

Quarterly Export and Import Price Indices

2nd Quarter 2012
(Base year: 2007=100)

1. Introduction

The Export Price Index (EPI) provides an overall measure of pure price changes (in Mauritian rupees) of goods exported to other countries. The Import Price Index (IPI), on the other hand, measures pure price changes (in Mauritian rupees) of goods purchased from other countries.

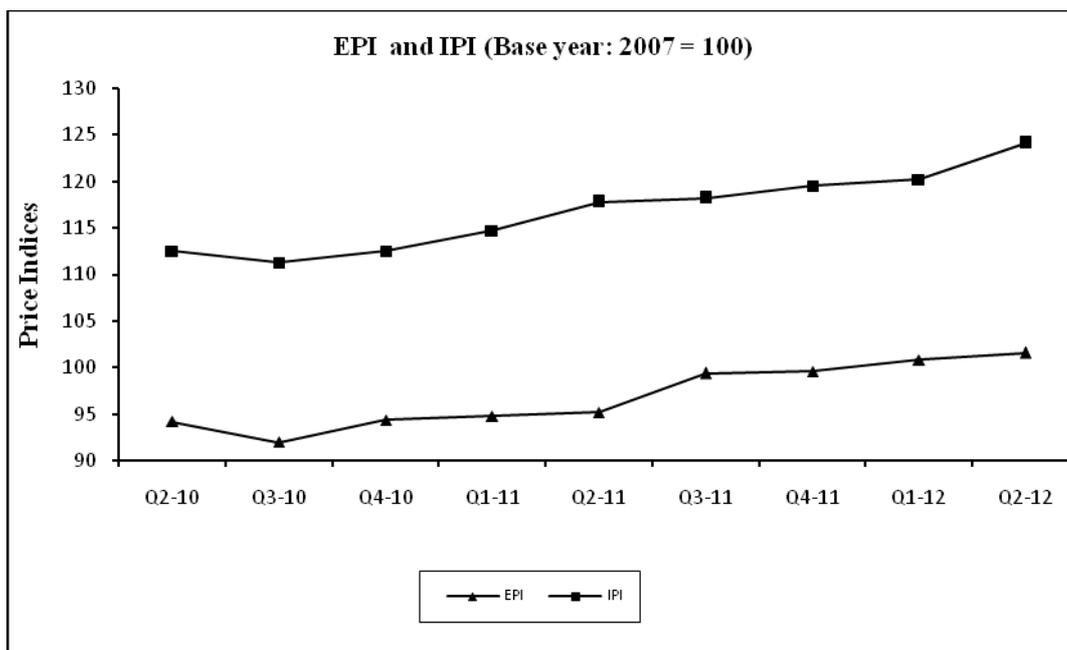
This issue of Economic and Social Indicators presents a series of quarterly export and import price indices for the period second quarter 2010 to second quarter 2012 with 2007 as base year. The weights have been derived from exports and imports data for the base year, while the average import and export prices of representative items in 2007 have been used in the base year.

The methodology used and the weight structure are given in the technical notes at Annex.

2. Terms of trade (base year: 2007 = 100)

The terms of trade index is the 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. During the second quarter of 2012, exports and imports prices increased by 0.7% and 3.2% respectively when compared to the previous quarter. Consequently, the terms of trade index was down by 2 points to reach 81.9 from 83.9. Compared to the corresponding period of 2011 the terms of trade rose by 1.1 points, from 80.8 to 81.9.

Chart 1: Export and Import price indices, 2nd Quarter 2010 – 2nd Quarter 2012



3. Export Price Index (EPI) – (Tables 4 - 9)

3.1 Structure of the EPI

The EPI covers six sections of the SITC, namely “Food and live animals”, “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels”, “Animals and vegetables oils & fats”, “Chemicals and related products”, “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”. Exports of goods falling under these sections covered 88.0% of total exports in base year 2007. In addition to the overall index, separate sub-indices are given for the different sections, groups of commodities and items product categories.

3.2 Changes in Export Price Index (2nd quarter 2012)

3.2.1 Overall Index

During the second quarter of 2012, the EPI increased by 0.7% to reach 101.6 from 100.8 in the previous quarter. That was mainly due to increases in the prices of “Food and live animals” (+2.7%), partly offset by decreases in the prices of “Miscellaneous manufactured articles” (-0.5%).

Compared to price levels in the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index was higher by 6.7%, explained mainly by price increases in “Food and live animals” (+18.6%) and “Miscellaneous manufactured articles” (+0.9%).

3.2.2 Sub-indices by section

Section 0: Food and live animals

During the second quarter of 2012, the sub-index for “Food and live animals” accounting for 34.5% of the total weight went up to 108.0 from 105.2 in the previous quarter, representing an increase of 2.7%. That was mainly due to an increase of 7.2% in the export prices of “Fish and fish preparations”.

When compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index rose by 18.6%, due to increases of 24.6% and 14.9% in the prices of “Sugars, sugar preparations and honey” and “Fish and fish preparations” respectively.

Section 2: Crude materials, inedible, except fuels

The index for “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” decreased by 2.9% from 103.8 in the first quarter of 2012 to 100.8 in the second quarter of 2012, as a result of a 2.9 % fall in the export price of “Fresh cut flowers”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index declined by 10.3%.

Section 4: Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes

During the second quarter of 2012, the index for “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” remained at the same level (111.1) of the first quarter of 2012.

Compared to the corresponding period of 2011, no change was noted in the index.

Section 5: Chemicals and related products

The export price index for “Chemicals and related products”, which stood at 85.4 in the first quarter of 2012, decreased by 1.5% to reach 84.1 in the second quarter of 2012.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index fell by 5.1%.

Section 6: Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material

Export prices of goods in this section, which consist mainly of textile fabrics, increased by 0.2% from 132.5 in the first quarter of 2012 to 132.7 in the second quarter of 2012. This rise is explained by higher prices of 1.0% in “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s, & related products”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index rose by 2.5%, mainly as a result of increases in the export prices of “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s, & related products” (+6.1%).

Section 8: Miscellaneous manufactured articles

“Miscellaneous manufactured articles” which consists mostly of articles of apparel and clothing accessories, is the most important section covered by the export price index as it carries about 55.2% of the total weight.

During the second quarter of 2012, the index for “Miscellaneous manufactured articles” fell by 0.5% from 94.4 in the first quarter of 2012 to 94.0 in the second quarter of 2012.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index rose by 0.9% due to increases in the prices of “Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s, watches and clocks” (+2.3%) and “Articles of apparel and clothing accessories” (+0.8%).

4. Import Price Index (IPI) (Tables 10 -16)

4.1 Structure of the IPI

The IPI covers nine out of the 10 Standard International Trade Classification sections.

The only section not covered is “Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere”, because of the heterogeneity of the products and the inherent difficulties in pricing items of a constant quality.

