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## External Trade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2000

### Introduction

This issue of the Social and Economic Indicators presents external trade statistics for the first and second quarters of 2000, and for the years 1998 and 1999. While figures for 1998 are final, those for 1999 and 2000 are subject to revision in future issues.

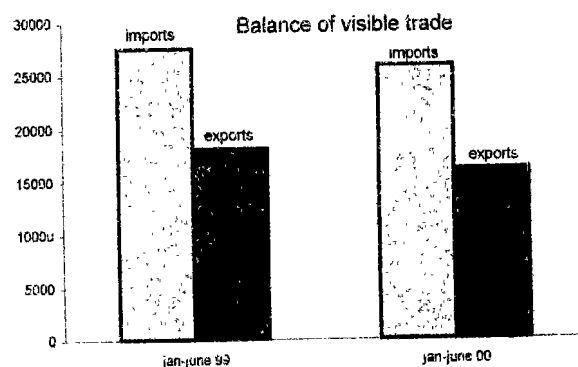
Data on international trade are compiled as per the recommendations of the United Nations General Trade System. As this system accounts for all goods entering and leaving the national frontier, trading activities of the freeport zone should in principle also be covered. However, for the sake of comparability and continuity in the series, 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 refer to usual customs data and do not include transactions of the freeport.

Detailed statistical tables on imports and exports of the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) are published in the indicator on "EPZ and Pioneer Status Enterprises", which appears in this same issue.

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

Total international trade for the second quarter of 2000 was valued at Rs. 22,470 million, a figure which is 15.0% higher than that of the previous quarter and 11.3% lower than that of the corresponding quarter of 1999.

During the second quarter of 2000, total exports reached Rs.8,585 million compared to total imports of Rs.13,885 million, thus yielding a trade deficit of Rs.5,300 million. This deficit is 16% lower than that of the second quarter of 1999 (Table 1).



For the first semester of 2000, total exports and imports amounted to Rs.16,158 million and Rs.25,858 million respectively, showing a trade deficit of Rs.9,700 which is 3% higher than the figure of Rs.9,396 million registered during the corresponding period of last year.

Based on the trend for the first semester, total exports for the year 2000 are expected to be of the order of Rs.41,500 million, as against Rs.58,000 million for imports. The trade deficit will therefore be around Rs.16,500 million, which is about 1% lower than that registered last year.

## 2. Terms of trade (base year: 1997 = 100)

During the second quarter of 2000, the terms of trade index, which shows price movements of exports relative to those of imports, went down by one percentage point, from 100 during the first quarter of 2000 to 99. This movement was the result of decreases of 1.7% and 0.9% in export and import prices respectively. It should be noted that these price movements are based on unit value indices which, unlike genuine price changes, are affected by changes in country of origin/destination, 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 second quarter of 2000, including domestic exports, re-exports and ship's stores and bunkers, amounted to Rs.8,585 million, showing a decrease of Rs.951 million (or 10.0%) over the second quarter of 1999.

Domestic exports, which represent 93% of total exports, fell from Rs.8,914 million to Rs.7,943 million over the period (-10.9%).

Total exports for the first semester attained Rs.16,158 million, that is a 10.9% decrease over the first semester of 1999.

The table below shows the main changes in domestic exports between the first semesters of 1999 and 2000.

