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## Introduction

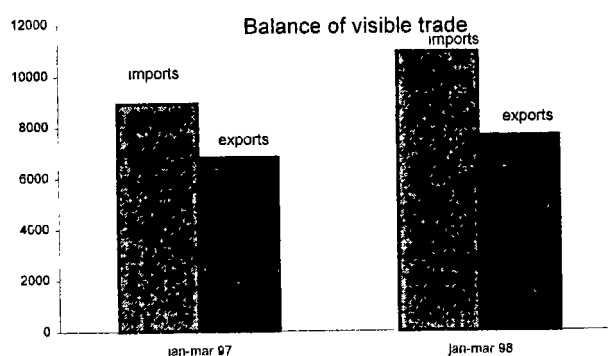
This economic indicator presents external trade statistics for the first quarter of 1998 and for the years 1996 and 1997. While figures for 1996 and 1997 are final, those for 1998 may be revised in future issues.

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 in **Table 2**. With the exception of this table, all the other tables and the analysis refer to usual customs data.

## 1. Total value of trade and trade balance

Total international trade for the first quarter of 1998 was valued at Rs.18,505 million, a figure which is 24.2% lower than that of the previous quarter and 18.4% higher than that of the corresponding quarter of 1997.

During the first quarter of 1998, total exports reached Rs.7,618 million compared to total imports of Rs.10,887 million, thus yielding a trade deficit of Rs.3,269 million. This deficit shows an improvement of 28% over that of the previous quarter (Rs.4,562 million inclusive of aircraft), but is 54% higher than that of the first quarter of 1997 (**Table 1**).



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

During the first quarter of 1998, the terms of trade index which shows price movements of exports relative to those of imports, increased by 9 percentage points from 101 during the fourth quarter of 1997 to 110. This movement was the result of an increase of 4% in export prices against a fall of 8% in import prices. It should be borne in mind that price changes have been based on unit value indices which do not reflect genuine price changes since they are affected by factors like changes in country of origin, product mix and quality.

Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in **Tables 4 and 5**.

### 3. Exports

Total export proceeds for the first quarter of 1998, including domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers, amounted to Rs 7,618 million, showing an increase of Rs 868 million (or 12.9%) over the first quarter of 1997. Domestic exports, which represent 93% of total exports, increased from Rs 6,328 million to Rs 7,107 million (12.3%).

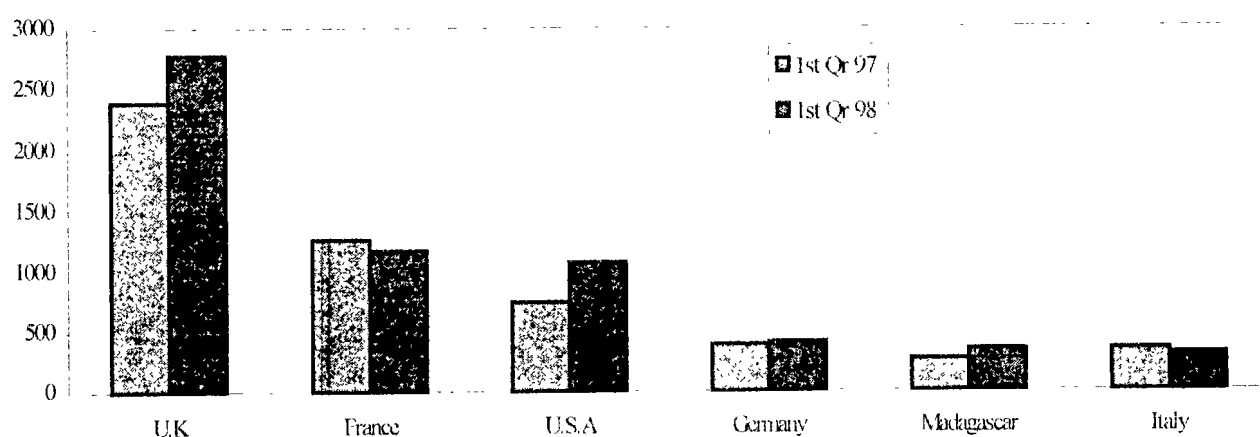
Exports of sugar were 19% higher in value than proceeds received in the first quarter of last year. This was due to an increase of 14% in volume associated with a price increase of 4%. During the same period, exports of EPZ products improved by 8% in nominal terms, resulting from a 10% increase in prices while volume fell by 2%.