Thus, the index, either directly or indirectly, covers about 91.0% of merchandise imported during 2007. Sixty per cent of the items are directly represented. For those items which are not directly represented, the prices are considered to move similarly to those represented directly.

4.2 Changes in Import Price Index (2nd quarter 2012)

4.2.1 Overall Index

The Import Price Index (IPI) increased by 3.2% from 120.2 in the first quarter of 2012 to 124.1 in the second quarter of 2012. This was mainly the effect of increases in the prices of “Machinery and transport equipment” (+14.9%) and “Food and live animals” (+7.8%), partly offset by a decrease in prices of “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” (-4.9%).

Compared to the corresponding period of 2011, the index rose by 5.3%, mainly as a result of increases in the prices of “Machinery and transport equipment” (+13.9%), “Food and live animals” (+4.6%) and “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” (+2.5%).

4.2.2 Sub-indices by section

Section 0: Food and live animals

The index for “Food and live animals”, representing about 18.1% of total weight, increased by 7.8%, from 120.0 in the first quarter of 2012 to 129.4 in the second quarter of 2012. Within the section, price increases registered in “Fish and fish preparations” (+28.9%) were partly offset by lower prices in “Meat and meat preparations” (-9.3%) and “Vegetables and fruits” (-6.0%).

Compared to the second quarter of 2011, the index went up by 4.6%, mainly due to increases in the prices of “Fish and fish preparations” (+20.4%), partly offset by lower prices in “Meat and meat preparations” (-11.2%)

Section 1: Beverages and tobacco

The index for “Beverages and tobacco” increased by 1.9%, from 137.0 in the first quarter of 2012 to 139.7 in the second quarter of 2012, mainly as a result of price increases of 4.2% in “Beverages”.

Compared to the corresponding period of 2011, the index was up by 1.7% due to higher prices of 3.4% and 0.4% in “Tobacco & tobacco manufactures” and “Beverages” respectively.

Section 2: Crude materials, inedible, except fuels

The index for “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” rose by 4.2% from 154.7 in the first quarter of 2012 to 161.2 in the second quarter of 2012, mainly as a result of an increase of 3.0% in prices of “Textile fibres and their wastes”.

Compared to the corresponding period of last year, the index went up by 5.2%, attributable to increases of 19.6% in the prices of “Cork and wood”, partly offset by a fall of 10% in the prices of “Textile fibres and their waste”.

Section 3: Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials

The index for “Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials” with 20.0% of the total weight, decreased by 4.9% from 150.2 in the first quarter of 2012 to reach 142.8 in the second quarter of 2012, explained by a decrease of 4.6% in the prices of “Petroleum, petroleum products and materials”.

Compared to the corresponding period of 2011, the index rose by 2.5%, as a result of price increases of 3.7% in “Petroleum, petroleum products and materials”.

Section 4: Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes

The index for “Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes” went up by 2.1% from 140.1 in the first quarter of 2012 to 143.0 in the second quarter of 2012. That was mainly due to a rise of 2.1% in prices of “Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated”.

Compared to the second quarter of 2011, the index decreased by 6.5%, from 152.9 to 143.0.

Section 5: Chemical materials and related products, not elsewhere specified (n.e.s)

The index for “Chemical materials and related products, n.e.s” increased by 1.3% in the second quarter of 2012 to reach 111.5 from 110.0 in the first quarter of 2012. Price increases were registered in “Chemical materials & products, n.e.s” (+7.9%), “Plastics in primary forms” (+2.0%) and “Medicinal and pharmaceutical products” (+0.5%).

The index went up by 5.8% when compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Section 6: Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material

In the second quarter of 2012, the index for “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” stood at 115.3, which represents an increase of 2.4% over the previous quarter figure of 112.5. This was mainly attributable to an increase in prices of “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles, n.e.s & related products” (+1.6%).

Compared to the second quarter of 2011, the index went up by 3.5%, mainly due to price increases in “Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s” (+18.3%).

Section 7: Machinery and transport equipment

The index of “Machinery and transport equipment” with 18.0% of total weight reached 110.7 in the second quarter of 2012, showing an increase of 14.9% over the previous quarter figure of 96.3. This was mainly due to increases of 76.0% and 4.7% in the prices of “Telecommunications and sound recording and apparatus” and “Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s & parts thereof reproducing apparatus” respectively.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index rose by 13.9%, attributable to price increases of 70.7% in “Telecommunications and sound recording and apparatus”.

Section 8: Miscellaneous manufactured articles

During the second quarter of 2012, the index of “Miscellaneous manufactured articles” was 114.5 which represents an increase of 0.8% over the first quarter figure of 113.5 attributable to price increases of 2.1% in “Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, the index went up by 6.1%, mainly due to higher prices of 4.9% in “Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s”.

5. Past trends

As indicated earlier, EPI and IPI in this publication are not strictly comparable with previously published series worked out using 2003 as base year. Chain linked export and import price indices using 2007 as the base year have been worked out using appropriate conversion factors and are presented in Tables 9 and 16 respectively.

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Table 1- Price indices of exports and imports and terms of trade, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade
		Export	Import	
Reference year : 2007 = 1 0 0				
2010	2nd Qr	94.2	112.5	83.7
	3rd Qr	92.0	111.3	82.7
	4th Qr	94.4	112.5	83.9
	Year	93.7	110.6	84.8
2011 ¹	1st Qr	94.8	114.7	82.7
	2nd Qr	95.2	117.8	80.8
	3rd Qr	99.4	118.2	84.0
	4th Qr	99.6	119.6	83.3
	Year	97.2	117.6	82.7
2012	1st Qr	100.8	120.2	83.9
	2nd Qr	101.6	124.1	81.9

¹ ProvisionalTable 2-Percentage change in the price and volume of total exports¹, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

SITC-section	Description	Weight	F.O.B Value (R Mn)		% change		
			Apr-Jun 2011	Apr-Jun 2012 ²	Value	Price	Volume ³
			Overall	10,000			
0	Food and live animals	3,445	4,702	5,577	+ 19	+ 19	0
	<i>of which:</i>						
	<i>Sugar</i>	1,904	1,724	1,449	- 16	+27	- 34
2	Crude materials, inedible except fuels	37	323	240	- 26	- 10	- 17
4	Animals and vegetables oils & fats	9	37	31	- 16	0	- 16
5	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	233	527	525	0	- 5	+ 5
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	759	1,754	1,574	- 10	+2	- 12
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,517	8,125	7,751	- 5	+1	- 5

¹ Excluding sections 1,3,7 and 9 and SSB not covered by the EPI² Provisional ³ Volume change has been derived as the ratio of value to price changeTable 3 -Percentage change in the price and volume of total imports¹, 2nd quarter 2011 -2nd quarter 2012