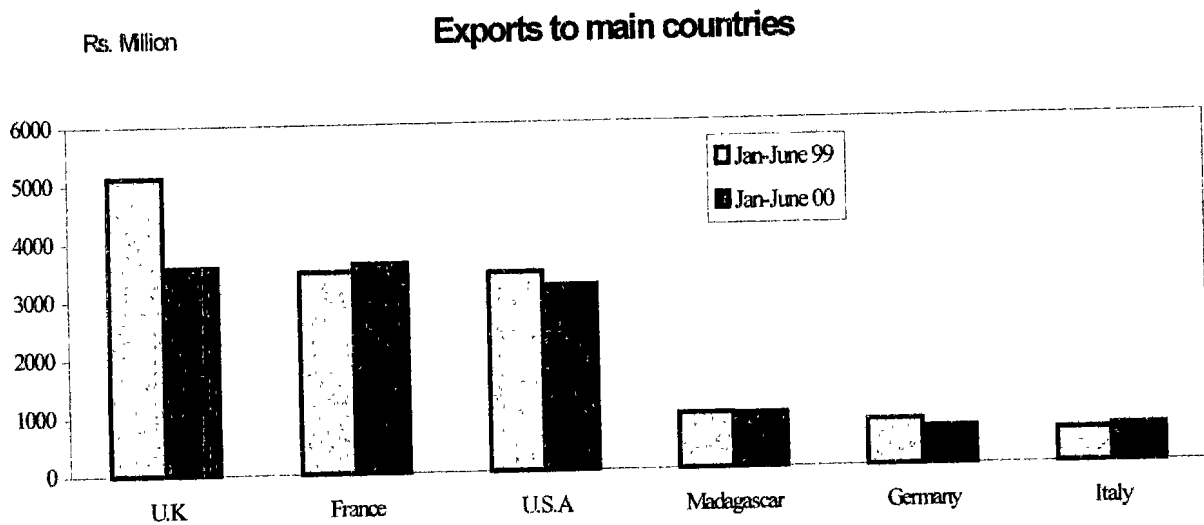
(f.o.b value): Million Rupees

S.I.T.C Section	Jan - June 1999	Jan - June 2000	Change (%)		
			Value	Price	Volume
<b>Total Domestic Exports</b>	<b>17,036</b>	<b>14,902</b>	<b>- 13</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>- 14</b>
Food and live animals	3,457	1,313	- 62	+ 17	- 68
<i>of which Sugar</i>	2,697	574	- 79	+ 23	- 83
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	102	114	+ 12	- 6	+19
Chemicals & related products	118	154	+ 31	+ 6	+24
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	1,288	1,465	+ 14	- 4	+19
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	11,897	11,805	- 1	- 5	+ 4

Proceeds from sugar exports were 79% lower in the first semester of 2000 compared to 1999. This was the net result of a 83% decrease in volume and a price increase of 23%. Exports of "*crude materials, except fuels*" registered an increase of

12% in value, as a result of a 6% fall in prices and a 19% increase in volume. Export receipts from "manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials" improved by 14% in nominal terms, resulting from a 4% decrease in prices and a 19% increase in volume.

Tabulation by country of destination shows that our main buyers, i.e the European Union, purchased some 65% of our exports (Rs.10,047 million), that is, 17% less than in the first semester of 1999. France was the main buyer with Rs. 3,608 million, or 23% of total exports, followed closely by the United Kingdom with Rs.3,566 million (23%). The other major markets were U.S.A (20%), Malagasy Republic (6%), Germany (4%) and Italy (4%). Table 7 shows further details.



#### 4. Imports

Total imports for the second quarter of 2000 increased by 16% over the previous quarter to reach Rs.13,885 million. This was however 12% lower than the corresponding period of last year.

Imports for the first six months of 2000, which totalled Rs.25,858 million, was 6% lower than the value of Rs.27,521 million registered for the first semester of 1999. Overall import prices are estimated to have increased by around 4% while import volume decreased by 10%.

Comparative figures for imports by S.I.T.C (Rev 3) sections are shown below. 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 - June 1999	Jan - June 2000	←Change (%)→		
			Value	Price	Volume
Food, live animals, beverages & tobacco	3,445	3,451	-	- 6	+ 6
Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	1,569	2,744	+75	+76	- 1
Chemicals & related products	1,773	1,993	+12	- 3	+ 15
Manufactured goods	10,010	10,474	+ 5	- 1	+ 6
Machinery & transport equipment	9,425	6,096	-35	+ 5	- 38
Other goods n.e.s	1,299	1,100	-15	-16	+ 1
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>27,521</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>- 6</b>	<b>+ 4</b>	<b>- 10</b>

In nominal terms the highest increase was registered in the group "Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials" whose import value rose by 75% as a result of a 76% increase in prices and 1% decrease in volume. The value of imports of "Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco" kept its level, while prices fell by 6%, accompanied by an increase of 6% in volume. Imports of "Manufactured goods" increased by 5%, consequent to a fall of 1% in prices and an increase of 6% in volume. Total imports of "Machinery and transport equipment" decreased by 35%, as a result of a 5% increase in prices and 38% decrease in volume.

