

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises

1st Quarter 2007

1. Introduction

The Central Statistics Office conducts a "Quarterly Survey of Employment" among the EPZ and Pioneer Status Enterprises to provide up-to-date data on the evolution of the workforce in the different industry sub-groups. This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents the results of the survey carried out at the end of March 2007. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, the latter being "small and medium" enterprises engaged mainly in activities involving the application of high technology.

The Indicator also includes provisional figures on EPZ imports and exports for the 1st quarter 2007 as well as revised figures for previous years. Table 1.1 shows the main indicators of the EPZ sector for the period 1996 to 2006.

It is to be noted that following the promulgation of the Finance Act 2006, no distinction is now being made between the EPZ and other manufacturing enterprises. The Office will have to review this publication accordingly. However, during a transitional period till the second quarter of 2007, it will continue to provide data as contained in this indicator.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 *Number of enterprises*

The number of enterprises at the end of the 1st quarter of 2007 stood at 411 compared to 434 at the end of December 2006 and 484 a year ago.

During the 1st quarter, 23 enterprises closed down of which 3 in "Wearing apparel", 6 in "Flowers" and 7 in "Other manufacturing".

In "Wearing apparel", the most important group in the EPZ, the number of enterprises at the end of March 2007 stood at 180 compared to 183 at the end of December 2006, and 207 a year ago. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.2.

2.2 *Employment evolution, 1st quarter 2007*

Employment in the EPZ increased by 1,317 from 64,609 (24,571 males and 40,038 females) at the end of December 2006 to 65,926 (25,673 males and 40,253 females) at the end of March 2007. Female employment went up by 215 and male employment by 1,102 (Table 1.4).

As shown in Table 1.5, during the first quarter of 2007, a total of 2,783 jobs were created through expansion in existing enterprises while 1,466 jobs were lost: 1,319 through reduction in existing enterprises and 147 following the closure of the 23 enterprises.

The "Wearing apparel" group registered an increase of 1,111 in its workforce from 47,733 at the end of the previous quarter to 48,844. Within the group, employment declined by 112 in "pullovers", but increased by 1,223 in "other garments". The "Textile yarn and fabrics" group registered a decrease of 109 while "Food" increased by 106. Details of employment by product group are shown in Tables 1.6 and 1.7.

Foreign workers increased by 1,037 from 15,069 at the end of December 2006 to 16,106 at the end of March 2007 (Table 1.4). Employment went up by 558 among males and

479 among females. Nearly 85% of foreign workers was engaged in the "Wearing apparel" group. Table 1.8 shows expatriate employment by product group and sex.

2.3 Employment evolution, March 2006 – March 2007

Comparison of March 2006 and March 2007 figures shows a decrease of 73 in the number of enterprises and an increase of 375 in the EPZ workforce. Male employment increased by 1,092 while female employment decreased by 717. Expatriate employment went up by 2,109 (Tables 1.4 and 1.8).

In the "Wearing apparel" group, employment increased by 377 from 48,467 to 48,844. Within the group, employment fell by 1,279 in "Pullovers" but improved by 1,656 in "Other garments". Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.7.

2.4 Exports and Imports, 1st quarter 2007

Statistics on imports and exports are compiled from declarations lodged at Customs by importers and exporters. Some of these declarations are, at times, revised at a later period and corrections made accordingly on the computerised database of the Customs Department. Thus while figures for 2004 and 2005 are final, those for the year 2006 and 1st quarter 2007 are subject to revision as and when the Customs Department submits latest amendments to the Central Statistics Office.

Provisional figures show that EPZ exports for the 1st quarter of 2007 amounted to Rs. 8,154 million, that is, 15.3% lower compared to the previous quarter, but 23.0% higher compared to the corresponding quarter of 2006 (Table 1.9).

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing increased by Rs. 1,287 million during the first quarter of 2007 compared to the corresponding period of last year. Significant increases were also registered in exports of "Textile yarn and fabrics" (+Rs. 110 million) and "Fish and fish preparations" (+Rs. 64 million). Other details of EPZ exports by section are shown in Table 1.10.