The table below shows the main changes in total exports between the first quarters of 1997 and 1998.

Exports	<i>(f.o.b value: million rupees)</i>		Change (%)		
	Jan – Mar 1997	Jan – Mar 1998	Value	Price	Volume
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,618</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+ 3</b>
<i>of which</i>					
Sugar	1,354	1,611	+19	+ 4	+14
EPZ products	4,675	5,042	+ 8	+10	- 2

Exports by country of destination for the first quarter of 1998 (**Table 7**) show that our main buyers remained the countries of the European Union: they purchased some 72% of our exports for Rs 5,374 million, representing an increase of 7.4% over the first quarter of 1997. The United Kingdom remained the main buyer with Rs 2,780 million worth of our exports, representing 37% of total exports. The other major markets were France (16%), U.S.A (14%), Germany (5%), Malagasy Republic (5%) and Italy (4%).

Rs. Million

**Exports to main countries****4. Imports**

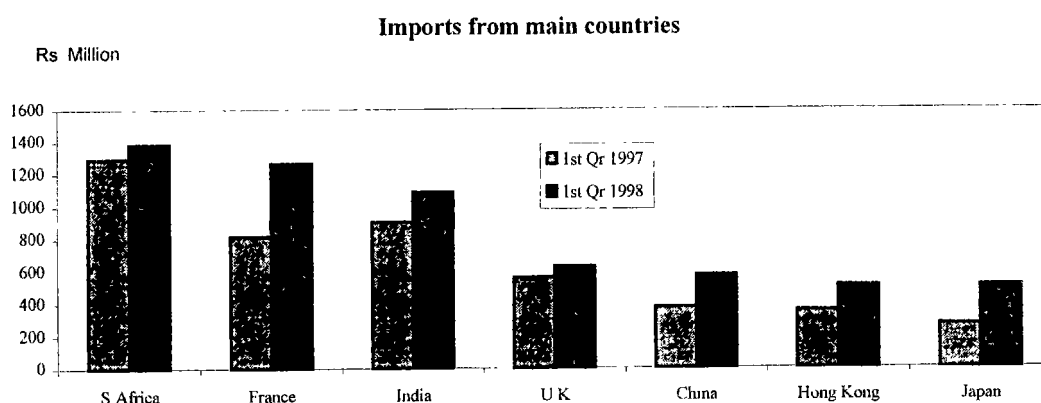
The import bill for the first quarter of 1998 attained Rs 10.887 million, showing an increase of Rs. 2,010 million (23%) over the figure of Rs 8.877 million registered during the corresponding period of 1997. Overall import prices are estimated to have fallen by around 1% while imports increased by 24% in volume terms.

Comparative figures for imports by S.I.T.C (Rev 3) sections are shown below, while further details by section and commodity are presented in **tables 8 and 9**.

(c.i.f value: million rupees)

S.I.T.C Section	Jan – Mar 1997	Jan – Mar 1998	<-----Change (%)----->		
			Value	Price	Volume
Food, live animals, beverages & tobacco	1,389	1,664	+ 20	+ 4	+ 15
Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	961	815	- 15	- 23	+ 10
Chemicals & related products	734	794	+ 8	- 11	+ 21
Manufactured goods	3,620	4,606	+ 27	-	+ 27
Machinery & transport equipment	1,647	2,392	+ 45	+ 7	+ 36
Other goods n.e.s	526	616	+ 17	- 3	+ 21
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>10,887</b>	<b>+ 23</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>+ 24</b>

Compared to the first quarter of 1997, imports of “*Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco*” increased by 20% in nominal terms, due to an increase of 4% in price levels and another increase of 15% in volume. The total value of imports of goods classified under “*Machinery and transport equipment*” increased by 45% during this period, the combined effect of a 7% increase in prices and 36% increase in volume. The only S.I.T.C section which recorded a decrease in nominal value of imports was “*Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*” for which the total value fell by 15% as a consequence of a 23% decrease in price and an increase of 10% in volume.



