

## External Trade – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Year 1997

### Introduction

Data on international trade are compiled as per the recommendations of the United Nations General Trade System. As this System accounts for all goods entering and leaving the national frontier, trading activities of the freeport zone should also be covered. However, for the sake of comparability and continuity and also due to lack of detailed information on freeport trade, data from the two sources, namely the Customs Department and the Mauritius Freeport Authority are shown separately. Data pertaining to imports and re-exports of the Freeport are given at **Table 2**. With the exception of this table, all tables refer to usual customs data.

Figures for the year 1996 have been revised while those for the year 1997 are still provisional and may be revised in future issues.

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

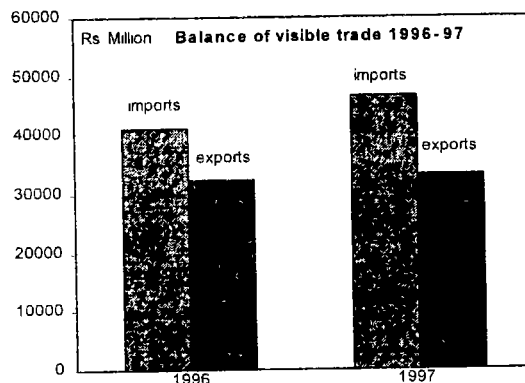
#### *Fourth quarter 1997*

Total international trade for the fourth quarter of 1997 amounted to Rs 24,385 million, a figure which is 13% higher than that of the previous quarter, and 19% higher than that for the corresponding quarter of 1996.

Goods worth Rs 9,705 million were exported whereas imports inclusive of purchase of an aircraft (Rs 2,600 million) attained Rs 14,680 million. Thus, the fourth quarter ended with a trade deficit of Rs 4,975 million.

#### *Year 1997*

Total exports for the year 1997 therefore reached Rs 33,402 million, that is 3% higher than in 1996, while the import bill increased by 13% to reach Rs 46,557 million. Thus the balance of visible trade showed a higher deficit of Rs 13,155 million, compared to Rs 8,805 million in 1996 (**Table 1**). As mentioned above this higher deficit includes the purchase of aircraft and marine vessels to the tune of Rs 3,400 million. Exclusive of the purchase of these irregular items, the deficit works out to Rs 9,755 million.



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

### *Fourth quarter*

During the fourth quarter of 1997, the terms of trade index which shows price movements of exports relative to those of imports fell by 2 percentage points from 101 during the third quarter to 99. This movement was the result of a 1% increase in export prices against a 4% increase in import prices. (Table 3).

### *Year 1997*

However the terms of trade for the year 1997 improved to 100 from 99 in the previous year. Between 1996 and 1997, export (unit value) prices increased by 3% while import prices increased by 2%. Prices of EPZ products were up by 7% whilst those of sugar fell by 6% (Table 4).

## 3. Exports

Total export proceeds for the year 1997 (domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers) amounted to Rs 33,402 million, showing an increase of Rs 1,053 million or 3% over the year 1996.

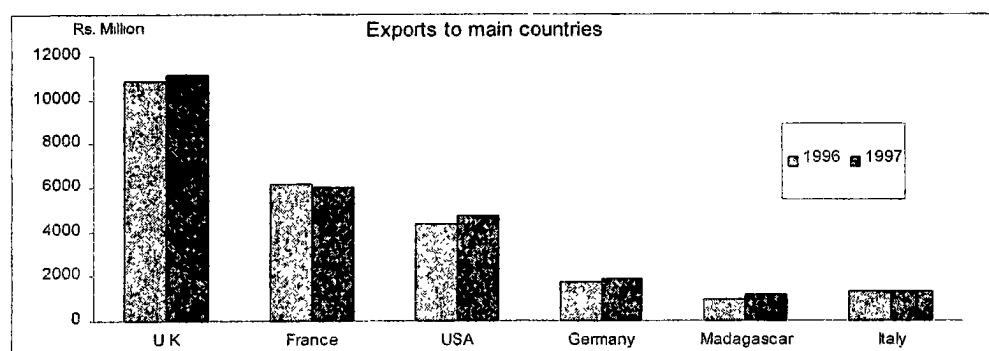
Domestic exports which represents 95% of total exports increased from Rs 30,797 million to Rs 31,691 million (3%) over these two years. After allowing for a price increase of around 3%, domestic exports showed no growth in volume. Proceeds from EPZ, which accounted for 69% of total exports, increased by 10% whilst proceeds from sugar fell by 13%. Some 576,000 metric tonnes of sugar were sold compared to 613,000 metric tonnes in 1996.

The table below shows the main changes in total exports between 1996 and 1997.