### Imports from main countries

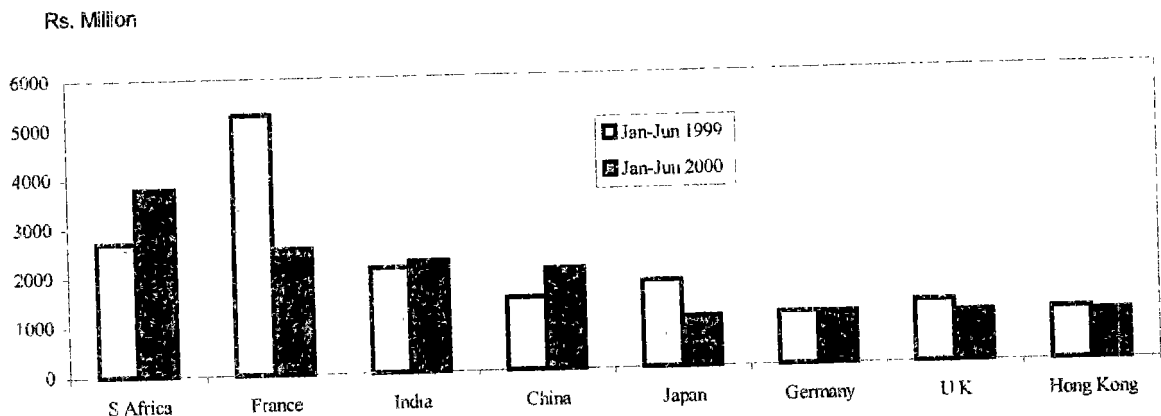


Table 10 shows imports by country of origin. During the first semester of 2000, imports from countries of the European Union totalled Rs.7,183 million, representing 28% of total imports for that period. Our main suppliers were the Republic of South Africa (15%), France (10%), India (9%), China (8%), Japan (4%), Germany (4%), United Kingdom (4%), Hong Kong (4%), Australia (4%), Italy (3%) and U.S.A (3%).

## 6. Trade in Freeport Zone

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

During the second quarter of 2000, total imports of the Free Zone amounted to Rs.757 million while re-exports totalled Rs.866 million. These include respectively Rs.100 million worth of goods sourced locally and Rs.79 million sold locally.

For the first semester of 2000, total imports amounted to Rs.1,418 million compared to re-exports of Rs.1,933 million.

## 5. Trade with Regional Organisations

During the second quarter of 2000, total exports to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States amounted to Rs.640 million, while imports stood at Rs.376 million, showing increases of 4% and 9% respectively over the previous quarter. During the first semester of 2000, total exports to these countries were valued at Rs.1,254 million compared to Rs.722 worth of imports (Table 11).

During the second quarter of 2000, Mauritius exported goods to a value of Rs. 618 million to COMESA countries. Imports from these countries amounted to Rs.299 million, resulting in a balance of Rs.319 million in favour of Mauritius. Compared to the first quarter of 2000, exports went up by 5% and imports by 16%.

For the first semester of 2000, total exports to COMESA countries amounted to Rs.1,207 million and imports to Rs.557 million. The main partner was Malagasy Republic with a share of 78% of exports and 49% of imports.

During the second quarter of 2000, trade with SADC countries showed a deficit of Rs.1,920 million, resulting from imports to a value of Rs.2,061 million while exports amounted to Rs.141 million.

For the first semester of 2000, Mauritius imported Rs.4,933 million worth of goods from SADC countries while its exports stood at Rs.337 million. The main supplier was the Republic of South Africa (94%). Our main buyers were Republic of South Africa (31%), Zimbabwe (20%), Seychelles (20%) and Tanzania (12%).

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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). However, for the sake of comparability and continuity, transactions of the freeport zone are not included.

- 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, 1998 - 2000**

Value : Million Rupees

	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
			<b>Exports of goods</b>	39,329	39,160	8,430	9,313	17,743	10,321	11,096
<i>Domestic exports</i>	37,762	37,705	8,122	8,914	17,036	9,911	10,758	6,959	7,943	14,902
<i>of which:</i> <i>(EPZ products)</i>	(26,075)	(29,131)	(6,051)	(7,771)	(13,822)	(7,201)	(8,108)	(6,420)	(7,391)	13,811
<i>Re-exports</i> <sup>2</sup>	1,567	1,455	308	399	707	410	338	308	330	638
<b>Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	722	865	159	223	382	209	274	306	312	618
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	40,051	40,025	8,589	9,536	18,125	10,530	11,370	7,573	8,585	16,158
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>2</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	49,742	56,629	11,711	15,810	27,521	13,839	15,269	11,973	13,885	25,858
<i>of which:</i> <i>(EPZ products)</i>	(16,179)	(15,735)	(3,711)	(4,361)	(8,072)	(3,859)	(3,804)	(3,639)	(4,488)	(8,127)
<b>Total Value of Trade (A+B)</b>	89,793	96,654	20,300	25,346	45,646	24,369	26,639	19,546	22,470	42,016
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	-9,691	-16,604	-3,122	-6,274	-9,396	-3,309	-3,899	-4,400	-5,300	-9,700