SITC-section	Description	Weight	C.I.F Value (R Mn)		% change		
			Apr-Jun 2011	Apr-Jun 2012 ²	Value	Price	Volume ³
			Overall	10,000			
0	Food and live animals	1,808	6,380	7,325	+ 15	+ 5	+ 10
1	Beverages & tobacco	138	675	803	+ 19	+2	+ 17
2	Crude materials, inedible except fuels	288	950	891	- 6	+ 5	- 11
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	2,004	7,377	9,300	+ 26	+ 3	+ 23
4	Animals and vegetables oils & fats	104	319	326	+ 2	- 6	+ 9
5	Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	851	2,942	2,837	- 4	+6	- 9
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,141	7,090	6,912	- 3	+ 3	- 6
7	Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	1,800	5,908	8,502	+ 44	+ 14	+ 26
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	2,967	3,314	+ 12	+ 6	+ 5

¹ Excluding section 9 not covered by the IPI² Provisional ³ Volume change has been derived as the ratio of value to price change

Table 4 - Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC ¹ section, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

SITC Section	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
	Overall	10,000	94.2	92.0	94.4	93.7	94.8	95.2	99.4	99.6	97.2	100.8	101.6
0	Food and live animals	3,445	89.0	88.3	89.5	88.9	88.7	91.0	101.9	101.2	95.7	105.2	108.0
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37	122.9	134.8	120.9	125.1	105.0	112.4	120.9	122.5	115.2	103.8	100.8
4	Animals and vegetables oils & fats	9	79.1	79.1	79.1	78.2	79.1	111.1	111.1	111.1	103.1	111.1	111.1
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	233	86.9	86.4	89.3	88.0	88.4	88.6	88.1	86.9	88.0	85.4	84.1
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	759	127.8	130.6	125.0	129.2	131.8	129.5	131.1	132.7	131.3	132.5	132.7
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,517	93.0	88.9	93.3	91.8	93.8	93.2	93.7	94.4	93.8	94.4	94.0

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

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Table 5 - Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC ¹, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

SITC Section	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
	Overall	10,000	94.2	92.0	94.4	93.7	94.8	95.2	99.4	99.6	97.2	100.8	101.6
0	Food and live animals	3,445	89.0	88.3	89.5	88.9	88.7	91.0	101.9	101.2	95.7	105.2	108.0
	Live animals	163	92.5	91.0	89.9	90.8	89.0	84.7	84.8	86.0	86.1	86.3	87.8
	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof	1,262	89.9	94.3	96.9	92.7	92.1	99.2	97.5	95.3	96.0	106.4	114.1
	Cereals and cereal preparations	55	107.1	107.9	115.0	109.5	117.6	114.9	114.6	112.2	114.8	109.0	108.6
	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1,904	86.9	82.4	82.4	84.6	84.2	84.2	104.9	104.9	94.6	104.9	104.9
	Feeding stuff for animals	61	114.7	120.6	130.4	119.4	130.4	130.4	130.4	134.5	131.4	134.9	131.5
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37	122.9	134.8	120.9	125.1	105.0	112.4	120.9	122.5	115.2	103.8	100.8
	Crude animal and vegetable materials (Fresh cut flowers)	37	122.9	134.8	120.9	125.1	105.0	112.4	120.9	122.5	115.2	103.8	100.8
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9	79.1	79.1	79.1	78.2	79.1	111.1	111.1	111.1	103.1	111.1	111.1
	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	9	79.1	79.1	79.1	78.2	79.1	111.1	111.1	111.1	103.1	111.1	111.1
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	233	86.9	86.4	89.3	88.0	88.4	88.6	88.1	86.9	88.0	85.4	84.1
	Organic chemicals	69	80.6	83.4	87.0	83.1	86.1	89.1	88.8	88.6	88.2	86.6	86.3
	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	164	89.6	87.7	90.2	90.0	89.3	88.4	87.8	86.1	87.9	84.9	83.2
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	759	127.8	130.6	125.0	129.2	131.8	129.5	131.1	132.7	131.3	132.5	132.7
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., & related products	438	139.5	140.8	126.8	138.9	138.1	131.9	130.2	138.4	134.7	138.6	139.9
	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s	178	116.2	126.9	134.8	123.4	137.1	142.7	153.6	142.0	143.8	141.4	140.9
	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	143	106.3	104.0	107.0	106.8	105.9	105.9	106.2	103.9	105.4	102.7	100.6

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

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Table 5 (cont'd) - Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC¹, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

SITC Section	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,517	93.0	88.9	93.3	91.8	93.8	93.2	93.7	94.4	93.8	94.4	94.0
	Articles of apparel and clothing accesso	5,389	92.2	87.7	92.2	90.8	92.6	91.2	91.5	92.3	91.9	91.8	91.9
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	1,488	94.0	92.7	96.5	93.9	97.6	98.8	99.1	99.9	98.9	100.7	100.5
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	256	138.6	136.3	137.2	135.9	136.2	132.9	133.4	134.8	134.3	136.2	135.8
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	546	77.4	76.6	77.6	77.9	77.7	76.8	77.0	76.9	77.1	76.9	77.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	49	84.6	82.8	85.2	85.0	84.3	83.8	82.9	81.1	83.0	79.3	78.6
	<i>Articles of apparel, of textile fabrics, whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	3,050	90.2	83.3	89.0	87.9	89.2	86.6	87.0	87.9	87.7	86.6	87.0
	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches & clocks	99	135.8	152.9	157.3	145.3	161.9	202.1	214.5	213.1	197.9	237.6	206.7
	<i>Optical goods,n.e.s</i>	29	97.9	95.9	95.0	96.5	94.5	91.4	91.0	91.1	92.0	90.5	90.9
	<i>Watches and clocks</i>	70	151.5	176.6	183.2	165.5	189.8	248.0	265.7	263.6	241.8	298.5	254.6
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s	29	91.9	94.3	93.4	92.9	92.5	91.8	90.6	89.6	91.1	88.6	89.3

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

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Table 6 - Export Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ section, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 11	1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 10	3rd Qr 10	4th Qr 10	1st Qr 11	2nd Qr 11
			to 3rd Qr 11	to 4th Qr 11	to 1st Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 11	to 3rd Qr 11	to 4th Qr 11	to 1st Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 12
	Overall	10,000	4.4	0.2	1.3	0.7	1.0	8.0	5.5	6.3	6.7
0	Food and live animals	3,445	11.9	-0.7	4.0	2.7	2.2	15.4	13.1	18.6	18.6
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37	7.5	1.4	-15.3	-2.9	-8.5	-10.3	1.4	-1.1	-10.3
4	Animals and vegetables oils & fats	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	0.0
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	233	-0.6	-1.4	-1.6	-1.5	2.0	1.9	-2.7	-3.3	-5.1
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	759	1.3	1.2	-0.2	0.2	1.4	0.4	6.2	0.5	2.5
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,517	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.2	5.4	1.2	0.6	0.9