**Table 10** shows imports by country of origin. During the first quarter of 1998, Mauritius imported Rs 3,335 million worth of goods from countries of the European Union, representing 31% of total imports for that period. On a countrywise basis, our main suppliers were the Republic of South Africa (13%), France (12%), India (10%), United Kingdom (6%), China (5%), Hong Kong (5%) and Japan (5%).

## 5. The EPZ Sector

During the first quarter of 1998, EPZ enterprises exported some Rs 5,042 million worth of goods against Rs 4,675 million for the same period last year, showing a nominal increase of 8%, representing an increase of 10% in price and a fall of 2% in volume.

On the other hand, during the same period imports by this sector increased by 34% to Rs 3,703 million against Rs 2,758 in 1997. Imports of raw materials went up by Rs 763 million (+ 30%) and machinery by Rs 182 million (+ 87%).

Net EPZ exports for the first quarter of 1998 worked out to Rs 1,339 million against Rs 1,917 million for the corresponding period last year. The ratio of net EPZ exports to total exports of the EPZ fell to 27% from 41% for the same period 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 first quarter of 1998, total imports of the Free Zone amounted to Rs. 779 million while re-exports totalled 774 million. 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). For instance, the value of goods purchased on the local market by Freeport operators are included in customs data as domestic exports and in freeport statistics as imports.

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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



## CUSTOMS DATA

**Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1996 - 1998**

Value : Million Rupees

	1996	1997	1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
Exports of goods	31,676	33,018	6,600	6,949	9,700	9,769	7,468
<i>Domestic exports</i>	30,776	31,888	6,328	6,698	9,367	9,495	7,107
<i>Re-exports<sup>2</sup></i>	900	1,130	272	251	333	274	361
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	636	600	150	150	150	150	150
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>32,312</b>	<b>33,618</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>7,099</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>9,919</b>	<b>7,618</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>2</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>41,082</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>11,080</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>14,481</b>	<b>10,887</b>
<b>Total Value of Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>73,394</b>	<b>79,711</b>	<b>15,627</b>	<b>18,179</b>	<b>21,505</b>	<b>24,400</b>	<b>18,505</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-8,770</b>	<b>-12,475</b>	<b>-2,127</b>	<b>-3,981</b>	<b>-1,805</b>	<b>-4,562</b>	<b>-3,269</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

## FREEPORT STATISTICS

**Table 2 - Total trade carried out in Freeport Zone, 1996 - 1998**

	1996			1997			( Jan - Mar ) 1998		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
	<b>IMPORTS</b>								
Value (Rs)	751,231,557	207,101,232	<b>958,332,789</b>	2,060,282,969	360,571,550	<b>2,420,854,519</b>	709,840,685	69,208,263	<b>779,048,948</b>
Volume (Kgs)	19,829,117	5,472,738	<b>25,301,855</b>	217,999,205	9,613,624	<b>227,612,829</b>	...	...	...
	1996			1997			( Jan - Mar ) 1998		
	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sold locally	Total
<b>RE-EXPORTS</b>									
Value (Rs)	931,383,070	96,273,456	<b>1,027,656,526</b>	2,044,194,734	57,139,832	<b>2,101,334,566</b>	746,269,515	27,607,893	<b>773,877,408</b>
Volume (Kgs)	28,198,690	6,282,337	<b>34,481,027</b>	100,635,863	863,943	<b>101,499,806</b>	...	...	...

Source: Mauritius Freeport Authority

**Table 3 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade,  
1994 - 1998**

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade*
		Export	Import	
Base year : 1992 = 100				
1994		114	119	96
1995		121	126	96
1996		134	135	99
1997		140	138	101
1997	1st Qr	135	137	99
	2nd Qr	143	134	107
	3rd Qr	139	138	101
	4th Qr	144	143	101
1998 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	148	135	110

<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 4 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1996 - 1998**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100			
		Price Indices			
		1996	1997		1998 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>148</b>
Sugar	306	131	134	133	138
Molasses	5	146	127	119	135
Tea	5	115	149	153	194
EPZ products	661	133	145	141	155

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1996 - 1998**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100			
		Price Indices			
		1996	1997		1998 <sup>1</sup>
		Year	Year	1st Qr	1st Qr
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>
0 - Food and live animals	120	150	136	139	144
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5	114	125	121	119
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	31	183	186	189	168
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	80	131	131	138	106
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	11	145	155	149	190
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	78	129	126	133	119
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362	139	141	137	142
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	222	123	152	137	146
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	121	107	122	103