<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, 1999 - 2000**

	1999			Jan - Mar 2000			Apr - Jun 2000 <sup>1</sup>			Jan - Jun 2000 <sup>1</sup>		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
<b>IMPORTS</b>												
Value (Rs million)	2,674	457	3,131	584	77	661	657	100	757	1,241	177	1,418
Volume (Tonne)	39,210	9,456	48,666	10,174	1,640	11,814	11,305	2,441	13,746	21,479	4,081	25,560
	1999			Jan - Mar 2000			Apr - Jun 2000 <sup>1</sup>			Jan - Jun 2000 <sup>1</sup>		
	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total	Sea & Air	Sourced locally	Total
<b>RE-EXPORTS</b>												
Value (Rs million)	3,110	279	3,389	993	74	1,067	787	79	866	1,780	153	1,933
Volume (Tonne)	46,341	3,554	49,895	12,026	1,008	13,034	11,174	938	12,112	23,200	1,946	25,146

**Table 3 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade,  
1996 - 2000**

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade*
		Export	Import	
<b>Base year : 1992 = 100</b>				
1996		134	135	99
1997		140	138	101
<b>Base year : 1997 = 100</b>				
1997		100	100	100
1998		114	106	108
1999		113	112	101
1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	113	113	100
	2nd Qr	114	110	104
	3rd Qr	113	113	100
	4th Qr	113	114	99
2000 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	116	116	100
	2nd Qr	114	115	99

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 4 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1999 - 2000**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1997 = 100					
		Price indices					
		1997	1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000		
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>114</b>
0 - Food and live animals	2,885	100	114	111	119	139	129
<i>of which:</i>							
<i>Sugar</i>	2,415	100	115	111	120	147	137
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	93	100	120	118	134	112	124
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	47	100	107	110	109	115	117
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	683	100	105	112	98	104	98
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,292	100	114	114	113	107	109

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 5 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1999 - 2000**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1997 = 100					
		Price indices					
		1997	1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000		
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>
0 - Food and live animals	1,431	100	105	109	107	103	101
1 - Beverages and tobacco	62	100	105	96	112	98	101
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	368	100	104	105	106	91	93
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	815	100	104	78	92	148	152
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	114	100	106	126	103	92	82
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	784	100	118	119	115	117	110
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	3,510	100	109	111	108	110	110
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	2,022	100	121	125	117	129	124
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	894	100	126	127	123	118	121

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 6 - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

S.I.T.C section/description	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>		1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
					1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
Domestic exports	37,762	37,705			8,122	8,914	17,036	9,911	10,758	6,959	7,943	14,902
0 - Food and live animals	10,589	9,142			2,162	1,295	3,457	2,897	2,788	654	659	1,313
of which :												
Cane Sugar												
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)	602	534			127	61	188	175	171	15	17	32
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	8,907	7,602			1,807	890	2,697	2,515	2,390	274	300	574
Cane Molasses												
Quantity: (Thousand tonne)	133	59			-	19	19	16	24	-	-	-
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	70	26			-	7	7	5	14	-	-	-
Fish and fish preparations												
Quantity: (Tonne)	13,019	15,149			3,353	3,818	7,171	4,118	3,860	4,201	4,354	8,555
Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees	972	969			217	262	479	260	230	219	234	453
1 - Beverages and tobacco	88	13			3	2	5	4	4	3	2	5
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	334	299			93	9	102	50	147	60	54	114
of which :												
Cut flowers and foliage	136	124			35	28	63	23	38	35	26	61
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	14	1			-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	203	242			67	51	118	64	60	58	96	154
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,323	2,767			612	676	1,288	738	741	720	745	1,465
of which :												
Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles	1,483	1,732			420	416	836	434	462	447	431	878
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	473	625			108	150	258	195	172	187	209	396
Corks & wood manufactures	34	40			10	13	23	9	8	5	6	11

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 6 (cont'd) - Domestic exports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000**

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

S.I.T.C section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>					2000 <sup>1</sup>		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
			7 - Machinery and transport equipment	129	123	38	47	85	22	16
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	24,079	25,114	5,145	6,752	11,897	6,134	7,083	5,444	6,361	11,805
of which :										
Articles of apparel & clothing accessories	22,151	23,210	4,740	6,261	11,001	5,635	6,574	4,975	5,850	10,825
Optical goods, n.e.s.	238	206	52	61	113	48	45	46	49	95
Travel goods ,handbags & similar containers	53	78	18	19	37	19	22	17	18	35
Watches & clocks	572	553	118	121	239	150	164	131	134	265
Toys, games & sporting goods	150	208	53	53	106	59	43	37	49	86
Jewellery goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares	382	386	81	105	186	92	108	112	140	252
Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	90	82	17	22	39	21	22	22	23	45
9 - Commodities & transactions not elsewhere classified	3	4	3	-	3	-	1	-	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7 - Total exports<sup>1</sup> by countries of destination, 1998 - 2000