Exports	<i>(f.o.b value: Million Rupees)</i>				
	1996	1997	Change (%)		
			Value	Price	Volume
Total	32,349	33,402	+3	+3	-
<i>of which</i>					
Sugar	8,347	7,294	-13	-6	-7
EPZ products	21,001	23,049	+10	+7	+3

### Main markets

In 1997, nearly 74% of our exports were sold to countries of the European Union. The value of exports to these countries increased marginally by 1% from Rs 23,957 million in 1996 to Rs 24,276 million in 1997. On a countrywise basis, our main buyers were the United Kingdom, France and the U.S.A with shares of 34%, 18% and 14% respectively. Exports to the United Kingdom and the U.S.A increased by 3% and 8% respectively while exports to France fell by 2%. (Table 7)



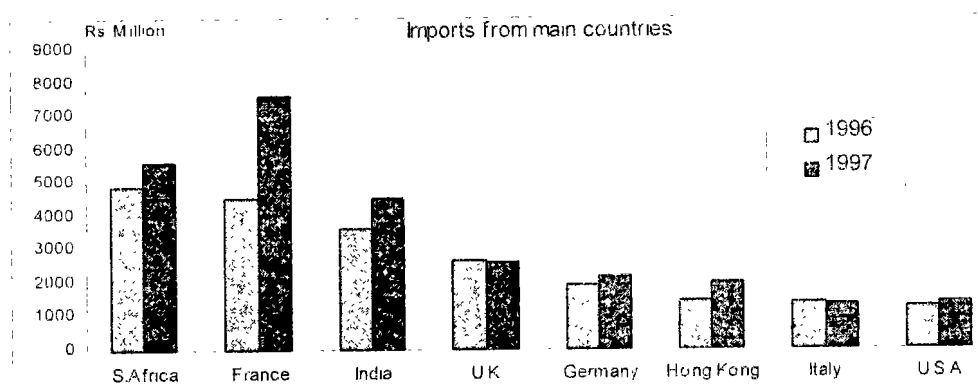
### 4. Imports

The import bill for the year 1997 was valued at Rs 46,557 million, representing an increase of 13% over the previous year's figure of Rs 41,154 million. However, excluding the purchase of aircraft and marine vessels amounting to Rs 3,400 million, import figures for the year 1997 would stand at Rs 43,157 million. This represents an increase of 5% over 1996. As overall import prices are estimated to have increased by around 2%, in real terms, imports exclusive of aircraft increased by 3%.

The table below shows comparative import figures for the years 1996 and 1997.

Product group	<i>(c.i.f value : Million Rupees)</i>		Change (%)		
	1996	1997	Value	Price	Volume
Food and live animals, beverages and tobacco	6,133	6,410	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,213	3,470	+ 8	-	+ 8
Chemicals and related products	3,164	3,336	+ 5	- 1	+ 6
Manufactured goods	16,979	18,713	+ 10	-	+ 10
Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	9,190	8,699	- 5	+ 6	- 11
Other goods	2,475	2,529	+ 2	+ 2	-
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft)</b>	<b>41,154</b>	<b>43,157</b>	<b>+ 5</b>	<b>+ 2</b>	<b>+ 3</b>

During the year 1997, all product groups recorded nominal increases ranging from 2% to 10% with the exception of machinery and equipment which fell by 5%. The highest increase of 10%, was registered for "Manufactured goods" resulting from higher imports of intermediate goods by the EPZ sector. "Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco" increased by only 5% following a lower volume of rice, maize and wheat imported. The increase in the bill for petroleum products is totally explained by an increase in volume whilst prices remained at previous year's level. However, it should be pointed out that price changes are unit value average price changes which do not reflect genuine price changes since they are affected by factors like changes in country of origin and product mix.



As shown in **Table 10**, during the year 1997, 35% of our imports originated from the European Union countries. On a countrywise basis, France was our main supplier with a share of 16%, followed by the Republic of South Africa (12%), India (10%), United Kingdom (6%), Germany (5%), Hong Kong (4%), Italy and U.S.A (3%) each.

## 5. The EPZ Sector (Table 11 to 15)

During the year 1997, exports of EPZ enterprises increased by some Rs 2,000 million to Rs 23,049 million from Rs 21,001 million in 1996. This nominal increase of 10% reflects a 7% increase in price and a 3% increase in volume. More than 70% of the exports were directed to countries of the European Union.

On the other hand, imports rose by 15% from Rs 12,109 million to Rs 13,897 million during the same period. Purchase of raw materials went up by 13% and machinery by 29%.

Net EPZ exports, which is the difference between exports and imports, works out to Rs 9,152 million in 1997, that is 3% higher than that of 1996. The ratio of net exports to total exports dropped to 40% from 42% registered last year.

## **6. Trade in Freeport Zone**

A summary table on data pertaining to activities in the Freeport compiled by the Mauritius Freeport Authority is given at **Table 2**

During the year 1997, total imports of the Free Zone amounted to Rs 2,421 million compared to Rs 958 million in 1996 whilst re-exports totalled Rs 2,101 million against Rs 1,028 million in 1996. However, these figures should be treated with caution as the imports include goods sourced locally (already in customs exports) and goods sold locally (customs imports).