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

Table 7 - Export Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter Qr 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 11	1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 10	3rd Qr 10	4th Qr 10	1st Qr 11	2nd Qr 11
			to 3rd Qr 11	to 4th Qr 11	to 1st Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 11	to 3rd Qr 11	to 4th Qr 11	to 1st Qr 12	to 2nd Qr 12
	Overall	10,000	4.4	0.2	1.3	0.7	1.0	8.0	5.5	6.3	6.7
0	Food and live animals	3,445	11.9	-0.7	4.0	2.7	2.2	15.4	13.1	18.6	18.6
	Live animals	163	0.2	1.4	0.4	1.7	-8.5	-6.8	-4.3	-3.0	3.7
	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic invertebrates and preparations thereof	1,262	-1.7	-2.3	11.6	7.2	10.4	3.4	-1.7	15.5	14.9
	Cereals and cereal preparations	55	-0.3	-2.0	-2.9	-0.4	7.3	6.2	-2.4	-7.3	-5.5
	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1,904	24.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.1	27.3	27.3	24.6	24.6
	Feeding stuff for animals	61	0.0	3.2	0.3	-2.5	13.7	8.1	3.2	3.4	0.8
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37	7.5	1.4	-15.3	-2.9	-8.5	-10.3	1.4	-1.1	-10.3
	Crude animal and vegetable materials (Fresh cut flowers)	37	7.5	1.4	-15.3	-2.9	-8.5	-10.3	1.4	-1.1	-10.3
4	Animals and vegetables oils & fats	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	0.0
	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	0.0
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	233	-0.6	-1.4	-1.6	-1.5	2.0	1.9	-2.7	-3.3	-5.1
	Organic chemicals	69	-0.3	-0.2	-2.2	-0.4	10.5	6.5	1.8	0.6	-3.2
	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	164	-0.8	-1.9	-1.4	-2.0	-1.3	0.1	-4.5	-4.9	-5.9
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	759	1.3	1.2	-0.2	0.2	1.4	0.4	6.2	0.5	2.5
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., & related products	438	-1.3	6.3	0.1	1.0	-5.4	-7.5	9.1	0.3	6.1
	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s	178	7.6	-7.5	-0.4	-0.4	22.8	21.0	5.3	3.1	-1.3
	Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	143	0.3	-2.1	-1.1	-2.0	-0.4	2.1	-2.9	-3.0	-5.0

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

Table 7 (cont'd) - Export Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section	Description	Percentage change from									
		Weight	2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,517	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.2	5.4	1.2	0.6	0.9
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,389	0.4	0.8	-0.5	0.1	-1.1	4.3	0.1	-0.8	0.8
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	1,488	0.3	0.9	0.8	-0.2	5.0	6.8	3.5	3.1	1.7
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	256	0.4	1.1	1.0	-0.3	-4.1	-2.1	-1.7	0.0	2.2
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	546	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.7	0.4	-0.9	-1.0	0.2
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	49	-1.0	-2.1	-2.2	-0.9	-1.0	0.1	-4.8	-5.9	-6.2
	<i>Articles of apparel, of textile fabrics, whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	3,050	0.5	1.0	-1.4	0.4	-3.9	4.5	-1.2	-2.9	0.4
	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches & clocks	99	6.1	-0.7	11.5	-13.0	48.8	40.3	35.4	46.8	2.3
	<i>Optical goods,n.e.s</i>	29	-0.5	0.1	-0.6	0.5	-6.7	-5.1	-4.1	-4.2	-0.5
	<i>Watches and clocks</i>	70	7.2	-0.8	13.2	-14.7	63.7	50.5	43.9	57.3	2.7
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s	29	-1.3	-1.1	-1.1	0.8	-0.2	-4.0	-4.1	-4.2	-2.7

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

Table 8 - Quarterly Export Price Index, 1st Qr 1994 - 2nd Qr 2012 (multiple base)

	Reference year 1993=100				Reference year 1997=100						Reference year 2003=100				Reference year 2007=100				
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012
Qr 1	103.2	109.5	117.0	125.3	102.1	111.0	108.2	108.1	117.6	124.9	102.0	112.0	116.4	129.1	96.5	97.6	94.0	94.8	100.8
Qr 2	101.6	109.8	121.3	126.2	106.1	110.0	105.3	107.4	120.2	126.5	106.3	111.7	119.3	126.4	96.0	98.7	94.2	95.2	101.6
Qr 3	105.2	113.2	126.8	123.8	111.3	109.7	101.6	112.6	126.5	131.2	109.5	114.6	122.0	126.4	96.9	97.0	92.0	99.4	
Qr 4	107.3	114.7	127.2	132.0	113.8	109.7	102.4	114.8	126.8	132.2	111.3	115.2	125.0	126.3	99.2	93.6	94.4	99.6	
Year	104.3	111.8	123.1	126.8	108.3	110.1	104.4	110.7	122.8	128.7	107.3	113.4	120.7	127.1	97.2	96.7	93.7	97.2	

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Table 9 - Quarterly Export Price Index, 1st Qr 1994 - 1st Qr 2012 (single base)

	Reference year 2007=100																		
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012
Qr 1	49.8	52.8	56.4	60.4	62.4	67.9	66.2	66.1	71.9	76.4	80.3	88.2	91.6	101.6	96.5	97.6	94.0	94.8	100.8
Qr 2	49.0	53.0	58.5	60.9	64.9	67.3	64.4	65.7	73.5	77.4	83.7	87.9	93.9	99.4	96.0	98.7	94.2	95.2	101.6
Qr 3	50.7	54.6	61.2	59.7	68.1	67.1	62.1	68.9	77.4	80.2	86.2	90.2	96.0	98.9	96.9	97.0	92.0	99.4	
Qr 4	51.7	55.3	61.3	63.7	69.6	67.1	62.6	70.2	77.5	80.8	87.6	90.7	98.4	100.0	99.2	93.6	94.4	99.6	
Year	50.3	53.9	59.4	61.2	66.2	67.3	63.8	67.7	75.1	78.7	84.4	89.2	95.0	100.0	97.2	96.7	93.7	97.2	