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of destination	1998			1999 <sup>2</sup>			2000 <sup>2</sup>			
	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	1998	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>39,160</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>8,430</b>	<b>17,743</b>	<b>10,321</b>	<b>11,096</b>	<b>7,267</b>	<b>8,273</b>	<b>15,540</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>38,127</b>	<b>37,862</b>	<b>8,982</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>17,146</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>7,003</b>	<b>7,984</b>	<b>14,987</b>
(a) European union countries	(28,333)	(27,527)	(6,203)	(5,926)	(12,129)	(7,364)	(8,034)	(4,628)	(5,419)	(10,047)
Austria	77	114	27	27	54	31	29	22	10	32
Belgium	782	949	229	254	483	253	213	237	224	461
Finland	12	211	1	207	208	3	-	2	5	7
France	6,995	7,262	2,034	1,449	3,483	1,473	2,306	1,491	2,117	3,608
Germany	2,219	1,725	451	336	787	515	423	287	355	642
Italy	1,407	1,249	267	310	577	252	420	340	290	630
Netherlands	900	943	251	203	454	256	233	160	111	271
Portugal	989	460	5	192	197	259	4	10	3	13
Reunion	549	595	148	123	271	153	171	119	158	277
Spain	935	994	239	148	387	299	308	171	207	378
Sweden	151	114	30	24	54	28	32	48	43	91
United Kingdom	13,203	12,798	2,501	2,626	5,127	3,819	3,852	1,697	1,869	3,566
Other	114	113	20	27	47	23	43	44	27	71
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(9,794)</b>	<b>(10,335)</b>	<b>(2,779)</b>	<b>(2,238)</b>	<b>(5,017)</b>	<b>(2,632)</b>	<b>(2,686)</b>	<b>(2,375)</b>	<b>(2,565)</b>	<b>(4,940)</b>
Australia	82	86	23	18	41	25	20	19	26	45
Canada	266	251	88	46	134	77	40	52	64	116
Comoro Islands	26	15	3	4	7	3	5	3	4	7
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) <sup>3</sup>	199	174	38	48	86	38	50	76	46	122
India	169	61	14	11	25	23	13	13	14	27
Kenya	132	76	16	18	34	26	16	21	18	39
Malagasy, Republic of	1,629	1,894	471	484	955	484	455	463	475	938
Malawi	38	28	6	13	19	1	8	15	11	26
Malaysia	13	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	3
Seychelles	107	122	25	17	42	41	39	40	28	68
Singapore	92	51	24	6	30	12	9	14	10	24
South Africa, Republic of	184	187	51	26	77	60	50	52	40	92
Tanzania	71	60	12	8	20	21	19	8	19	27
Uganda	18	13	2	6	8	3	2	8	3	11
U.S.A.	6,505	7,030	1,952	1,479	3,431	1,728	1,871	1,493	1,690	3,183
Zimbabwe	150	114	32	14	35	42	37	29	32	61
Other	113	169	39	39	71	47	51	67	84	151
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>553</b>
Japan	242	207	46	39	85	70	52	39	34	73
Norway	34	32	7	7	14	5	13	9	14	23
Switzerland	525	556	149	128	277	135	144	109	120	229
Taiwan	19	31	11	5	16	9	6	6	4	10
United Arab Emirates	51	66	21	1	22	3	41	4	38	42
Other	331	406	97	86	1830	103	120	97	79	176

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's stores & Bunkers<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China



**Table 8 - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000**

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

SITC section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>56,629</b>	<b>11,711</b>	<b>15,810</b>	<b>27,521</b>	<b>13,839</b>	<b>15,269</b>	<b>11,973</b>	<b>13,885</b>	<b>25,858</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>6,826</b>	<b>6,761</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>3,317</b>
Meat and meat preparations	733	629	124	133	257	162	210	160	168	328
Dairy products and bird's eggs	1,038	1,092	282	249	531	276	285	288	219	507
Fish and fish preparations	1,113	793	180	282	462	151	180	242	238	480
Wheat	504	488	132	119	251	107	130	117	128	245
Rice	556	764	197	134	331	222	211	166	164	330
Wheaten flour	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cereal preparations	235	248	57	55	112	55	81	53	59	112
Vegetables and fruits	850	951	205	259	464	225	262	232	265	497
Other	1,683	1,796	454	376	830	383	583	425	393	818
<b>1 - Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>134</b>
Beverages	275	437	74	89	163	85	189	54	50	104
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	37	90	14	30	44	22	24	8	22	30
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>793</b>
Cork and wood	367	414	88	96	184	128	102	102	85	187
Textile fibres	1,098	748	217	196	413	162	173	198	218	416
Other	466	505	104	158	262	131	112	83	107	190