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 6 - Domestic exports by main product/sector, 1996 - 1998

Description	1996			1997			1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
							1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total domestic exports: value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees	30,776	31,888		6,328	6,698	9,367	9,495				7,107
EPZ products: value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees	21,000	23,049		4,675	5,971	6,016	6,387				5,042
Non-EPZ products: value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees	9,776	8,839		1,653	727	3,351	3,108				2,065
<i>Live animals</i>											
Quantity : ( Thousand unit )	107	80		23	12	40	5				9
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	125	74		25	22	12	15				12
<i>Wheaten flour</i>											
Quantity : ( tonne )	27,351	29,612		5,402	7,199	11,215	5,796				5,220
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	158	155		30	40	59	26				24
<i>Cane Sugar</i>											
Quantity : ( Thousand tonne )	613	575		101	30	242	202				116
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	8,347	7,495		1,354	428	3,020	2,693				1,611
<i>Cane Molasses</i>											
Quantity : ( Thousand tonne )	98	112		28	-	40	44				27
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	109	102		23	-	40	39				26
<i>Tea, whether or not flavoured</i>											
Quantity : ( tonne )	1,282	476		331	116	16	13				60
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	26	11		6	3	1	1				3
<i>Cut flowers and foliage</i>											
Quantity : ( tonne )	537	576		170	134	99	173				140
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	127	123		38	29	21	35				32
<i>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</i>											
Quantity : ( tonne )	27,212	19,306		5,485	4,649	4,887	4,285				3,976
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	161	115		30	31	29	25				23
<i>Articles of apparel &amp; clothing</i>											
Quantity : not applicable	- - -	- - -		- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				- - -
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	287	245		48	58	39	100				155
<i>Other commodities &amp; transactions</i>											
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	436	519		99	116	130	174				179

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 7 - Total exports<sup>1</sup> by countries of destination, 1996 - 1998**

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1997				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
	1997				1998 <sup>2</sup>			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>31,676</b>	<b>33,018</b>	<b>32,033</b>	<b>31,676</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,468</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>30,758</b>	<b>32,033</b>	<b>32,033</b>	<b>30,758</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,202</b>
<b>(a) European union countries</b>	<b>(24,160)</b>	<b>(24,478)</b>	<b>(24,478)</b>	<b>(24,160)</b>	<b>(5,374)</b>	<b>(5,374)</b>	<b>(5,374)</b>	<b>(5,374)</b>
Austria	40	48	48	40	12	9	16	11
Belgium	733	675	675	733	133	186	158	198
Finland	8	199	199	8	5	3	187	4
France	6,112	5,990	5,990	6,112	1,266	1,611	1,336	1,777
Germany	1,749	1,860	1,860	1,749	385	435	504	536
Italy	1,274	1,272	1,272	1,274	341	267	260	404
Netherlands	771	744	744	771	183	153	180	228
Portugal	1,008	760	760	1,008	5	3	409	343
Reunion	525	477	477	525	103	120	119	135
Spain	651	818	818	651	124	207	257	230
Sweden	121	153	153	121	32	39	38	44
United Kingdom	11,079	11,356	11,356	11,079	2,368	1,727	3,626	3,635
Other	89	126	126	89	46	24	28	28
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(6,598)</b>	<b>(7,555)</b>	<b>(7,555)</b>	<b>(6,598)</b>	<b>(1,344)</b>	<b>(1,929)</b>	<b>(2,351)</b>	<b>(1,931)</b>
Australia	112	133	133	112	23	37	45	28
Canada	206	188	188	206	44	49	56	39
Comoro Islands	33	24	24	33	5	5	8	6
Hong Kong	210	152	152	210	30	45	27	50
India	141	282	282	141	47	75	107	53
Kenya	69	83	83	69	13	24	20	26
Malagasy, Republic of	915	1,193	1,193	915	267	327	300	299
Malawi	68	68	68	68	14	16	23	15
Malaysia	28	16	16	28	3	4	3	6
Seychelles	48	73	73	48	13	18	26	16
Singapore	48	64	64	48	11	19	10	24
South Africa, Republic of	233	142	142	233	44	25	34	39
Tanzania	84	19	19	84	3	-	7	9
Uganda	15	13	13	15	3	4	1	5
U.S.A.	4,106	4,687	4,687	4,106	743	1,158	1,573	1,213
Zimbabwe	160	254	254	160	55	78	55	66
Other	122	164	164	122	26	45	56	37
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>265</b>
Japan	196	200	200	196	53	41	56	50
Norway	72	31	31	72	6	7	7	11
Switzerland	391	463	463	391	125	112	112	114
Taiwan	38	24	24	38	12	5	3	4
United Arab Emirates	4	21	21	4	9	11	1	-
Other	217	246	246	217	48	60	52	86