The United Kingdom, the United States of America and France remain our principal EPZ markets, accounting for Rs. 5,353 million or around 66% of total exports. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2006, increases in exports of Rs. 690 million (+31.3%) to the United Kingdom, Rs. 284 million (+34.7%) to the United States of America and Rs. 97 million (+7.7%) to France were recorded. Exports to the Republic of South Africa went up by 30.4% from Rs. 260 million to Rs. 339 million and that to the Malagasy Republic by 29.0% from Rs. 231 million to Rs. 298 million (Table 1.12).

EPZ imports during the 1st quarter of 2007 amounted to Rs. 4,537 million compared to Rs. 4,075 million for the corresponding quarter of 2006, representing an increase of Rs. 462 million or 11.3%. Imports of raw materials increased by Rs. 306 million (+8.3%) from Rs. 3,667 million to Rs. 3,973 million and that of machinery and equipment by Rs. 156 million (+38.2%) from Rs. 408 million to Rs. 564 million.

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to Rs. 3,617 million and its ratio to total EPZ exports works out to around 44% compared to 39% in the corresponding quarter of 2006 (Table 1.9).

It is to be noted that the above figures do not include transactions of the EPZ with the Freeport. EPZ sales to the Freeport are considered as local sales. It was valued at Rs. 725 million for the 1st quarter in 2007 compared to Rs. 614 million for the previous

quarter and Rs. 581 million for the corresponding period of 2006. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 Number of enterprises

During the 1st quarter 2007, one existing enterprise closed down, bringing the total number of PSE's to 262. Among the enterprises, 78 were "large", that is, having 10 or more employees. The highest number of enterprises was in "Other support services" (61), followed by "Light engineering" (47) and "Informatics" (43). Further details are given in Table 2.1.

3.2 Employment

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 2007 was 3,520 (2,736 males and 784 females) showing a decrease of 19 compared to the figure of 3,539 (2,691 males and 848 females) at the end of the previous quarter. The "large" enterprises employed 3,049 against 2,990 at the end of December 2006.

Table 2.4 shows that during the 1st quarter 2007, a total of 232 jobs were created by 51 existing enterprises. On the other hand, 60 enterprises reported a total reduction of 250 in their workforce. Job loss due to the closure of one enterprise numbered 1.

The number of expatriates employed in the PSE decreased by 14 during the 1st quarter 2007 to reach 201 compared to 215 at the end of December 2006 and 242 a year ago.

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1996 - 2006, EPZ Sector

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u> ¹	<u>2005</u> ²	<u>2006</u> ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	481	480	495	512	518	522	506	506	501	506	434
- New	43	26	48	37	34	24	9	23	20	24	9
- Closures	43	27	33	20	28	20	25	23	25	19	81
2. Employment as at December	79,793	83,391	90,116	91,374	90,682	87,607	87,204	77,623	68,022	66,931	64,609
- Net change	-673	+3,598	+6,725	+1,258	-692	-3,075	-403	-9,581	-9,601	-1,091	-2,322
- Growth rate (%)	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1	+1.4	-0.8	-3.4	-0.5	-11.0	-12.4	-1.6	-3.6
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	21,001	23,049	26,075	29,131	30,961	33,695	32,683	31,444	32,046	28,954	33,707
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million):	12,077	13,880	16,179	15,735	16,399	17,140	16,909	15,579	17,195	15,518	19,044
- Raw materials	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)	(13,891)	(14,700)	(15,637)	(15,251)	(14,079)	(14,734)	(13,658)	(16,809)
- Machinery & spare parts	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)	(1,844)	(1,699)	(1,503)	(1,658)	(1,500)	(2,461)	(1,860)	(2,235)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	8,924	9,169	9,896	13,396	14,562	16,555	15,774	15,865	14,851	13,436	14,663
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	42.5	39.8	38.0	46.0	47.0	49.1	48.3	50.4	46.3	46.4	43.5
7. Value added¹ at basic prices (Rs Million)	8,202	9,179	10,510	11,697	12,523	13,681	13,600	13,171	13,140	12,108	13,694
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	49.6	49.8	50.4	52.1	50.7	49.9	48.1	44.5	41.2	37.9	37.7
- Share in GDP(%)	12.0	12.1	11.9	12.5	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.6	8.6	7.5	7.5
8. Annual Growth rate of Value added (%)	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9	+6.0	+6.0	+4.4	-6.0	-6.0	-6.8	-12.3	+4.6
9. Investment (Rs Million)	930	1,245	1,445	1,755	1,702	1,758	1,468	1,418	2,508	2,376	2,375
- Machinery	(915)	(1,200)	(1,355)	(1,635)	(1,557)	(1,444)	(1,445)	(1,342)	(1,888)	(1,609)	(2,031)