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Table 10 - Quarterly Import Price Index by SITC¹ section, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
	Overall Index	10,000	112.5	111.3	112.5	110.6	114.7	117.8	118.2	119.6	117.6	120.2	124.1
0	Food and live animals	1,808	121.0	113.7	118.1	<i>115.5</i>	119.1	123.7	124.8	123.4	<i>122.8</i>	120.0	129.4
1	Beverages and tobacco	138	140.1	135.7	137.5	<i>138.4</i>	135.9	137.4	136.9	138.4	<i>137.1</i>	137.0	139.7
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	288	149.7	143.6	148.4	<i>145.7</i>	144.3	153.3	153.2	155.1	<i>151.5</i>	154.7	161.2
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,004	116.3	111.8	116.0	<i>112.1</i>	125.5	139.3	140.4	135.5	<i>135.2</i>	150.2	142.8
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104	108.0	108.4	115.8	<i>110.3</i>	152.8	152.9	143.4	142.5	<i>147.9</i>	140.1	143.0
5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	851	108.8	106.4	108.2	<i>107.5</i>	105.3	105.4	110.2	109.9	<i>107.7</i>	110.0	111.5
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,141	108.6	106.2	104.9	<i>105.2</i>	106.0	111.4	110.1	110.4	<i>109.4</i>	112.5	115.3
7	Machinery and transport equipment	1,800	99.2	110.4	107.5	<i>104.4</i>	107.8	97.2	96.4	107.8	<i>102.3</i>	96.3	110.7
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	110.9	110.2	110.1	<i>109.6</i>	107.6	107.9	109.1	113.9	<i>109.6</i>	113.5	114.5

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Table 11 - Quarterly Import Price Index by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
	Overall Index	10,000	112.5	111.3	112.5	110.6	114.7	117.8	118.2	119.6	117.6	120.2	124.1
Section 0	Food and live animals	1,808	121.0	113.7	118.1	115.5	119.1	123.7	124.8	123.4	122.8	120.0	129.4
Div 00	Live animals	29	123.1	119.6	122.0	<i>115.8</i>	122.4	122.4	131.8	127.3	<i>126.0</i>	133.2	130.6
Div 01	Meat and meat preparations	122	184.6	165.7	168.6	<i>166.0</i>	166.9	163.8	172.1	165.9	<i>167.1</i>	160.3	145.4
Div 02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	220	117.9	121.2	121.9	<i>121.3</i>	120.1	124.1	123.9	122.0	<i>122.5</i>	123.5	122.7
Div 03	Fish, crustaceans, etc, and preparations thereof	638	100.2	84.4	83.4	<i>86.1</i>	93.9	110.1	106.8	105.5	<i>104.1</i>	102.9	132.6
Div 04	Cereals and cereal preparations	360	132.5	134.5	138.2	<i>135.2</i>	134.0	137.1	139.2	138.2	<i>137.1</i>	129.3	135.4
	<i>of which wheat</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>117.9</i>	<i>117.9</i>	<i>113.2</i>	<i>116.7</i>	<i>110.9</i>	<i>110.9</i>	<i>110.9</i>	<i>114.2</i>	<i>111.7</i>	114.2	115.4
Div 05	Vegetables and fruit	177	98.8	96.6	117.5	<i>103.7</i>	103.2	89.5	94.2	98.9	<i>96.5</i>	97.9	92.0
Div 06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	59	215.0	185.6	210.3	<i>202.9</i>	211.2	203.1	236.9	229.2	<i>220.1</i>	214.8	184.2
Div 07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	47	127.0	130.4	131.9	<i>124.9</i>	137.6	130.3	127.8	124.5	<i>130.0</i>	132.1	128.6
Div 08	Feeding stuff for animals	40	90.9	82.0	99.2	<i>91.9</i>	105.2	92.1	77.9	77.0	<i>88.0</i>	68.3	91.2
Div 09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	116	131.8	133.6	139.2	<i>129.6</i>	133.6	134.0	134.1	132.1	<i>133.5</i>	131.8	131.8
Section 1	Beverages and Tobacco	138	140.1	135.7	137.5	138.4	135.9	137.4	136.9	138.4	137.1	137.0	139.7
Div 11	Beverages	81	136.2	135.2	133.3	<i>135.3</i>	131.6	134.0	135.5	130.7	<i>132.9</i>	129.1	134.5
Div 12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	57	145.5	136.5	143.6	<i>142.8</i>	142.1	142.1	138.9	149.2	<i>143.1</i>	148.3	147.0
Section 2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	288	149.7	143.6	148.4	145.7	144.3	153.3	153.2	155.1	151.5	154.7	161.2
Div 24	Cork and wood	98	210.4	193.0	190.1	<i>196.8</i>	185.6	177.3	194.7	202.8	<i>190.1</i>	200.5	212.0
Div 26	Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	168	104.7	109.5	111.9	<i>106.8</i>	111.4	130.5	120.8	115.4	<i>119.5</i>	114.0	117.4
Div 27	Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	22	223.4	183.3	240.8	<i>215.2</i>	211.8	219.9	215.4	246.2	<i>223.3</i>	261.6	269.2

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Table 11 (cont'd) - Quarterly Import Price Index by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
Section 3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,004	116.3	111.8	116.0	112.1	125.5	139.3	140.4	135.5	135.2	150.2	142.8
Div 32	Coal, coke and briquettes	145	149.0	137.7	142.5	138.8	152.0	154.0	148.1	142.1	149.0	138.8	136.2
Div 33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,725	113.5	110.8	113.6	110.0	123.9	139.1	141.0	136.2	135.0	151.2	144.2
Div 34	Gas, natural and manufactured	134	115.9	97.4	118.3	111.3	117.1	126.7	124.3	120.5	122.1	148.9	131.8
Section 4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104	108.0	108.4	115.8	110.3	152.8	152.9	143.4	142.5	147.9	140.1	143.0
Div 42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	104	108.0	108.4	115.8	110.3	152.8	152.9	143.4	142.5	147.9	140.1	143.0
Section 5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	851	108.8	106.4	108.2	107.5	105.3	105.4	110.2	109.9	107.7	110.0	111.5
Div 51	Organic chemicals	61	123.2	116.2	115.9	117.9	107.8	107.8	135.2	138.4	122.3	146.4	147.9
Div 54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	225	99.2	98.4	96.6	98.1	95.6	93.8	93.9	95.2	94.6	94.3	94.8
Div 55	Essential oils and resinoids & perfume materials;toilet, etc.	147	126.6	123.0	124.0	124.8	121.7	123.4	123.0	122.9	122.8	120.6	119.1
Div 56	Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	49	115.5	96.7	96.2	106.0	95.5	109.5	121.0	132.3	114.6	131.4	132.7
Div 57	Plastics in primary forms	157	106.7	107.7	118.0	108.4	111.9	113.8	126.7	117.2	117.4	118.4	120.7
Div 58	Plastics in non-primary forms	81	94.9	100.6	101.9	98.3	100.7	97.2	96.4	95.9	97.5	97.0	95.1
Div 59	Chemical materials & products, n.e.s	131	106.8	102.7	103.5	104.5	100.9	97.6	96.9	98.8	98.6	98.1	105.9