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

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

SITC section/description	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>		1999 <sup>1</sup>						2000 <sup>1</sup>			
					1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun		
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>2,744</b>				
Refined petroleum products	2,636	3,506	564	799	1,363	895	1,248	1,088	1,297	2,385				
Gas, natural and manufactured	324	379	59	80	139	105	135	108	123	231				
Other	185	161	1	66	67	34	60	50	78	128				
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>261</b>				
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	472	444	155	131	286	64	94	82	129	211				
Other	122	125	41	34	75	33	17	29	21	50				
<b>5 - Chemicals &amp; related products</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,993</b>				
Dyeing & tanning materials	519	498	108	134	242	123	133	118	134	252				
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	785	746	200	186	386	180	180	202	205	407				
Fertilisers	170	175	47	37	84	28	63	57	41	98				
Plastics in primary forms	409	408	83	92	175	114	119	100	119	219				
Plastics in non-primary forms	281	317	62	75	137	86	94	87	77	164				
Other	1,726	1,738	383	366	749	432	557	367	486	853				
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>17,251</b>	<b>17,036</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>8,125</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>3,717</b>	<b>4,727</b>	<b>8,444</b>				
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	851	879	185	218	403	218	258	240	264	504				
Textile yarn	4,063	4,412	1,097	1,146	2,243	1,069	1,100	945	1,172	2,117				
Cotton fabrics	3,153	2,813	606	722	1,328	791	694	695	969	1,664				
Other textile fabrics	3,467	3,157	718	880	1,598	808	751	621	854	1,475				
Cement	969	596	123	162	285	157	154	150	193	343				
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	674	828	237	156	393	203	232	205	247	452				
Iron and steel	1,286	1,121	231	304	535	311	275	243	253	496				
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	1,032	1,228	244	287	531	347	350	234	317	551				
Other	1,756	2,002	371	438	809	517	676	384	458	842				

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

Table 8 (cont'd) - Total imports of main commodities by section, 1998 - 2000

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

SITC section/description	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>					2000 <sup>1</sup>		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>17,145</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>6,284</b>	<b>9,425</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>6,096</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	918	1,117	314	139	453	275	389	379	104	483
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,895	2,488	548	859	1,407	556	525	523	658	1,181
General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s., & machine parts, n.e.s	1,823	1,803	428	417	845	491	467	443	493	936
Office machines & automatic data processing machines	869	1,097	225	264	489	306	302	192	355	547
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus & equipment	866	1,700	238	343	581	587	532	322	400	722
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances, n.e.s., & electrical parts of household type	1,407	1,898	429	436	865	443	590	376	377	753
Road vehicles	2,764	4,092	903	1,064	1,967	1,064	1,061	594	763	1,357
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	741	2,876	46	2,738	2,784	62	30	29	49	78
Other	86	74	10	24	34	15	25	20	19	39
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>2,030</b>
Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures & fittings, n.e.s	370	281	50	57	107	96	78	54	71	125
Articles of apparel and clothing	439	482	78	109	187	143	152	86	120	206
Footwear	161	171	24	33	57	42	72	23	35	58
Professional, scientific & controlling instruments & apparatus, n.e.s	267	584	68	88	156	256	172	115	123	238
Watches and clocks & optical goods	622	602	144	132	276	153	173	116	107	223
Printed matter	417	425	98	90	188	92	145	106	109	215
Articles n.e.s., of plastic	562	596	112	141	253	157	186	125	169	294
Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares, n.e.s	380	379	89	61	150	73	156	89	75	164
Other	1,015	1,322	224	287	511	358	453	221	286	507
<b>9 - Commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s.</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>

<sup>1</sup>Provisional

Table 9 - Imports of selected commodities, 1998 - 2000

C o m m o d i t y	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000 <sup>1</sup>					
					1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000 <sup>1</sup>			
	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
<b>Rice :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	63	83	26	12	38	21	24	19	18	37
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	556	764	197	131	328	223	213	166	164	330
<b>Wheaten flour :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wheat :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	123	140	34	35	69	33	38	34	40	74
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	504	488	132	119	251	106	131	117	128	245
<b>Dairy products :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	19	20	5	4	9	5	6	6	5	11
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,038	1,092	282	249	531	276	285	288	219	507
<b>Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	28	32	10	10	20	5	7	7	12	19
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	472	444	155	131	286	64	94	82	129	211
<b>Fertilisers manufactured :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	43	43	11	10	21	6	16	15	9	24
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	170	175	47	37	84	28	63	57	41	98
<b>Cotton fabrics</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	16	15	3	4	7	4	4	4	5	9
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	3,153	2,813	606	722	1,328	791	694	495	969	1,464
<b>Cement :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	665	584	125	164	289	159	136	144	185	329
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	969	596	123	162	285	157	154	150	193	343
<b>Iron and steel :</b>										
Quantity: (Thousand tonnes)	104	105	18	25	43	33	29	23	21	44
Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees	1,286	1,121	231	304	535	311	275	246	244	490