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 8 - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1996 - 1998**

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

SITC section / description	1996		1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>	
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>41,082</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>11,080</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>14,481</b>	<b>10,887</b>	
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>6,091</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,600</b>	
Meat and meat preparations	577	683	133	140	186	224	173	
Dairy products and bird's eggs	947	964	221	194	241	308	270	
Fish and fish preparations	689	867	164	235	269	199	195	
Wheat	599	367	60	92	155	60	178	
Rice	668	506	158	63	152	133	157	
Wheaten flour	85	73	18	18	16	21	15	
Cereal preparations	192	221	39	56	57	69	48	
Vegetables and fruits	695	804	194	217	222	171	163	
Other	1,393	1,606	370	389	374	473	401	
<b>1 - Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>64</b>	
Beverages	191	228	28	50	65	85	52	
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	21	34	4	7	14	9	12	
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>438</b>	
Cork and wood	331	304	61	93	69	81	83	
Textile fibres	882	838	179	241	183	235	254	
Other	385	425	80	107	133	105	101	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1996 - 1998

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

SITC section / description	1996	1997	1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>815</b>
Refined petroleum products	2,822	3,021	831	646	824	720	651
Gas, natural and manufactured	264	339	119	67	66	87	85
Other	125	111	11	57	24	19	79
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>130</b>
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	341	375	56	69	158	92	100
Other	123	109	22	23	32	32	30
<b>5 - Chemicals &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>794</b>
Dyeing & tanning materials	430	461	98	118	140	105	93
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	671	642	143	167	161	171	172
Fertilisers	189	185	35	33	59	58	12
Plastics in primary forms	338	377	78	97	99	103	94
Plastics in non-primary forms	222	244	48	59	69	68	56
Other	1,314	1,431	332	310	407	382	367
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>13,708</b>	<b>14,947</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>3,942</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>4,063</b>	<b>3,782</b>
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	681	733	137	182	216	198	187
Textile yarn	3,437	3,782	768	1,023	1,003	988	939
Cotton fabrics	2,009	2,377	448	683	650	596	725
Other textile fabrics	2,772	3,088	589	783	808	908	717
Cement	823	809	142	210	242	215	185
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	474	651	147	159	197	148	155
Iron and steel	1,255	1,077	192	295	304	286	306
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	803	903	149	232	243	279	211
Other	1,454	1,527	287	375	420	445	357

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**Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1996 - 1998**

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

SITC section / description	1996	1997	1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>9,195</b>	<b>11,702</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>5,018</b>	<b>2,392</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	768	374	64	115	123	72	209
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,548	1,682	309	413	408	552	469
General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s., & machine parts, n.e.s.	1,148	1,076	203	264	298	311	297
Office machines & automatic data processing machines	621	586	113	156	150	167	177
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment	1,014	794	192	149	217	236	157
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances, n.e.s., & electrical parts of household type	1,414	1,263	272	274	348	369	264
Road vehicles	1,711	2,139	316	514	597	712	613
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	874	3,662	150	763	205	2,544	189
Other	97	126	28	24	19	55	17
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>824</b>
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures & fittings, n.e.s.	176	287	54	78	63	92	52
Articles of apparel and clothing	357	468	67	105	128	168	68
Footwear	128	166	19	31	43	73	23
Professional, scientific & controlling instruments & apparatus, n.e.s.	264	278	76	62	77	63	65
Watches and clocks & optical goods	425	432	83	102	99	148	138
Printed matter	360	364	70	82	91	121	89
Articles n.e.s., of plastic	463	487	95	125	118	149	119
Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares, n.e.s.	307	430	149	55	51	175	65
Other	791	892	148	210	239	295	205
<b>9 - Commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s.</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>48</b>