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Table 11 (cont'd) - Quarterly Import Price Index by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
Section 6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,141	108.6	106.2	104.9	105.2	106.0	111.4	110.1	110.4	109.4	112.5	115.3
Div 61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., & dressed furskins	27	99.2	97.8	101.1	100.7	101.4	101.9	100.4	100.5	101.1	102.1	101.7
Div 62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	70	125.7	124.1	122.3	122.9	122.2	136.4	144.0	145.8	137.1	143.4	148.0
Div 63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	50	123.7	123.7	123.7	122.3	123.7	123.7	123.7	123.7	123.7	123.7	123.7
Div 64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	151	95.0	94.1	94.7	93.0	93.5	94.6	93.9	95.3	94.3	94.9	95.4
Div 65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s	813	107.2	107.1	108.4	105.4	110.1	116.5	108.0	109.0	110.9	108.6	110.3
	<i>of which</i>												
	<i>Textile yarn</i>	406	109.5	113.6	116.9	109.7	122.6	134.7	116.9	115.6	122.4	112.6	115.6
	<i>Cotton fabrics, woven (not including narrow or special fabrics)</i>	233	109.4	104.0	103.0	103.8	98.7	96.2	96.1	99.7	97.6	99.7	99.2
	<i>Fabrics, woven, of man-made textile materials</i>	100	93.6	93.6	91.7	92.9	90.9	90.9	90.9	92.1	91.2	91.4	92.5
	<i>Knitted/crocheted fabric including tubular knit. fabric.s. n.e.s</i>	74	106.1	99.6	101.6	103.8	104.0	115.3	119.6	125.8	116.2	137.8	140.2
Div 66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	416	111.2	103.5	96.7	104.9	102.8	114.7	119.2	117.6	113.6	131.2	135.6
	<i>of which</i>												
	<i>Lime, cement & fab. const. materials (except glass & clay mats.)</i>	175	79.7	76.5	74.1	76.8	72.0	69.9	78.9	71.1	73.0	83.6	85.0
	<i>Clay construction materials & refractory construction materials</i>	66	108.9	105.2	102.8	105.8	101.5	99.8	111.5	112.2	106.2	110.8	114.0
	<i>Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, unworked or worked</i>	175	143.7	129.8	117.0	132.6	134.0	165.1	162.3	166.2	156.9	186.4	194.4
Div 67	Iron and steel	285	92.7	92.7	89.0	88.9	86.7	88.9	91.4	91.7	89.7	90.3	91.9
Div 68	Non-ferrous metals	95	108.6	102.3	109.3	104.9	111.2	111.8	113.9	103.6	110.1	104.4	106.0
Div 69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	247	129.9	125.6	122.7	125.0	118.3	116.7	121.0	124.9	120.2	124.5	131.5

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Table 11 (cont'd) - Quarterly Import Price Index by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2010 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	2010				2011					2012	
			2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Year Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr ³
Section 7	Machinery and transport equipment	1,800	99.2	110.4	107.5	104.4	107.8	97.2	96.4	107.8	102.3	96.3	110.7
Div 71	Power generating machinery and equipment	65	116.1	116.1	116.1	116.1	116.1	116.1	116.1	119.6	117.0	119.6	120.8
Div 72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	266	100.3	100.7	101.5	101.0	101.6	101.7	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.6	101.9
Div 74	General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s.	271	97.3	96.9	98.3	97.1	97.2	97.9	92.6	92.3	95.0	92.8	92.2
Div 75	Office machines and automatic data processing machines	96	92.4	92.4	95.1	93.3	93.9	93.9	93.9	93.6	93.8	93.3	93.3
Div 76	Telecommunications and sound recording and	456	79.0	123.5	112.4	100.6	114.9	74.7	74.7	117.1	95.3	72.4	127.5
Div 77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., & parts thereof reproducing apparatus	238	103.9	103.9	99.6	103.4	97.1	94.7	94.0	95.9	95.4	95.8	100.3
Div 78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	408	118.5	118.1	118.3	117.2	119.1	118.1	118.7	120.1	119.0	119.1	118.3
	<i>of which Motor cars & other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, including station wagons & racing cars</i>	272	117.1	116.7	117.1	115.4	117.9	116.9	117.6	119.1	117.9	117.8	116.6
Section 8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	110.9	110.2	110.1	109.6	107.6	107.9	109.1	113.9	109.6	113.5	114.5
Div 81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	62	94.2	103.2	99.8	97.1	95.0	95.0	95.0	103.7	97.2	98.4	96.6
Div 82	Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress support, cushions & similar stuffed furnishings	98	157.2	157.2	163.4	157.6	162.9	162.9	162.9	163.6	163.1	163.6	163.6
Div 87	Professional, scientific and controlling inst. and ap	103	95.0	119.8	122.2	108.5	119.7	119.7	119.7	117.3	119.1	117.3	117.3
Div 88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches & clocks	107	130.6	119.1	114.4	120.8	112.1	107.8	107.8	137.8	116.4	140.9	140.0
Div 89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	496	103.0	97.8	97.5	99.5	94.8	96.2	98.3	99.5	97.2	98.8	100.9
	<i>of which Articles, n.e.s. of plastics</i>	168	87.1	83.5	82.9	83.4	80.6	79.5	81.7	82.2	81.0	81.2	83.6
	<i>Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares of precious/semi-precious, n.e.s.</i>	101	130.4	130.4	128.7	130.0	127.8	127.8	133.2	133.6	130.6	132.2	132.2

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

² Revised

³ Provisional

Table 12 - Import Price Index : Percentage change by SITC¹ section, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12
	Overall Index	10,000	0.3	1.1	0.5	3.2	4.7	6.2	6.3	4.8	5.3
0	Food and live animals	1,808	0.9	-1.1	-2.7	7.8	2.2	9.7	4.5	0.7	4.6
1	Beverages and tobacco	138	-0.3	1.1	-1.0	1.9	-1.9	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.7
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	288	-0.1	1.3	-0.3	4.2	2.3	6.7	4.6	7.2	5.2
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,004	0.8	-3.4	10.8	-4.9	19.8	25.5	16.8	19.7	2.5
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104	-6.2	-0.6	-1.7	2.1	41.5	32.2	23.1	-8.3	-6.5
5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	851	4.6	-0.3	0.1	1.3	-3.1	3.6	1.6	4.5	5.8
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,141	-1.2	0.3	2.0	2.4	2.5	3.7	5.2	6.2	3.5
7	Machinery and transport equipment	1,800	-0.8	11.8	-10.7	14.9	-2.0	-12.7	0.2	-10.7	13.9
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	1.1	4.4	-0.4	0.8	-2.7	-1.0	3.5	5.5	6.1