Table 10 - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 2000

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

Country of origin	1998			1999 <sup>1</sup>			2000 <sup>1</sup>				
	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>56,629</b>	<b>56,629</b>	<b>11,711</b>	<b>15,810</b>	<b>27,521</b>	<b>13,839</b>	<b>15,268</b>	<b>11,973</b>	<b>13,885</b>	<b>25,858</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>36,080</b>	<b>40,756</b>	<b>40,756</b>	<b>8,399</b>	<b>11,767</b>	<b>20,166</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>9,703</b>	<b>18,590</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(15,016)</b>	<b>(18,460)</b>	<b>(18,460)</b>	<b>(3,481)</b>	<b>(6,648)</b>	<b>(10,129)</b>	<b>(4,057)</b>	<b>(4,274)</b>	<b>(3,457)</b>	<b>(3,726)</b>	<b>(7,183)</b>
Austria	80	92	92	11	24	35	30	27	29	59	88
Belgium	778	1,187	1,187	211	362	573	271	343	208	214	422
Denmark	201	159	159	52	29	81	37	41	60	54	114
Finland	93	74	74	12	19	31	25	18	14	15	29
France	5,527	8,345	8,345	1,275	3,989	5,264	1,553	1,528	1,228	1,314	2,542
Germany	2,056	2,155	2,155	442	614	1,056	580	519	473	561	1,034
Greece	30	19	19	3	5	8	6	5	2	4	6
Ireland	264	200	200	52	55	107	38	55	31	38	69
Italy	1,823	2,001	2,001	411	517	928	527	546	331	538	869
Luxembourg	146	6	6	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	2
Netherlands	312	505	505	108	86	194	129	182	187	108	295
Portugal	66	110	110	33	20	53	30	27	20	34	54
Reunion	40	56	56	9	15	24	17	15	12	10	22
Spain	881	822	822	198	272	470	152	200	356	189	545
Sweden	135	142	142	26	39	65	27	50	42	39	81
United Kingdom	2,584	2,587	2,587	637	600	1,237	634	716	463	548	1,011
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(21,064)</b>	<b>(22,296)</b>	<b>(22,296)</b>	<b>(4,918)</b>	<b>(5,118)</b>	<b>(10,036)</b>	<b>(5,953)</b>	<b>(6,306)</b>	<b>(5,430)</b>	<b>(5,977)</b>	<b>(11,407)</b>
Australia	1,694	1,836	1,836	437	467	904	430	502	449	516	965
Bahamas	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	126	51	51	11	14	25	15	11	17	30	47
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) <sup>2</sup>	2,499	2,131	2,131	547	495	1,042	532	557	455	523	978
India	4,617	4,715	4,715	1,093	1,036	2,129	1,273	1,313	1,027	1,221	2,248
Kenya	177	194	194	31	62	93	57	44	12	23	35
Malagasy, Republic of	747	596	596	117	114	231	171	194	147	126	273
Malaysia	1,419	1,914	1,914	352	471	823	544	547	345	444	789
Myanmar (ex Burma)	12	22	22	10	5	15	4	3	-	-	-
New Zealand	458	375	375	108	85	193	89	93	105	98	203
Nigeria	4	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1
Pakistan	725	711	711	119	196	315	177	219	170	154	324
Russian Federation	62	69	69	8	-	8	17	44	42	5	47
Singapore	1,112	1,062	1,062	234	240	474	261	327	232	269	501
South Africa, Republic of	5,172	6,165	6,165	1,251	1,454	2,705	1,667	1,793	1,856	1,933	3,789
Sri Lanka	29	38	38	5	9	14	12	12	11	12	23
Swaziland	138	133	133	29	30	59	35	39	28	30	58
Ukraine	4	27	27	27	-	27	-	-	1	-	1

<sup>1</sup>Provisional<sup>2</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 10 (cont'd) - Imports by countries of origin, 1998 - 2000**