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.2:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 2006 - March 2007, EPZ Sector

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	March 2006	December 2006	March 2007	Dec. 06 to Mar. 07	Mar. 06 to Mar. 07
1. Food	13	13	13	0	0
2. Flowers	32	31	25	-6	-7
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	44	39	36	-3	-8
4. Wearing apparel:	207	183	180	-3	-27
Pullovers	(28)	(20)	(20)	(-0)	(-8)
Other garments	(179)	(163)	(160)	(-3)	(-19)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	6	6	0	-2
6. Wood and paper products	24	19	16	-3	-8
7. Optical goods	5	3	3	0	-2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	5	5	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	9	7	7	0	-2
10. Jewellery and related articles	37	35	34	-1	-3
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	4	4	0	-2
12. Other	94	89	82	-7	-12
TOTAL	484	434	411	-23	-73

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures: Year 2006 and 1st quarter 2007, EPZ Sector

Product group	Year 2006				1st quarter 2007			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Flowers	-	-	6	54	-	-	6	19
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	-	-	7	31	-	-	3	53
4. Wearing apparel:	5	823	39	1,853	-	-	3	3
Pullovers	(0)	(0)	(8)	(3)	-	-	(-)	(-)
Other garments	(5)	(823)	(31)	(1,850)	-	-	(3)	(3)
5. Leather products and footwear	-	-	3	42	-	-	-	-
6. Wood and paper products	-	-	7	67	-	-	3	3
7. Optical goods	-	-	2	57	-	-	-	-
8. Electronic watches and clocks	1	11	1	57	-	-	-	-
9. Electric and electronic products	-	-	2	32	-	-	-	-
10. Jewellery and related articles	1	3	2	21	-	-	1	1
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	2	197	-	-	-	-
12. Other	2	21	10	122	-	-	7	68
TOTAL	9	858	81	2,533	-	-	23	147

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: March 2006 - March 2007, EPZ Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment (end of period)								
	Number as at			March 06			December 06			March 07		
	Mar. 06	Dec. 06	Mar. 07	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	183	135	118	261	197	458	202	139	341	177	137	314
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	301	299	293	24,286	40,518	64,804	24,302	39,653	63,955	25,426	39,864	65,290
Outworkers	–	–	–	34	255	289	67	246	313	70	252	322
TOTAL	484	434	411	24,581	40,970	65,551	24,571	40,038	64,609	25,673	40,253	65,926
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	–	–	–	6,437	7,560	13,997	7,250	7,819	15,069	7,808	8,298	16,106

Table 1.5:- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment, 1st Quarter 2007

	Evolution 1st quarter 2007	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	2,783
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	22	2,783
New enterprises
B. Total employment loss:	...	1,466
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	9	1,319
Closures	23	147
C. Net change (A-B)	...	1,317
Male	...	1,102
Female	...	215

¹No. of enterprises relates to those reporting expansion/reduction in their workforce by more than 25 while employment is total expansion/reduction

Table 1.6:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2006 - March 2007, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 2006				March 2007			
	No of Enterprises	Employment			No of Enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Food	13	1,184	2,665	3,849	13	1,161	2,752	3,913
2. Flowers	32	116	183	299	25	105	167	272
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	44	3,654	1,795	5,449	36	3,587	1,879	5,466
4. Wearing apparel:	207	16,622	31,845	48,467	180	17,682	31,162	48,844
Pullovers	(28)	(2,134)	(4,614)	(6,748)	(20)	(2,139)	(3,330)	(5,469)
Other garments	(179)	(14,488)	(27,231)	(41,719)	(160)	(15,543)	(27,832)	(43,375)
5. Leather products and footwear	8	134	477	611	6	100	428	528
6. Wood and paper products	24	474	160	634	16	412	157	569
7. Optical goods	5	184	184	368	3	195	185	380
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	272	453	725	5	303	414	717
9. Electric and electronic products	9	97	326	423	7	105	374	479
10. Jewellery and related articles	37	647	1,083	1,730	34	729	1,068	1,797
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	71	513	584	4	33	327	360
12. Other	94	1,126	1,286	2,412	82	1,261	1,340	2,601
TOTAL	484	24,581	40,970	65,551	411	25,673	40,253	65,926