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## 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

## CUSTOMS DATA

**Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1996 - 1997**

Value: Million Rupees

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Exports of goods	31,713	32,802	6,619	6,139	9,787	9,168	6,640	6,958	9,649	9,555
<i>Domestic exports</i>	30,797	31,691	6,382	6,024	9,586	8,805	6,363	6,706	9,318	9,304
<i>Re-exports<sup>3</sup></i>	916	1,111	237	115	201	363	277	252	331	251
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	636	600	159	159	159	159	150	150	150	150
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>32,349</b>	<b>33,402</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>9,946</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>7,108</b>	<b>9,799</b>	<b>9,705</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>3</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>41,154</b>	<b>46,557</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>10,888</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>11,791</b>	<b>14,680</b>
<b>Total Value of Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>73,503</b>	<b>79,959</b>	<b>15,506</b>	<b>16,749</b>	<b>20,834</b>	<b>20,414</b>	<b>15,690</b>	<b>18,294</b>	<b>21,590</b>	<b>24,385</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-8,805</b>	<b>-13,155</b>	<b>-1,950</b>	<b>-4,153</b>	<b>-942</b>	<b>-1,760</b>	<b>-2,110</b>	<b>-4,078</b>	<b>-1,992</b>	<b>-4,975</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Includes :- Irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft



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**Table 2 - Total trade carried out in Freeport Zone, 1995 - 1997**

	1995			1996			1997		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
<b>IMPORTS</b>									
Value (Rs)	319,610,644	71,415,865	391,026,509	751,231,557	207,101,232	958,332,789	2,060,282,969	360,571,550	2,420,854,519
Volume (Kgs)	13,905,476	3,612,385	17,517,861	19,829,117	5,472,738	25,301,855	217,999,205	9,613,624	227,612,829
	<b>1995</b>			<b>1996</b>			<b>1997</b>		
<b>RE-EXPORTS</b>									
Value (Rs)	429,042,331	46,625,513	475,667,844	931,383,070	96,273,456	1,027,656,526	2,044,194,734	57,139,832	2,101,334,566
Volume (Kgs)	19,710,999	3,514,645	23,225,644	28,198,690	6,282,337	34,481,027	100,635,863	863,943	101,499,806

Source: Mauritius Freeport Authority

**Table 3 - 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	
1997 <sup>2</sup>	138	138	100	
1997 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	135	137	99
	2nd Qr	138	134	103
	3rd Qr	139	138	101
	4th Qr	141	143	99

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<sup>2</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 4 - Annual % change in the price (unit value) and volume<sup>1</sup> of domestic exports, 1996 - 1997**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year: 1992 = 100			
		1996		1997 <sup>2</sup>	
		% change		% change	
		Price	Volume	Price	Volume
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>1,000</b>	+ 10	+ 8	+ 3	-
Sugar	306	+ 10	+ 16	- 6	- 7
Molasses	5	+ 11	- 17	- 29	+ 14
Tea	5	+ 20	- 54	+ 40	- 70
EPZ products	661	+ 10	+ 5	+ 7	+ 3

<sup>1</sup> Volume change has been derived from ratio of value to price change

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Annual % change in the price (unit value) and volume<sup>1</sup> of imports, 1996 - 1997**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year: 1992 = 100			
		1996		1997 <sup>2</sup>	
		% change		% change	
		Price	Volume	Price	Volume
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>1,000</b>	+ 7	+ 12	+ 2	+ 3
0 - Food and live animals	120	+ 18	+ 8	+ 3	+ 1
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5	+ 11	- 14	+ 9	+ 13
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	31	+ 6	+ 24	+ 2	- 4
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	80	+ 30	+ 3	-	+ 8
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	11	- 1	+ 7	+ 2	+ 2
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	78	+ 4	+ 13	- 1	+ 6
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362	+ 9	+ 1	- 1	+ 9
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excl. aircraft)	222	- 2	+ 41	+ 6	- 11
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	- 1	+ 2	+ 2	+ 14

<sup>1</sup> Volume change has been derived from ratio of value to price change

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 6 - Domestic exports by main product/sector, 1996 - 1997**

Description	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total domestic exports: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>30,797</b>	<b>31,691</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>9,586</b>	<b>8,805</b>	<b>6,363</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>2,318</b>	<b>2,304</b>
<b>EPZ Products: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>
<b>Non-EPZ Products: Value(f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>8,642</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>2,917</b>
<b>Live animals</b>										
Quantity : Thousand unit	107	81	25	32	33	17	23	13	40	5
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	125	74	25	38	34	28	25	22	12	15
<b>Wheaten flour</b>										
Quantity : tonne	24,994	30,173	4,569	4,470	8,010	7,945	5,402	7,780	11,215	5,776
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	154	157	31	27	47	49	30	43	59	25
<b>Cane sugar</b>										
Quantity : Thousand tonne	613	576	141	16	262	194	101	30	242	203
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	8,347	7,294	1,859	260	3,524	2,704	1,386	436	2,972	2,500
<b>Cane molasses</b>										
Quantity : Thousand tonne	98	112	4	-	44	50	28	-	40	44
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	126	102	4	-	55	67	23	-	40	39
<b>Tea, whether or not flavoured</b>										
Quantity : tonne	1,339	376	699	434	30	176	226	116	16	18
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	28	11	12	8	2	6	6	3	1	1
<b>Cut flowers &amp; foliage</b>										
Quantity : tonne	514	576	139	116	102	157	170	134	99	173
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	126	123	37	27	24	38	38	29	21	35
<b>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</b>										
Quantity : tonne	27,213	19,306	8,232	3,822	10,000	5,159	5,485	4,649	4,887	4,285
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	159	115	50	24	53	32	30	31	29	25
<b>Articles of apparel &amp; clothing</b>										
Quantity : (not applicable)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	287	245	58	90	63	76	49	58	39	99
<b>Other commodities &amp; transactions</b>										
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	444	521	96	105	106	137	101	113	129	178