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

Table 13 - Import Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12
	Overall Index	10,000	0.3	1.1	0.5	3.2	4.7	6.2	6.3	4.8	5.3
Section 0	Food and live animals	1,808	0.9	-1.1	-2.7	7.8	2.2	9.7	4.5	0.7	4.6
Div 00	Live animals	29	7.7	-3.4	4.6	-2.0	-0.6	10.2	4.4	8.9	6.7
Div 01	Meat and meat preparations	122	5.1	-3.6	-3.3	-9.3	-11.3	3.8	-1.7	-3.9	-11.2
Div 02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	220	-0.1	-1.5	1.2	-0.6	5.2	2.3	0.1	2.8	-1.1
Div 03	Fish, crustaceans, etc, and preparations thereof	638	-3.0	-1.2	-2.5	28.9	9.9	26.4	26.4	9.5	20.4
Div 04	Cereals and cereal preparations	360	1.6	-0.7	-6.4	4.7	3.5	3.5	0.0	-3.5	-1.2
	<i>of which wheat</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>-5.9</i>	<i>-5.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Div 05	Vegetables and fruit	177	5.2	5.1	-1.1	-6.0	-9.4	-2.6	-15.8	-5.2	2.8
Div 06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	59	16.7	-3.3	-6.3	-14.3	-5.6	27.6	9.0	1.7	-9.3
Div 07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	47	-2.0	-2.6	6.1	-2.7	2.6	-2.0	-5.7	-4.0	-1.4
Div 08	Feeding stuff for animals	40	-15.5	-1.1	-11.2	33.5	1.3	-5.1	-22.4	-35.0	-1.0
Div 09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	116	0.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.0	1.7	0.4	-5.2	-1.3	-1.7
Section 1	Beverages and Tobacco	138	-0.3	1.1	-1.0	1.9	-1.9	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.7
Div 11	Beverages	81	1.1	-3.5	-1.3	4.2	-1.6	0.2	-1.9	-1.9	0.4
Div 12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	57	-2.3	7.4	-0.6	-0.8	-2.3	1.8	3.9	4.3	3.4
Section 2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	288	-0.1	1.3	-0.3	4.2	2.3	6.7	4.6	7.2	5.2
Div 24	Cork and wood	98	9.8	4.2	-1.1	5.7	-15.7	0.8	6.7	8.0	19.6
Div 26	Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	168	-7.4	-4.5	-1.3	3.0	24.6	10.3	3.1	2.3	-10.1
Div 27	Crude fertilisers and crude minerals (excluding coal, petroleum and precious stones)	22	-2.0	14.3	6.2	2.9	-1.6	17.5	2.3	23.5	22.4

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

Table 13 cont'd - Import Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12
Section 3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,004	0.8	-3.4	10.8	-4.9	19.8	25.5	16.8	19.7	2.5
Div 32	Coal, coke and briquettes	145	-3.8	-4.1	-2.4	-1.9	3.3	7.6	-0.3	-8.7	-11.6
Div 33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,725	1.4	-3.4	11.1	-4.6	22.5	27.2	19.8	22.0	3.7
Div 34	Gas, natural and manufactured	134	-1.9	-3.1	23.6	-11.5	9.3	27.7	1.8	27.2	4.0
Section 4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	104	-6.2	-0.6	-1.7	2.1	41.5	32.2	23.1	-8.3	-6.5
Div 42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	104	-6.2	-0.6	-1.7	2.1	41.5	32.2	23.1	-8.3	-6.5
Section 5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	851	4.6	-0.3	0.1	1.3	-3.1	3.6	1.6	4.5	5.8
Div 51	Organic chemicals	61	25.5	2.3	5.8	1.0	-12.5	16.4	19.4	35.8	37.2
Div 54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	225	0.1	1.4	-1.0	0.5	-5.5	-4.6	-1.4	-1.4	1.1
Div 55	Essential oils and resinoids & perfume materials;toilet, etc.	147	-0.3	-0.1	-1.9	-1.2	-2.5	0.0	-0.9	-0.9	-3.5
Div 56	Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	49	10.5	9.4	-0.7	1.0	-5.2	25.1	37.6	37.6	21.2
Div 57	Plastics in primary forms	157	11.3	-7.5	1.0	2.0	6.6	17.7	-0.7	5.7	6.1
Div 58	Plastics in non-primary forms	81	-0.8	-0.5	1.2	-2.0	2.3	-4.2	-5.9	-3.6	-2.2
Div 59	Chemical materials & products, n.e.s	131	-0.7	1.9	-0.7	7.9	-8.6	-5.6	-4.6	-2.8	8.5

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

Table 13 cont'd - Import Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	Percentage change from								
			2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12
Section 6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,141	-1.2	0.3	2.0	2.4	2.5	3.7	5.2	6.2	3.5
Div 61	Leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., & dressed furskins	27	-1.5	0.1	1.6	-0.5	2.7	2.6	-0.6	0.8	-0.2
Div 62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	70	5.6	1.2	-1.6	3.2	8.5	16.0	19.2	17.4	8.5
Div 63	Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	50	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div 64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	151	-0.7	1.5	-0.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.6	1.4	0.9
Div 65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s	813	-7.3	1.0	-0.4	1.6	8.7	0.8	0.6	-1.4	-5.3
	<i>of which</i>										
	<i>Textile yarn</i>	406	-13.3	-1.1	-2.6	2.7	23.1	2.9	-1.2	-8.2	-14.2
	<i>Cotton fabrics, woven (not including narrow or special fabrics)</i>	233	-0.1	3.8	0.0	-0.4	-12.1	-7.6	-3.3	1.0	3.2
	<i>Fabrics, woven, of man-made textile materials</i>	100	0.0	1.3	-0.7	1.2	-2.9	-2.9	0.4	0.6	1.8
	<i>Knitted/crocheted fabric including tubular knit, fabrics n.e.s</i>	74	3.7	5.2	9.5	1.8	8.7	20.1	23.8	32.5	21.6
Div 66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	416	3.9	-1.3	11.5	3.4	3.1	15.2	21.6	27.6	18.3
	<i>of which</i>										
	<i>Lime, cement & fab. const. materials (except glass & clay mats.)</i>	175	13.0	-10.0	17.7	1.7	-12.3	3.2	-4.1	16.1	21.7
	<i>Clay construction materials & refractory construction materials</i>	66	11.7	0.7	-1.2	2.8	-8.4	5.9	9.1	9.2	14.2
	<i>Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, unworked or worked</i>	175	-1.7	2.4	12.2	4.3	14.9	25.1	42.0	39.1	17.8
Div 67	Iron and steel	285	2.7	0.4	-1.6	1.8	-4.1	-1.4	3.1	4.1	3.4
Div 68	Non-ferrous metals	95	1.9	-9.1	0.8	1.5	3.0	11.4	-5.2	-6.1	-5.1
Div 69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	247	3.7	3.2	-0.4	5.6	-10.1	-3.6	1.8	5.3	12.6