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: March 2006 - March 2007, EPZ Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 06	Dec. 06	Mar. 07	Dec. 06 to Mar. 07	Mar. 06 to Mar. 07
1. Food	3,849	3,807	3,913	106	64
2. Flowers	299	288	272	-16	-27
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	5,449	5,575	5,466	-109	17
4. Wearing apparel:	48,467	47,733	48,844	1,111	377
Pullovers	(6,748)	(5,581)	(5,469)	(-112)	(-1,279)
Other garments	(41,719)	(42,152)	(43,375)	(1,223)	(1,656)
5. Leather products and footwear	611	527	528	1	-83
6. Wood and paper products	634	595	569	-26	-65
7. Optical goods	368	323	380	57	12
8. Electronic watches and clocks	725	683	717	34	-8
9. Electric and electronic products	423	417	479	62	56
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,730	1,730	1,797	67	67
11. Toys and carnival articles	584	350	360	10	-224
12. Other	2,412	2,581	2,601	20	189
TOTAL	65,551	64,609	65,926	1,317	375

Table 1.8:- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 2006 - March 2007, EPZ Sector

Product group	March 2006			March 2007		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	130	708	838	187	764	951
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	904	345	1,249	927	425	1,352
4. Wearing apparel:	5,257	6,486	11,743	6,544	7,099	13,643
Pullovers	(498)	(572)	(1,070)	(757)	(393)	(1,150)
Other garments	(4,759)	(5,914)	(10,673)	(5,787)	(6,706)	(12,493)
5. Leather products and footwear	1	1	2	0	1	1
6. Wood and paper products	10	1	11	9	1	10
7. Optical goods	2	1	3	1	1	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	1	0	1	4	0	4
9. Electric and electronic products	3	1	4	3	1	4
10. Jewellery and related articles	55	3	58	57	2	59
11. Toys and carnival articles	0	0	0	1	0	1
12. Other	74	14	88	75	4	79
TOTAL	6,437	7,560	13,997	7,808	8,298	16,106

Table 1.9:- Net EPZ exports, 2005 - 2007

Value: Million Rupees

	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ¹				2007 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	28,954	33,707	6,629	8,861	8,589	9,628	8,154
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	15,518	19,044	4,075	4,915	4,879	5,175	4,537
<i>Raw materials</i>	<i>(13,658)</i>	<i>(16,809)</i>	<i>(3,667)</i>	<i>(4,219)</i>	<i>(4,319)</i>	<i>(4,604)</i>	<i>(3,973)</i>
<i>Machinery</i>	<i>(1,860)</i>	<i>(2,235)</i>	<i>(408)</i>	<i>(696)</i>	<i>(560)</i>	<i>(571)</i>	<i>(564)</i>
Net Exports (A - B)	13,436	14,663	2,554	3,946	3,710	4,453	3,617
Net Exports as % of total exports	46	44	39	45	43	46	44

¹ Provisional

Table 1.10:- EPZ exports of selected commodities by section, 2005 - 2007

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ¹				2007 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	28,954	33,707	6,629	8,861	8,589	9,628	8,154
0 - Food and live animals of which :	3,613	5,378	1,040	1,461	1,450	1,427	1,112
Fish & fish preparations	3,141	4,958	943	1,374	1,313	1,328	1,007
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	96	92	24	17	24	27	27
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	123	151	23	41	44	43	43
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material of which :	3,191	3,434	776	910	906	842	911
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,404	1,633	365	444	420	404	475
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	1,394	1,375	312	356	376	331	329
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	200	139	25	35	24	55	38
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which :	21,710	24,439	4,719	6,371	6,128	7,221	6,017
Articles of apparel and clothing	19,194	21,774	4,141	5,719	5,515	6,399	5,428
Optical goods	147	203	50	59	35	59	36
Watches and clocks	415	404	103	125	93	83	128
Toys, games and sporting goods	137	126	23	34	32	37	24
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	852	834	178	188	192	276	180
Other sections	21	74	22	26	13	13	6