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**Table 7 - Exports<sup>1</sup> of goods by main countries of destination, 1996 - 1997**

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1996 <sup>2</sup>				1997 <sup>3</sup>				1997 <sup>3</sup>			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>31,713</b>	<b>32,802</b>	<b>31,139</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>9,786</b>	<b>9,170</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>6,958</b>	<b>9,649</b>	<b>9,555</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>30,778</b>	<b>31,808</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>6,376</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>9,542</b>	<b>8,916</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>6,721</b>	<b>9,418</b>	<b>9,289</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries*</b>	<b>(23,957)</b>	<b>(24,276)</b>	<b>(4,395)</b>	<b>(7,576)</b>	<b>(4,781)</b>	<b>(4,395)</b>	<b>(7,576)</b>	<b>(7,205)</b>	<b>(5,035)</b>	<b>(4,792)</b>	<b>(7,077)</b>	<b>(7,372)</b>
Austria	39	49	8	13	8	8	13	10	12	9	16	12
Belgium	734	677	213	205	122	213	205	194	134	187	158	198
Finland	8	209	1	4	1	1	4	2	5	3	197	4
France	6,111	5,984	1,729	1,444	1,317	1,729	1,444	1,621	1,268	1,613	1,336	1,767
Germany	1,749	1,861	461	489	298	461	489	501	387	437	503	534
Italy	1,273	1,275	281	290	336	281	290	366	345	268	260	402
Netherlands	770	742	187	246	169	187	246	168	183	154	179	226
Portugal	1,007	739	3	617	7	3	617	380	5	3	404	327
Reunion	524	477	123	135	100	123	135	166	103	120	119	135
Spain	651	823	228	123	103	228	123	197	126	210	257	230
Sweden	121	154	25	40	16	25	40	40	32	39	38	45
United Kingdom	10,876	11,158	1,116	3,955	2,289	1,116	3,955	3,516	2,390	1,725	3,580	3,463
Other	94	128	20	15	15	20	15	44	45	24	30	29
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(6,821)</b>	<b>(7,532)</b>	<b>(1,549)</b>	<b>(1,966)</b>	<b>(1,595)</b>	<b>(1,549)</b>	<b>(1,966)</b>	<b>(1,711)</b>	<b>(1,345)</b>	<b>(1,929)</b>	<b>(2,341)</b>	<b>(1,917)</b>
Australia	113	133	20	32	10	20	32	51	23	37	45	28
Canada	205	188	57	46	53	57	46	49	44	49	56	39
Comoro Islands	32	24	5	5	6	5	5	16	5	5	8	6
Hong Kong	209	151	66	52	54	66	52	37	30	45	27	49
India	141	281	17	21	13	17	21	90	47	75	107	52
Kenya	67	83	9	30	6	9	30	22	13	24	20	26
Malagasy, Republic of	915	1,180	203	255	214	203	255	243	266	327	299	288
Malaysia	28	16	9	5	8	9	5	6	3	4	3	6
Seychelles	46	74	13	13	8	13	13	12	14	18	26	16
Singapore	47	63	10	10	11	10	10	16	11	19	10	23
South Africa, Republic of	239	143	62	60	52	62	60	65	45	25	34	39
Uganda	13	13	3	1	1	3	1	8	3	4	1	5
U.S.A.	4,325	4,677	988	1,307	1,043	988	1,307	987	744	1,158	1,565	1,210
Zimbabwe	160	254	32	45	30	32	45	53	55	78	55	66
Other	281	252	55	84	86	55	84	56	42	61	85	64
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>266</b>
Japan	196	199	45	46	45	45	46	60	53	41	56	49
Switzerland	392	463	107	94	84	107	94	107	125	112	112	114
Taiwan	38	24	14	10	14	14	10	5	12	5	3	4
Other	309	308	34	94	99	34	94	82	70	79	60	99

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

\* Austria, Sweden and Finland joined the EEC as from 1996. Adjustments have therefore been made accordingly.