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

Country of origin	1998		1999 <sup>1</sup>				2000 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan - Jun
	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>								
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries (cont'd)										
U. S. A.	1,635	1,882	480	357	837	595	450	434	382	816
Zambia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	132	190	11	32	43	46	101	53	43	96
Other	287	183	48	51	99	27	57	46	167	213
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>13,662</b>	<b>15,873</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>4,044</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>4,688</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>7,268</b>
Argentina	542	674	187	172	359	100	215	149	185	334
Bahrain	598	881	53	-	53	294	534	246	409	655
Brazil	128	37	10	9	19	8	10	7	38	45
Burkina Faso	180	155	20	82	102	40	13	21	47	68
Cameroon	74	112	34	19	53	48	11	5	4	9
Central Africa	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile	39	29	10	10	20	4	5	9	5	14
China	2,601	3,231	692	771	1,463	893	875	867	1,181	2,048
Cote D' Ivoire	106	25	1	4	5	7	13	2	2	4
Indonesia	1,054	839	159	161	320	205	314	208	268	476
Israel	136	176	53	43	96	8	72	39	42	81
Japan	2,530	3,411	819	931	1,750	840	821	492	518	1,010
Jordan	19	14	-	11	11	-	3	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	1,091	873	159	152	311	153	409	140	340	480
Macau	30	15	6	1	7	1	7	1	1	2
Mali	200	173	64	22	86	43	44	80	41	121
Mexico	30	19	7	6	13	1	5	1	2	3
Morocco	45	60	17	11	28	15	17	15	17	32
Norway	14	17	5	5	10	4	3	4	6	10
Panama	23	6	2	-	2	1	3	1	1	2
Philippines	39	84	7	10	17	23	44	10	7	17
Saudi Arabia	1,033	1,273	219	624	843	243	187	3	189	192
Switzerland	948	941	223	263	486	209	246	198	206	404
Taiwan	1,222	1,183	207	348	555	321	307	230	298	528
Thailand	517	782	153	200	353	175	254	173	177	350
Turkey	63	64	5	13	18	20	26	5	10	15
United Arab Emirates	116	382	41	80	121	87	174	125	143	268
Other	255	417	159	96	255	86	76	55	45	100

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 11 - Trade with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States, 1999 - 2000**

Value: Thousand Rupees

ACP States	1999 <sup>1</sup>		2000 <sup>1</sup>					
	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	1st Qr		2nd Qr		Jan-Jun	
			Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)	Imports : value(c.i.f.)	Exports <sup>2</sup> : value(f.o.b)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,716,244</b>	<b>2,438,974</b>	<b>345,485</b>	<b>614,263</b>	<b>376,392</b>	<b>639,608</b>	<b>721,877</b>	<b>1,253,871</b>
Angola	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benin	13	1,309	-	13	-	494	-	507
Botswana	7,323	7,512	2	2,834	2	7,310	4	10,144
Burkina Faso	154,595	4,068	21,491	11	47,293	719	68,784	730
Burundi	-	19,342	-	45	-	247	-	292
Cameroon	112,375	1,752	4,697	5	4,073	914	8,770	919
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	11	-	11	-
Central African Rep	-	1,914	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chad	26	-	-	-	15	-	15	-
Comoros Islands	3	14,722	-	3,205	5	3,616	5	6,821
Congo	7,067	53	1,412	-	1,120	249	2,532	249
Cote D'Ivoire	24,924	23,805	2,169	118	1,581	8,074	3,750	8,192
D.R Congo	9,346	565	4,815	-	-	-	4,815	-
Djibouti	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	23
Ethiopia	639	187	116	-	154	13	270	13
Gabon	15	2,122	16	582	-	1,546	16	2,128
Gambia	321	134	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	-	1,060	-	767	1	36	1	803
Guinea	118	-	-	-	555	8	555	8
Guinea Bissau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenya	193,743	76,286	11,702	21,376	23,331	17,504	35,033	38,880
Lesotho	-	-	-	4,076	-	-	-	4,076
Liberia	1	314	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malagasy, Rep of	595,609	1,894,473	147,307	462,634	126,041	475,307	273,348	937,941
Malawi	7	28,186	11,874	14,724	11,613	11,209	23,487	25,933
Mali	173,160	464	80,325	414	40,539	-	120,864	414
Mauritania	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	97,492	22,019	159	1,903	20,756	2,840	20,915	4,743
Niger	226	-	114	35	124	-	238	35
Nigeria	1,869	291	7	12,143	934	-	941	12,143
Rwanda	-	17,072	-	935	-	26,391	-	27,326
Senegal	1,318	4,418	291	1,915	286	-	577	1,915
Seychelles	9,622	122,490	5,444	40,210	18,230	28,065	23,674	68,275
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
Sudan	7	101	-	-	3,585	-	3,585	-
Swaziland	133,352	129	-	-	30,422	290	30,422	290
Tanzania	3,382	59,865	239	8,501	2,975	19,027	3,214	27,528
Togo	-	38	-	-	74	12	74	12
Uganda	64	13,081	-	8,523	-	3,028	-	11,551
Zambia	46	7,383	60	181	119	258	179	439
Zimbabwe	189,559	113,751	53,245	29,090	42,550	32,451	95,795	61,541

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Total Exports excluding Ships' stores & bunkers