¹ Provisional

Table 1.11:- EPZ imports of selected commodities by section, 2005 - 2007

Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ¹				2007 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	15,518	19,044	4,075	4,915	4,879	5,175	4,537
0 - Food and live animals	1,731	3,185	601	794	829	961	548
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,160	1,691	541	394	401	355	518
of which :							
Cotton	729	1,108	462	224	202	220	387
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	22	38	3	13	18	4	6
Wool and other animal hair	318	437	59	136	131	111	99
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	628	699	155	189	157	198	191
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8,444	9,357	1,955	2,395	2,437	2,570	2,218
of which :							
Leather	128	169	30	40	40	59	57
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,543	6,326	1,284	1,715	1,693	1,634	1,384
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	1,589	1,651	380	339	412	520	448
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,860	2,235	408	696	560	571	564
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,568	1,695	372	417	459	447	405
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	231	230	54	57	50	69	66
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	385	367	87	92	128	60	74
Other sections	126	181	43	29	36	73	93

¹ Provisional

Table 1.12:- EPZ exports by country of destination, 2005 - 2007

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of destination	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ¹				2007 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	28,954	33,707	6,629	8,861	8,589	9,628	8,154
Europe	21,351	26,015	5,075	6,876	6,500	7,564	6,179
Austria	133	83	26	17	24	16	24
Belgium	1,279	1,433	264	387	405	377	375
France	6,045	6,593	1,259	1,797	1,563	1,974	1,356
Germany	730	926	166	227	226	307	283
Italy	1,190	1,835	368	506	380	581	445
Netherlands	550	743	175	162	162	244	212
Portugal	188	142	26	35	31	50	38
Spain	898	1,749	310	458	466	515	263
Switzerland	552	551	144	163	131	113	151
United Kingdom	9,208	11,436	2,204	2,954	3,013	3,265	2,894
Other	578	524	133	170	99	122	138
Asia	342	255	59	52	52	92	57
China	22	45	9	4	13	19	12
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	53	71	12	12	16	31	13
India	25	21	4	6	8	3	2
Japan	80	34	16	6	6	6	9
Singapore	8	5	1	2	1	1	1
Other	154	79	17	22	8	32	20
Africa	1,847	2,657	611	614	724	708	746
Malagasy, Republic of	773	1,051	231	271	245	304	298
Reunion	329	305	62	79	80	84	64
South Africa, Republic of	466	1,061	260	224	326	251	339
Zimbabwe	12	20	5	-	8	7	7
Other	267	220	53	40	65	62	38
America	5,338	4,688	865	1,287	1,293	1,243	1,157
Canada	71	118	15	29	30	44	17
U.S.A	5,130	4,412	819	1,220	1,228	1,145	1,103
Other	137	158	31	38	35	54	37
Oceania	76	92	19	32	20	21	15
Australia	70	88	19	31	19	19	14
New Zealand	1	4	-	1	1	2	-
Other	5	-	-	-	-	-	1

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 1.13:- EPZ imports by country of origin, 2005 - 2007

Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees

Country of origin	2005	2006 ¹	2006 ¹				2007 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
Total EPZ Imports	15,518	19,044	4,075	4,915	4,879	5,175	4,537
Europe	6,977	8,433	1,665	2,255	2,090	2,423	1,847
Belgium	1,010	1,074	228	243	285	318	260
France	1,927	2,431	449	636	588	758	442
Germany	647	879	184	301	176	218	170
Italy	1,014	1,386	283	302	362	439	260
Netherlands	15	27	6	6	8	7	14
Spain	980	1,121	178	376	257	310	303
Sweden	41	36	1	31	2	2	12
Switzerland	562	673	156	168	180	169	143
United Kingdom	597	527	116	112	154	145	182
Other	184	279	64	80	78	57	61
Asia	6,375	7,111	1,687	1,891	1,763	1,770	1,921
China	2,011	2,146	485	578	524	559	518
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	429	388	99	117	87	85	69
India	2,063	2,784	726	783	682	593	625
Indonesia	383	424	83	102	105	134	115
Japan	187	139	27	30	22	60	78
Korea, Republic of	113	160	24	54	47	35	165
Malaysia	238	119	33	31	27	28	36
Pakistan	308	190	13	55	51	71	76
Singapore	102	87	17	24	24	22	39
Taiwan	223	374	114	61	128	71	91
Thailand	228	242	51	41	62	88	94
Other	90	58	15	15	4	24	15
Africa	1,268	2,438	546	484	729	679	466
Burkina Faso	11	26	-	17	9	-	-
Malagasy, Republic of	118	120	34	25	38	23	39
Mali	35	94	14	-	48	32	18
Seychelles	260	977	242	154	315	266	68
South Africa, Republic of	366	507	89	172	144	102	79
Zambia	241	358	79	66	100	113	124
Other	237	356	88	50	75	143	138
America	494	583	104	145	162	172	199
Brazil	38	28	19	-	-	9	11
U.S.A	448	383	80	75	69	159	183
Other	8	172	5	70	93	4	5
Oceania	403	479	73	140	135	131	104
Australia	311	445	62	134	123	126	101
Micronesia	41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	51	34	11	6	12	5	3

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 2.1:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group, Mar. 2006 - Mar. 2007
Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar.06	Dec.06	Mar.07	Dec.06 - Mar.07	Mar.06 - Mar.07
Informatics	43	43	43	0	0
Electric and electronic products	36	36	35	-1	-1
Light engineering	48	47	47	0	-1
Support to jewellery	3	3	3	0	0
Support to printing and publishing	17	17	17	0	0
Other support services	62	61	61	0	-1
Plastic and rubber product	27	26	26	0	-1
Other	29	30	30	0	1
TOTAL	265	263	262	-1	-3

Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group, Mar. 2006 - Mar. 2007
Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar.06	Dec.06	Mar.07	Dec.06 - Mar.07	Mar.06 - Mar.07
Informatics	442	441	438	-3	-4
Electric and electronic products	230	218	197	-21	-33
Light engineering	941	957	951	-6	10
Support to jewellery	44	46	47	1	3
Support to printing and publishing	341	356	332	-24	-9
Other support services	714	679	688	9	-26
Plastic and rubber products	501	447	448	1	-53
Other	412	395	419	24	7
TOTAL	3,625	3,539	3,520	-19	-105

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: March 2006 - March 2007, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment								
				March 2006			December 2006			March 2007		
	Mar.06	Dec.06	Mar.07	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	42	40	40	1,844	588	2,432	1,819	561	2,380	1,928	540	2,468
10 to < 25	40	39	38	476	160	636	465	145	610	453	128	581
Less than 10	183	184	184	416	141	557	407	142	549	355	116	471
TOTAL	265	263	262	2,736	889	3,625	2,691	848	3,539	2,736	784	3,520
<i>Of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	217	25	242	196	19	215	191	10	201

Table 2.4:- Analysis of net change in employment: 1st quarter 2007, Pioneer Status Enterprises

	Evolution 1st quarter 2007	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	232
Expansion in existing enterprises	51	232
New enterprises	0	0
B. Total employment loss:	...	251
Reduction in existing enterprises	60	250
Closures	1	1
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-19
Male	...	45
Female	...	-64

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2006 - March 2007, Pioneer Status Enterprises

Product group	March 2006				March 2007			
	No. of enterprises	Employment			No. of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Informatics	43	313	129	442	43	292	146	438
Electric and Electronic products	36	151	79	230	35	129	68	197
Light engineering	48	811	130	941	47	868	83	951
Support to jewellery	3	16	28	44	3	37	10	47
Support to printing and publishing	17	239	102	341	17	255	77	332
Other support services	62	450	264	714	61	446	242	688
Plastic and rubber products	27	432	69	501	26	391	57	448
Other	29	324	88	412	30	318	101	419
TOTAL	265	2,736	889	3,625	262	2,736	784	3,520