Table 8 - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1996 - 1997

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

SITC section/description	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>41,154</b>	<b>46,557</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>10,888</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>11,791</b>	<b>14,680</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>5,921</b>	<b>6,148</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,645</b>
Meat and meat preparations	577	681	137	105	156	179	133	140	185	223
Dairy products and bird's eggs	947	963	265	175	243	264	221	194	241	307
Fish and fish preparations	756	957	168	176	170	242	185	245	295	232
Wheat	599	367	115	88	182	214	60	92	155	60
Rice	668	509	255	102	168	143	160	63	152	134
Wheaten flour	85	73	17	20	21	27	18	18	16	21
Cereal preparations	192	221	41	47	46	58	39	56	57	69
Vegetables and fruits	695	803	156	224	172	143	194	217	221	171
Other	1,402	1,574	322	310	365	405	369	402	375	428
<b>1 - Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>94</b>
Beverages	191	228	35	38	46	72	28	50	65	85
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	21	34	7	7	6	1	4	7	14	9
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>421</b>
Cork and wood	331	226	63	118	79	71	61	93	69	3
Textile fibres	882	838	224	183	337	138	179	241	183	235
Other	385	503	79	98	104	104	80	107	133	183

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1996 - 1997**

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

SITC section/description	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>				1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
	1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>2</sup>		1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>2</sup>		1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>2</sup>		1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>2</sup>	
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related materials</b>																
Refined petroleum products	3,213	3,470	3,213	3,470	713	704	918	878	961	770	914	825	831	646	824	720
Gas, natural and manufactured	264	339	264	339	54	64	86	60	119	67	66	87	11	57	24	18
Other	126	110	126	110	17	64	23	22	11	57	24	18				
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>																
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	464	483	464	483	79	142	123	120	78	92	190	123	56	69	158	93
Other	341	376	341	376	51	115	90	85	22	23	32	30				
Other	123	107	123	107	28	27	33	35	22	23	32	30				
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>																
Dyeing & tanning materials	3,164	3,336	3,164	3,336	691	734	847	892	734	784	932	886	98	118	140	105
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	430	461	430	461	89	104	121	116	143	167	161	170				
Fertilisers	671	641	671	641	136	163	178	194	143	167	161	170				
Plastics in primary forms	189	185	189	185	49	17	50	73	35	33	59	58				
Plastics in non-primary forms	338	375	338	375	76	83	83	96	78	97	98	102				
Other	222	243	222	243	47	52	60	63	48	59	69	67				
Other	1,314	1,431	1,314	1,431	294	315	355	350	332	310	405	384				
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>																
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	13,708	14,910	13,708	14,910	2,925	3,519	3,590	3,674	2,859	3,942	4,041	4,068	137	182	214	197
Textile yarn	681	730	681	730	136	167	188	190	137	182	214	197				
Cotton fabrics	3,437	3,779	3,437	3,779	680	859	986	912	768	1,023	999	989				
Other textile fabrics	2,009	2,377	2,009	2,377	406	590	523	490	448	683	650	596				
Cement	2,772	2,947	2,772	2,947	450	706	694	922	446	783	806	912				
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	823	810	823	810	196	157	208	262	142	210	242	216				
Iron and steel	474	652	474	652	104	91	96	183	147	159	197	149				
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	1,255	1,044	1,255	1,044	270	383	295	307	192	295	272	285				
Other	804	901	804	901	182	178	226	218	149	232	242	278				
Other	1,453	1,670	1,453	1,670	501	388	374	190	430	375	419	446				

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1996 - 1997**

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

SITC section/description	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>9,190</b>	<b>12,099</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>5,225</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	768	373	58	461	75	174	64	115	123	71
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,549	1,682	360	357	453	379	309	413	408	552
General industrial machinery & equipment	1,148	1,076	272	328	279	269	203	264	297	312
Office machines & automatic data processing machines	621	586	103	180	169	169	113	156	150	167
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus	1,014	794	216	243	338	217	193	149	216	236
Road vehicles	1,711	2,140	354	417	484	456	316	514	597	713
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	869	4,049	96	407	144	222	140	845	314	2,750
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances & parts of household type	1,414	1,262	223	367	402	422	272	274	347	369
Other	96	137	24	13	58	1	37	25	20	55
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>3,803</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,284</b>
Articles of apparel and clothing	357	469	62	75	91	129	67	105	128	169
Footwear	128	167	18	23	34	53	19	31	43	74
Watches and clocks & optical goods	348	431	117	112	83	36	83	102	99	147
Other	2,438	2,736	442	552	596	848	592	612	638	894
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>109</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional



**Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities (quantity), 1996 - 1997**

C o m m o d i t y	Unit	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
Meat and meat preparations	Thousand tonne	15	16	4	3	4	4	3	3	5	5
Dairy products and birds eggs	"	17	19	5	3	4	5	4	4	5	6
Fish and fish preparations	"	31	34	8	8	6	9	7	9	10	8
Wheat	"	124	83	24	19	35	46	12	25	31	15
Rice	"	88	65	35	15	20	18	20	6	22	17
Wheaten flour	"	12	13	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats	"	27	28	4	9	7	7	4	5	12	7
Fertilisers manufactured	"	56	52	16	3	15	22	10	8	17	17
Cement	"	601	594	165	126	162	148	109	159	174	152
Iron and steel	"	102	89	21	26	28	27	20	25	20	24