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Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities, 1996 - 1998

Commodity	1996		1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>	
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
	Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees						
<b>Rice :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	89	65	20	6	22	17	16	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	668	506	158	63	152	133	157	
<b>Wheaten flour :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	12	12	3	3	3	3	2	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	85	73	18	18	16	21	15	
<b>Wheat :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	124	95	12	25	43	15	45	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	599	367	60	92	155	60	178	
<b>Dairy products :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	18	19	4	4	5	6	5	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	947	964	221	194	241	308	270	
<b>Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	27	29	4	5	12	8	6	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	341	375	56	69	158	92	100	
<b>Fertilisers manufactured :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	56	52	10	9	17	16	6	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	189	185	35	33	59	58	12	
<b>Cotton fabrics</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	11	13	3	4	3	3	4	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	2,009	2,377	448	683	650	596	725	
<b>Cement :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	607	593	109	159	174	151	133	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	823	809	142	210	242	215	185	
<b>Iron and steel :</b>								
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	102	91	20	25	20	26	27	
Value (c.i.f.): Million Rupees	1,255	1,077	192	295	272	318	306	

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Table 10 - Imports by countries of origin, 1996 - 1998

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

Country of origin	1996				1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>			
	1996				1997				1998 <sup>1</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 imports</b>	<b>41,082</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>	<b>46,093</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>30,676</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>	<b>35,506</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(13,517)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>	<b>(15,768)</b>
Austria	67	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
Belgium	686	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774	774
Denmark	977	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144	144
Finland	71	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
France	4,555	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225	7,225
Germany	1,903	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164	2,164
Greece	47	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Ireland	169	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238
Italy	1,392	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,329
Luxembourg	5	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Netherlands	221	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322	322
Portugal	69	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
Reunion	27	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Spain	604	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661	661
Sweden	76	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
United Kingdom	2,648	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562	2,562
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(17,159)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>	<b>(19,738)</b>
Australia	1,811	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547	1,547
Bahamas	13	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66
Burma	72	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Canada	52	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59
Hong Kong	1,476	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987	1,987
India	3,619	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521	4,521
Kenya	257	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238	238
Malagasy, Republic of	465	642	642	642	642	642	642	642	642	642	642	642
Malaysia	964	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060	1,060
New Zealand	445	470	470	470	470	470	470	470	470	470	470	470
Nigeria	45	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
Pakistan	645	618	618	618	618	618	618	618	618	618	618	618
Russian Federation	46	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
Singapore	868	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020
South Africa, Republic of	4,884	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650
Sri Lanka	19	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
Swaziland	66	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
Ukraine	-	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39

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Table 10 (cont'd) - Imports by countries of origin, 1996 - 1998

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

Country of origin	1996			1997			1997				1998		
							1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr		
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries<sup>2</sup> (cont'd)</b>													
U. S. A.	1,292	1,366		339	325	351	351	351		372			
Zambia	-	30		30	-	-	-	-		-			
Zimbabwe	61	94		41	29	14	14	10		41			
Other	59	117		13	22	44	44	38		50			
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>10,406</b>	<b>10,587</b>		<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>2,949</b>		<b>2,551</b>			
Argentina	272	507		79	89	242	242	97		97			
Bahrain	220	224		-	-	224	224	-		-			
Brazil	207	53		15	15	9	9	14		11			
Burkina Faso	226	159		-	59	57	57	43		22			
Cameroon	8	96		1	41	24	24	30		34			
Central Africa	43	26		-	-	4	4	22		2			
Chile	300	43		6	10	13	13	14		16			
China	1,741	2,006		373	440	537	537	656		570			
Cote D' Ivoire	3	28		-	22	1	1	5		2			
Indonesia	447	533		94	114	143	143	182		216			
Israel	121	145		32	56	10	10	47		12			
Japan	1,800	1,966		267	481	558	558	660		503			
Jordan	36	164		29	29	106	106	-		-			
Korea, Republic of	493	478		103	113	122	122	140		108			
Kuwait	1,248	607		324	196	87	87	-		-			
Macau	91	69		24	37	7	7	1		10			
Mali	70	46		17	-	-	-	29		97			
Mexico	26	53		22	20	11	11	-		12			
Morocco	42	37		9	16	6	6	6		11			
Norway	67	12		2	4	3	3	3		3			
Panama	13	44		3	2	21	21	18		7			
Philippines	54	53		20	2	7	7	24		4			
Saudi Arabia	214	470		9	8	233	233	220		228			
Switzerland	879	853		189	198	208	208	258		190			
Taiwan	1,121	1,258		298	282	354	354	324		262			
Thailand	269	342		81	75	87	87	99		85			
Turkey	181	80		47	9	9	9	15		19			
United Arab Emirates	30	88		7	12	50	50	19		4			
Other	184	147		68	24	32	32	23		26			

