2.0	3.7	4.5	0.3	10.1	-1.4	0.5	-2.7

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Table 5 : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1995-1997 (base 1994=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995	1996				1997 ²			
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	6.9	9.0	9.5	10.6	10.3	9.9	7.6	6.6	-6.7
	Meat and meat preparations	51	2.6	3.3	12.5	15.7	7.2	9.7	10.6	6.4	5.3
	Fish and fish preparations	187	3.6	11.9	13.8	8.5	6.6	10.2	12.1	12.5	18.8
	Sugar	2,717	7.2	8.4	8.4	10.3	10.3	9.3	7.1	7.1	-8.7
	Molasses	44	24.6	45.4	45.4	9.6	9.6	27.5	-2.4	-2.4	-30.1
2	Tea	54	-10.7	-5.3	13.3	15.9	13.3	9.3	15.2	11.2	4.9
	Cereal and cereal products	28	15.5	27.4	29.3	44.0	45.1	36.5	20.6	11.4	1.9
	Crude materials,inedible, except fuels	72	14.5	9.6	19.4	24.8	27.8	20.4	9.4	2.5	-0.2
5	Cut flowers	72	14.5	9.6	19.4	24.8	27.8	20.4	9.4	2.5	-0.2
	Chemicals and related products	90	-0.9	-3.7	-4.8	6.2	5.7	0.8	3.5	2.3	-7.3
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	9.8	4.4	6.8	5.5	1.2	4.5	2.2	-0.1	2.7
	Textile yarn,Fabrics,made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	9.8	4.4	6.8	5.5	1.2	4.5	2.2	-0.1	2.7
	Cotton fabrics	178	10.0	4.3	8.8	7.3	4.0	6.1	7.6	4.0	6.9
	Other textile fabrics	123	9.5	4.8	-1.3	-2.2	-9.9	-2.1	-19.8	-16.4	-13.9

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	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	6.7	6.0	12.6	15.4	13.9	12.0	9.2	4.5	-3.3
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	9.0	5.1	7.2	11.6	12.1	9.0	4.8	-0.1	-5.5
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	7.1	12.9	21.8	18.8	20.4	18.5	14.6	11.6	19.1
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	-4.4	1.4	9.8	8.1	7.1	6.6	6.4	2.0	5.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	1.2	-17.6	6.2	5.9	16.7	2.8	0.0	10.0	24.2
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	6.5	8.9	15.9	19.2	14.9	14.7	12.7	6.0	-9.8
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	9.6	7.9	6.1	8.9	5.6	7.1	0.0	-3.4	-6.2
	Footwear	15	24.9	19.0	17.8	17.9	14.6	17.3	2.3	-4.9	-3.5
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	24.1	23.5	13.0	16.6	14.7	17.0	6.6	-0.5	-3.6
	Overall	10,000	7.6	7.5	11.5	13.6	12.5	11.3	8.4	4.7	-4.2

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Table 6: Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1995-1997

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995	1996				1997 ²			
			Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	6.2	7.8	8.3	8.8	8.5	8.4	6.1	5.3	-5.1
	Meat and meat preparations	51	2.4	3.0	11.5	14.3	6.5	8.8	9.4	5.3	4.2
	Fish and fish preparations	187	3.0	10.1	11.9	6.7	4.8	8.2	9.3	9.7	13.9
	Sugar	2,717	6.5	7.3	7.3	8.6	8.6	7.9	5.7	5.7	-6.7
	Molasses	44	20.3	33.8	33.8	6.1	6.1	18.9	-1.3	-1.3	-18.1
	Tea	54	-12.7	-6.4	18.9	23.5	18.1	12.6	19.6	13.4	5.9
	Cereal and cereal products	28	15.4	24.1	24.7	37.8	39.5	31.5	14.6	7.7	1.2
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	13.4	8.3	16.6	19.1	21.5	16.6	7.5	1.8	-0.1
	Cut flowers	72	13.4	8.3	16.6	19.1	21.5	16.6	7.5	1.8	-0.1
	Chemicals and related products	90	-0.9	-3.6	-4.7	6.1	5.7	0.8	3.6	2.4	-6.8
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	9.3	3.9	6.0	4.7	1.0	3.9	1.9	-0.1	2.2
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	9.3	3.9	6.0	4.7	1.0	3.9	1.9	-0.1	2.2
	<i>Cotton fabrics</i>	178	9.6	3.9	7.9	6.3	3.4	5.4	6.6	3.3	5.6
	<i>Other textile fabrics</i>	123	8.8	4.1	-1.1	-1.9	-8.2	-1.8	-16.4	-14.0	-12.0

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)

² Provisional

Table 6 (Cont'd) :Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1995-1997

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1995 Average	1996				1997 ²			
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	7.7	6.5	11.8	14.1	12.5	11.3	8.0	3.5	-2.7
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	6.6	5.6	11.8	14.2	12.6	11.1	8.2	3.8	-2.7
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	9.0	4.8	6.6	10.6	10.9	8.3	4.3	-0.1	-4.6
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	6.4	11.0	19.2	15.7	16.7	15.6	11.2	8.6	13.8
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	-4.4	1.5	10.5	8.3	7.2	6.9	6.6	1.9	4.7
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	1.1	-15.4	5.9	5.6	17.1	2.6	0.0	9.0	21.6
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	6.5	8.5	15.2	17.9	13.4	13.8	11.2	5.0	-7.7
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	8.7	6.8	5.1	7.3	4.6	6.0	0.0	-2.7	-4.8
	Footwear	15	24.7	16.3	14.4	13.9	11.0	13.8	1.7	-3.5	-2.4
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	24.5	21.1	10.6	13.1	11.4	13.8	4.9	-0.4	-2.5
	Overall	10,000	7.3	6.8	10.5	12.0	10.9	10.1	7.2	3.9	-3.3

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)² Provisional

Table 7 (cont'd): 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	
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	98.3	99.0	100.4	102.5	100.0
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	97.6	98.2	101.2	103.2	100.0
	<i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	99.8	98.2	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	92.9	95.4	104.1	107.6	100.0
	<i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	221	96.8	96.4	110.0	96.8	100.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	383	85.6	94.3	107.9	112.2	100.0
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	98.4	99.3	100.0	102.4	100.0
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	99.8	100.3	99.4	100.5	100.0
	Footwear	15	99.6	102.0	96.1	102.4	100.0
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	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

1 The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)