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 10 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1996 - 1997**

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

Country of origin	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>41,154</b>	<b>46,557</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>10,888</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>11,791</b>	<b>14,680</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>30,680</b>	<b>35,879</b>	<b>6,584</b>	<b>7,921</b>	<b>7,740</b>	<b>8,435</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>8,822</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>11,698</b>
(a) European Union Countries <sup>3</sup>	(13,517)	(16,181)	(2,812)	(3,731)	(3,415)	(3,559)	(2,551)	(3,888)	(3,632)	(6,110)
Austria	67	63	7	23	16	21	17	15	15	16
Belgium	686	773	145	137	165	239	156	210	213	194
Denmark	977	144	47	666	202	62	51	40	31	22
Finland	71	85	13	14	22	22	11	15	35	24
France	4,555	7,623	1,033	1,144	1,165	1,213	816	1,836	1,232	3,739
Germany	1,903	2,164	413	485	525	480	436	494	581	653
Greece	47	10	1	4	40	2	2	3	3	2
Ireland	169	238	30	45	45	49	45	45	71	77
Italy	1,392	1,333	313	308	382	389	228	335	375	395
Luxembourg	5	22	2	-	1	2	17	3	1	1
Netherlands	221	323	46	57	63	55	54	77	104	88
Portugal	69	56	14	22	19	14	18	15	11	12
Reunion	27	30	5	7	7	8	8	6	8	8
Spain	604	661	143	154	100	207	121	146	196	198
Sweden	76	82	11	18	21	26	13	12	28	29
United Kingdom	2,648	2,574	589	647	642	770	558	636	728	652
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(17,163)</b>	<b>(19,698)</b>	<b>(3,772)</b>	<b>(4,190)</b>	<b>(4,325)</b>	<b>(4,876)</b>	<b>(4,208)</b>	<b>(4,934)</b>	<b>(4,968)</b>	<b>(5,588)</b>
Australia	1,811	1,546	453	324	490	544	365	332	416	433
Canada	52	60	21	11	10	10	15	10	15	20
Hong Kong	1,476	1,986	313	368	386	409	352	551	558	525
India	3,619	4,522	627	823	978	1,191	901	1,117	1,121	1,383
Kenya	257	237	111	40	75	31	48	78	64	47
Malagasy, Republic of	465	642	77	156	111	121	177	144	172	149
Malaysia	964	1,061	191	297	228	248	178	303	256	324
New Zealand	445	470	117	80	135	113	89	113	142	126
Pakistan	645	618	210	134	141	160	96	136	220	166
Singapore	868	1,021	160	254	222	232	204	237	273	307
South Africa, Republic of	4,893	5,606	1,151	1,252	1,122	1,368	1,293	1,465	1,180	1,668
U. S. A.	1,287	1,367	229	344	335	379	339	325	351	352
Zimbabwe	61	93	23	16	12	10	41	29	14	9
Other	320	469	89	91	80	60	110	94	186	79

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Austria, Sweden and Finland joined the EEC as from 1996. Adjustments have therefore been made accordingly.

Table 10 (cont'd) - Imports by main countries of origin, 1996 - 1997

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

Country of origin	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>				1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>10,474</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>10,474</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>2,982</b>
Argentina	272	507	272	98	43	64	67	98	79	89	242	97	79	89	242	97
Bahrain	221	224	221	2	-	-	219	2	-	-	224	-	-	-	224	-
Brazil	207	53	207	21	17	67	102	21	15	15	9	14	15	15	9	14
Burkina Faso	226	160	226	24	40	56	106	24	-	59	57	44	-	59	57	44
China	1,741	2,006	1,741	389	408	428	516	389	373	440	537	656	373	440	537	656
Indonesia	447	533	447	152	73	97	125	152	94	114	144	181	94	114	144	181
Israel	121	145	121	47	22	19	33	47	32	56	10	47	32	56	10	47
Japan	1,800	1,967	1,800	458	425	444	473	458	267	481	558	661	267	481	558	661
Jordan	36	164	36	-	-	-	36	-	29	29	106	-	29	29	106	-
Korea, Republic of	493	477	493	137	106	98	152	137	103	113	122	139	103	113	122	139
Kuwait	1,248	607	1,248	355	294	192	407	355	324	196	87	-	324	196	87	-
Macau	91	71	91	8	20	40	23	8	24	37	7	3	24	37	7	3
Mali	70	46	70	6	37	-	27	6	17	-	-	29	17	-	-	29
Morocco	42	37	42	16	6	4	16	16	9	16	6	6	9	16	6	6
Philippines	54	53	54	6	17	4	27	6	20	2	7	24	20	2	7	24
Saudi Arabia	214	470	214	180	33	-	1	180	9	8	233	220	9	8	233	220
Switzerland	879	854	879	249	161	237	232	249	189	198	208	259	189	198	208	259
Taiwan	1,121	1,254	1,121	298	234	280	309	298	298	282	354	320	298	282	354	320
Thailand	269	342	269	90	64	48	67	90	81	75	87	99	81	75	87	99
Turkey	181	80	181	43	12	59	67	43	47	9	9	15	47	9	9	15
United Arab Emirates	30	88	30	11	4	7	8	11	7	12	50	19	7	12	50	19
Other	711	540	711	62	128	386	135	62	124	133	134	149	124	133	134	149