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**Table 11 - Net EPZ exports, 1996 - 1998**

Value : Million Rupees

	1996	1997	1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>A. Total exports ( f.o.b )</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>	<b>5,042</b>
<b>B. Total imports ( c.i.f )</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>3,703</b>
<i>Raw materials</i>	<i>10,960</i>	<i>12,442</i>	<i>2,548</i>	<i>3,282</i>	<i>3,304</i>	<i>3,308</i>	<i>3,311</i>
<i>Machinery</i>	<i>1,117</i>	<i>1,438</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>352</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>392</i>
<b>Net Exports ( A - B )</b>	<b>8,923</b>	<b>9,169</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>1,339</b>
<b>Net Exports as % of total exports</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>

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Table 12 - EPZ exports by countries of destination, 1996 - 1998

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

Country of destination	1996		1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>	
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>	<b>5,042</b>	
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>20,344</b>	<b>22,355</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>5,853</b>	<b>6,195</b>	<b>4,890</b>	
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(15,114)</b>	<b>(16,304)</b>	<b>(3,450)</b>	<b>(4,208)</b>	<b>(4,052)</b>	<b>(4,594)</b>	<b>(3,398)</b>	
Belgium	651	599	117	173	138	171	127	
France	5,762	5,669	1,203	1,541	1,245	1,680	1,023	
Germany	1,607	1,630	326	384	445	475	339	
Italy	1,141	1,153	305	235	248	365	259	
Netherlands	685	644	172	141	155	176	129	
Reunion	222	237	42	63	69	63	38	
Spain	552	693	100	182	212	199	120	
Sweden	117	146	30	38	36	42	34	
United Kingdom	4,233	5,341	1,093	1,418	1,451	1,379	1,254	
Other	144	192	62	33	53	44	75	
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(5,230)</b>	<b>(6,051)</b>	<b>(1,059)</b>	<b>(1,590)</b>	<b>(1,801)</b>	<b>(1,601)</b>	<b>(1,492)</b>	
Australia	67	116	18	33	41	24	12	
Canada	204	185	43	48	55	39	46	
Hong kong	160	98	18	29	12	39	44	
Malagasy, Republic of	526	757	177	191	188	201	262	
Singapore	29	38	8	12	6	12	5	
South Africa, Republic of	179	76	31	10	17	18	24	
U.S.A.	3,787	4,354	695	1,133	1,369	1,157	1,010	
Zimbabwe	139	208	36	71	48	53	31	
Other	139	219	33	63	65	58	58	
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>152</b>	
Japan	131	138	38	25	41	34	31	
Switzerland	344	355	83	98	85	89	62	
Other	181	201	45	50	37	69	59	

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**Table 13 - EPZ exports of selected commodities by section, 1996 - 1998**

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

SITC Section / Description	1996	1997	1997				1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>23,049</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>6,387</b>	<b>5,042</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b> of which :	978	1,249	222	334	303	390	295
Fish & fish preparations	719	894	164	239	209	282	204
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	21	90	4	25	8	53	2
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	16	35	7	6	11	11	18
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b> of which :	2,135	2,043	491	560	502	490	537
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,447	1,310	316	354	309	331	391
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	509	476	119	134	130	93	97
<b>7 - Machinery and transport equipment</b>	99	96	23	15	29	29	22
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b> of which :	17,748	19,536	3,926	5,031	5,163	5,416	4,157
Articles of apparel and clothing	16,187	18,142	3,619	4,650	4,840	5,033	3,845
Optical goods	211	213	48	56	52	57	46
Watches and clocks	405	409	95	103	87	124	91
Toys, games and sporting goods	194	104	31	40	24	9	4
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	286	291	59	82	63	87	62