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 11 - Net EPZ exports, 1996 - 1997

Value : Million Rupees

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
A. Total exports ( f.o.b )	21,001	23,049	4,210	5,445	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387
B. Total imports ( c.i.f )	12,109	13,897	2,671	3,183	3,301	2,954	2,758	3,635	3,671	3,833
Raw materials	10,992	12,460	2,393	2,890	3,006	2,703	2,548	3,282	3,319	3,311
Machinery	1,117	1,437	278	293	295	251	210	353	352	522
Net Exports ( A - B )	8,892	9,152	1,539	2,262	2,377	2,714	1,917	2,336	2,345	2,554
Net Exports as % of total exports	42	40	37	42	42	48	41	39	39	40

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 12 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1996 - 1997

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

Country of destination	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>						
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	Jan-Sept	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>20,343</b>	<b>22,354</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>5,853</b>	<b>6,193</b>
(a) European Union Countries <sup>3</sup>	(15,113)	(16,303)	(3,960)	(4,025)	(4,186)	(2,942)	(3,960)	(4,025)	(4,186)	(3,451)	(4,208)	(4,052)	(4,592)
Belgium	651	599	193	186	174	98	193	186	174	117	173	138	171
France	5,762	5,670	1,620	1,360	1,551	1,231	1,620	1,360	1,551	1,203	1,541	1,245	1,681
Germany	1,607	1,631	440	467	428	272	440	467	428	326	384	445	476
Italy	1,141	1,153	249	265	324	303	249	265	324	305	235	248	365
Netherlands	685	643	168	233	141	143	168	233	141	172	141	155	175
Reunion	221	238	59	61	68	33	59	61	68	42	63	69	64
Spain	552	694	201	106	162	83	201	106	162	100	182	212	200
Sweden	117	146	24	39	39	15	24	39	39	30	38	36	42
United Kingdom	4,234	5,344	979	1,265	1,253	737	979	1,265	1,253	1,093	1,418	1,451	1,382
Other	143	185	27	43	46	27	27	43	46	63	33	53	36
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(5,230)	(6,051)	(1,332)	(1,463)	(1,306)	(1,129)	(1,332)	(1,463)	(1,306)	(1,059)	(1,590)	(1,801)	(1,601)
Australia	67	115	14	25	23	5	14	25	23	18	33	41	23
Canada	204	185	57	46	48	53	57	46	48	43	48	55	39
Hong kong	160	98	50	42	24	44	50	42	24	18	29	12	39
Malagasy, Republic of	526	758	140	127	132	127	140	127	132	177	191	187	203
Singapore	29	38	6	6	9	8	6	6	9	8	12	6	12
South Africa, Republic of	179	77	48	49	49	33	48	49	49	31	10	17	19
U.S.A.	3,787	4,353	959	1,088	941	799	959	1,088	941	694	1,133	1,369	1,157
Zimbabwe	139	209	29	36	46	28	29	36	46	36	71	48	54
Other	139	218	29	44	34	32	29	44	34	34	63	66	55
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>194</b>
Japan	131	138	32	30	39	30	32	30	39	38	25	41	34
Switzerland	344	355	93	87	91	73	93	87	91	83	98	85	89
Other	183	202	28	73	46	36	28	73	46	44	50	37	71

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Austria, Sweden and Finland joined the EEC as from 1996. Adjustments have therefore been made accordingly.

Table 13 - EPZ exports by main section/selected commodities, 1996 - 1997

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

SITC section/description	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b> of which :	<b>978</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>390</b>
Fish & fish preparations	719	895	164	202	190	163	164	239	209	283
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b> of which :	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>491</b>
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,447	1,309	338	380	372	357	316	354	309	330
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	509	476	89	134	148	138	119	134	130	93
<b>7 - Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b> of which :	<b>17,748</b>	<b>19,536</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>4,789</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>5,031</b>	<b>5,163</b>	<b>5,416</b>
Articles of apparel and clothing	16,187	18,142	3,131	4,192	4,400	4,464	3,619	4,650	4,840	5,033
Optical goods	211	213	54	59	42	56	48	56	52	57
Watches and clocks	405	409	101	105	86	113	95	103	87	124
Toys, games and sporting goods	194	105	40	54	54	46	31	40	24	10
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	286	290	56	77	80	73	59	82	63	86

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 14 - EPZ imports by main section/selected commodities, 1996 - 1997**

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

SITC section/description	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>12,109</b>	<b>13,897</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,833</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>287</b>
of which :										
Cotton	491	487	153	66	233	39	77	147	120	143
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	21	13	4	3	5	9	4	5	2	2
Wool and other animal hair	340	312	64	104	91	81	89	82	57	84
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>8,655</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>1,929</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,268</b>
of which :										
Leather	138	124	39	32	34	33	30	29	31	34
Textile yarn and fabrics	6,643	5,693	1,365	1,829	1,777	1,672	1,491	1,153	1,096	1,953
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	366	445	96	82	86	102	109	102	124	110
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>522</b>
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>425</b>
of which :										
Optical goods, watches & clocks	321	321	93	86	62	80	65	78	72	106
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	150	310	30	30	58	32	123	28	30	129
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>56</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 15 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1996 - 1997**

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

Country of origin	1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>				1996 <sup>1</sup>				1997 <sup>2</sup>			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>12,109</b>	<b>13,897</b>	<b>13,897</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,833</b>	
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>9,067</b>	<b>10,519</b>	<b>10,519</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>(964)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,298)</b>	
<b>(a) European Union Countries<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(4,071)</b>	<b>(4,552)</b>	<b>(4,552)</b>	<b>(930)</b>	<b>(1,084)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>(1,057)</b>	<b>(964)</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,298)</b>	<b>(964)</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,298)</b>	
Belgium	310	417	417	66	73	85	86	81	105	123	108	81	105	123	108	
France	1,554	1,486	1,486	391	436	338	389	328	420	355	383	328	420	355	383	
Germany	776	1,020	1,020	209	179	232	156	262	208	194	356	262	208	194	356	
Italy	664	742	742	133	165	178	188	135	184	211	212	135	184	211	212	
Netherlands	32	31	31	7	8	11	6	8	6	9	8	8	6	9	8	
Spain	258	333	333	31	69	39	119	54	84	104	91	54	84	104	91	
United Kingdom	368	400	400	76	121	87	84	81	101	120	98	81	101	120	98	
Other	109	123	123	17	33	30	29	15	23	43	42	15	23	43	42	
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(4,996)</b>	<b>(5,967)</b>	<b>(5,967)</b>	<b>(1,055)</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>	<b>(1,390)</b>	<b>(1,316)</b>	<b>(1,111)</b>	<b>(1,625)</b>	<b>(1,589)</b>	<b>(1,642)</b>	<b>(1,111)</b>	<b>(1,625)</b>	<b>(1,589)</b>	<b>(1,642)</b>	
Australia	254	209	209	68	60	71	55	51	53	54	51	51	53	54	51	
Bahamas	13	66	66	3	3	3	4	24	40	2	-	24	40	2	-	
Hong kong	1,225	1,711	1,711	269	321	323	312	304	483	488	436	304	483	488	436	
India	1,875	2,191	2,191	331	432	582	530	392	562	599	638	392	562	599	638	
Malagasy, Republic of	98	101	101	20	24	26	28	29	-	38	34	29	-	38	34	
Malaysia	195	282	282	58	51	27	59	31	100	69	82	31	100	69	82	
New Zealand	126	114	114	24	34	42	26	21	31	22	40	21	31	22	40	
Pakistan	292	214	214	97	60	70	65	35	51	54	74	35	51	54	74	
Singapore	288	221	221	53	96	82	57	35	60	50	76	35	60	50	76	
South Africa, Republic of	353	474	474	56	108	85	104	76	136	127	135	76	136	127	135	
U.S.A.	202	152	152	47	43	50	62	50	-	51	51	50	-	51	51	
Zambia	-	30	30	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	
Zimbabwe	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	29	21	-	-	29	21	-	-	
Other	75	152	152	29	3	29	14	4	88	35	25	4	88	35	25	
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>893</b>	
Burkina Faso	226	158	158	40	55	106	25	-	58	57	43	-	58	57	43	
China	874	1,120	1,120	154	307	242	171	222	282	315	301	222	282	315	301	
Indonesia	111	149	149	28	23	24	36	32	32	37	48	32	32	37	48	
Japan	380	250	250	129	108	87	56	38	57	72	83	38	57	72	83	
Korea, Republic of	76	53	53	22	10	34	10	20	16	9	8	20	16	9	8	
Macau	91	70	70	20	41	23	7	24	36	7	3	24	36	7	3	
Mali	69	46	46	37	-	26	6	17	-	-	29	17	-	-	29	
Mexico	21	47	47	-	15	6	-	20	18	9	-	20	18	9	-	
Switzerland	378	400	400	73	110	111	84	80	96	101	123	80	96	101	123	
Taiwan	650	742	742	155	167	180	148	195	181	205	161	195	181	205	161	
Thailand	48	98	98	13	9	7	19	16	27	38	17	16	27	38	17	
Other	118	245	245	15	19	65	19	19	76	73	77	19	76	73	77	

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<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Austria, Sweden and Finland joined the EEC as from 1996. Adjustments have therefore been made accordingly.