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Table 14 - EPZ imports of selected commodities by section, 1996 - 1998

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

SITC section/description	1996	1997	1997			1998 <sup>1</sup>
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,831</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	392	545	102	151	186	113
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	1,089	1,060	225	298	250	319
of which :						
Cotton	491	487	77	147	120	164
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	21	12	4	5	2	4
Wool and other animal hair	340	311	89	82	57	81
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products</b>	16	21	1	18	1	16
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	483	597	116	146	166	158
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	7,681	8,660	1,711	2,343	2,342	2,339
of which :						
Leather	138	124	30	29	31	35
Textile yarn and fabrics	6,643	7,520	1,491	2,072	2,007	2,030
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	366	446	109	102	124	87
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	1,117	1,438	210	353	352	392
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	1,055	1,319	320	278	296	357
of which :						
Optical goods, watches & clocks	321	321	65	78	72	134
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	150	310	123	28	30	60
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	244	234	73	48	63	9

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**Table 15 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1996 - 1998**

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

Country of origin	1996			1997			1997			1998 <sup>1</sup>	
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,748</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>(4,071)</b>	<b>(4,552)</b>	<b>(1,131)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,297)</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>(965)</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>(1,157)</b>
(a) European Union Countries	310	418	81	105	123	109	89	328	328	355	383
Belgium	1,554	1,486	262	420	194	356	175	776	135	184	211
France	664	740	135	184	211	210	226	32	8	9	8
Germany	32	31	8	6	6	9	5	21	2	3	14
Italy	21	38	2	3	19	14	23	334	54	84	104
Netherlands	258	334	54	84	104	92	48	368	81	101	120
Sweden	368	400	81	101	120	98	84	Other	14	20	24
Spain	88	85	14	20	27	29	29	(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(1,111)	(1,624)	(1,589)
United Kingdom	(4,995)	(5,964)	210	54	54	54	51	Australia	51	54	54
Other	254	210	66	40	40	2	13	Bahamas	24	2	2
Australia	13	66	24	40	40	488	436	Hong kong	304	483	488
Bahamas	1,225	1,711	392	563	599	637	571	India	392	563	599
Hong kong	1,875	2,191	29	31	38	35	43	Malagasy, Republic of	29	31	38
India	98	133	31	101	80	80	77	Malaysia	31	101	80
Malagasy, Republic of	195	281	21	31	22	41	30	Malaysia	21	31	22
Malaysia	126	115	35	51	54	75	51	New Zealand	35	51	54
New Zealand	292	215	35	60	50	77	57	Pakistan	35	60	50
Pakistan	288	222	76	137	127	135	77	Singapore	76	137	127
Singapore	353	475	50	37	51	50	44	South Africa, Republic of	50	37	51
South Africa, Republic of	202	188	63	36	35	23	63	U.S.A.	63	36	35
U.S.A.	74	157	682	880	908	894	1,040	Other	682	880	908
Other	3,011	3,364	226	59	57	43	22	2. General Tariff Countries	226	59	57
2. General Tariff Countries	874	1,120	80	37	20	23	27	Burkina Faso	80	37	20
Burkina Faso	111	150	222	282	315	301	421	Cameroon	222	282	315
Cameroon	380	251	32	33	37	48	46	China	32	33	37
China	76	54	38	57	72	84	80	Indonesia	38	57	72
Indonesia	91	69	20	17	9	8	19	Japan	20	17	9
Japan	70	46	24	37	7	1	10	Korea, Republic of	24	37	7
Korea, Republic of	21	47	17	18	9	-	11	Macao	17	18	9
Macao	378	401	80	96	101	124	98	Mali	80	96	101
Mali	650	742	195	182	205	160	161	Mexico	195	182	205
Mexico	48	99	16	29	38	16	22	Switzerland	16	29	38
Switzerland	86	146	18	33	38	57	26	Taiwan	18	33	38
Taiwan								Thailand			
Thailand								Other			
Other											

<sup>1</sup> Provisional