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

Table 13 cont'd - Import Price Index: Percentage change by SITC¹ section & division, 2nd quarter 2011 - 2nd quarter 2012

Reference year 2007=100

Section/ Division	Description	Weight	Percentage change from									
			2nd Qr 11 to 3rd Qr 11	3rd Qr 11 to 4th Qr 11	4th Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	1st Qr 12 to 2nd Qr 12	2nd Qr 10 to 2nd Qr 11	3rd Qr 10 to 3rd Qr 11	4th Qr 10 to 4th Qr 11	1st Qr 11 to 1st Qr 12	2nd Qr 11 to 2nd Qr 12	
Section 7	Machinery and transport equipment	1,800	-0.8	11.8	-10.7	14.9	-2.0	-12.7	0.2	-10.7	13.9	
Div 71	Power generating machinery and equipment	65	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	
Div 72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	266	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.4	0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.2	
Div 74	General industrial machinery & equipment, n.e.s.	271	-5.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.6	0.6	-4.5	-6.1	-4.5	-5.8	
Div 75	Office machines and automatic data processing machines	96	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	1.6	1.6	-1.5	-0.6	-0.6	
Div 76	Telecommunications and sound recording and	456	0.0	56.8	-38.1	76.0	-5.5	-39.5	4.1	-36.9	70.7	
Div 77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., & parts thereof reproducing apparatus	238	-0.7	2.0	-0.1	4.7	-8.9	-9.5	-3.8	-1.4	5.9	
Div 78	Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	408	0.5	1.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.5	1.6	0.1	0.2	
	<i>of which Motor cars & other motor vehicles for the transport of persons</i>	272	0.6	1.3	-1.1	-1.0	-0.2	0.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.2	
Section 8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	866	1.1	4.4	-0.4	0.8	-2.7	-1.0	3.5	5.5	6.1	
Div 81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary plumbing, heating & lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	62	0.0	9.2	-5.2	-1.8	0.8	-8.0	3.9	3.6	1.7	
Div 82	Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress support, cushions & similar stuffed furnishings	98	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.6	3.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	
Div 87	Professional, scientific and controlling inst. and app.	103	0.0	-2.0	0.0	0.0	26.1	0.0	-4.0	-2.0	-2.0	
Div 88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches & clocks	107	0.0	27.8	2.3	-0.7	-17.5	-9.5	20.5	25.7	29.8	
Div 89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	496	2.1	1.3	-0.7	2.1	-6.6	0.5	2.1	4.2	4.9	
	<i>of which Articles, n.e.s. of plastics</i>	168	2.8	0.7	-1.3	2.9	-8.7	-2.2	-0.8	0.7	5.2	
	<i>Jewellery, goldsmiths' & silversmiths' wares of precious/semi-precious, n.e.s</i>	101	4.2	0.3	-1.1	0.0	-2.0	2.1	3.8	3.4	3.4	

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

Table 14 - Quarterly Import Price Index, 1st Qr 2004 - 2nd Qr 2012 (multiple base)

	Reference year 2003=100				Reference year 2007=100				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012
Qr 1	100.9	123.6	137.8	156.2	100.3	102.6	105.9	114.7	120.2
Qr 2	110.5	124.8	141.1	151.8	108.4	103.5	112.5	117.8	124.1
Qr 3	115.6	134.1	148.3	150.2	118.7	103.9	111.3	118.2	
Qr 4	117.4	132.7	153.3	156.2	110.9	102.8	112.5	119.6	
Year	111.1	128.8	145.1	153.6	109.6	103.2	110.6	117.6	

¹ Provisional

Table 15 - Quarterly Import Price Index, 1st Qr 2004 - 2nd Qr 2012(single base)

	Reference year 2007=100								
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 ¹	2012
Qr 1	65.7	80.5	89.7	101.7	100.3	102.6	105.9	114.7	120.2
Qr 2	71.9	81.3	91.9	98.8	108.4	103.5	112.5	117.8	124.1
Qr 3	75.3	87.3	96.5	97.8	118.7	103.9	111.3	118.2	
Qr 4	76.4	86.4	99.8	101.7	110.9	102.8	112.5	119.6	
Year	72.3	83.9	94.5	100.0	109.6	103.2	110.6	117.6	

¹ Provisional

ANNEX**Technical Note****Export Price Index (EPI)****Methodology for the Construction of the EPI****Definition**

The Export Price index (EPI) provides an overall measure of pure price changes in Mauritian Rupees of goods exported to other countries. This index is constructed from the export prices of a "constant" well-defined representative basket of products selected from trade data in the base year, that is, in 2007.

The first series of EPI was calculated with year 1993 as base and reference period. It was subsequently rebased in 1997, 2003 and 2007.

Scope and Classification

The index is based on the Nomenclature of the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations (SITC Rev 4). Separate sub-indices are produced for each SITC section and for more detailed groups where possible.

The EPI covers domestic exports and re-exports, the most important commodities being sugar, textile fabrics, articles of apparel and clothing accessories.

However, some commodities were excluded in the computation of the weights, because of their heterogeneity and the inherent difficulties in pricing the items to a constant quality. These were precious stones, jewellery, recorded media and free publications, and all products classified within the Sections 1, 3, 7 and 9 of the SITC; together, they accounted for around 12% of total exports.

The index thus covers about 88% of the value of merchandise exported during 2007. Items directly represented (price movements followed), constitute 75% of the total value of exports. For the other 13% not directly represented, their prices are considered to move similarly to those represented directly.

Selection of Items to be priced and Outlets

A representative sample of 25 exporting companies (outlets) was selected from trade declarations submitted to the Customs Department in 2007 for the pricing of the commodity items. The sample consists of major exporting companies trading on a regular basis. The selected companies are visited each quarter to collect the required prices.

A total of 65 items, representing 30 commodities were selected for pricing on the basis of regularity of trade and share in total exports, the most important ones being sugar, textile fabrics, and articles of apparel and clothing accessories. Specifications of items to be priced (physical and qualitative) were established in collaboration with the selected exporting

companies to ensure that same items are priced every quarter. Specifications include: pricing basis, contract basis, country of destination, unit of measurement, mode of transport, terms of payment, currency and any other conditions like quality and quantity of the product, that have a bearing on the price.

Weighting Scheme

The weights have been derived from the 2007 total exports. Weights assigned to each section, division, group and commodity are based on their export values in 2007. Items selected for pricing purposes represent all commodities that fall within that weight group.

Changes in the weights from 2003 to 2007

The changes in weights at section level are shown in the table below.

Section	Description	2003	2007
	All sections	10,000	10,000
Section 0	Food and live animals	2,942	3,445
Section 2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	31	37
Section 4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	-	9
Section 5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	21	233
Section 6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	293	759
Section 8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,713	5,517

It is noted that the weights of “Food and live animals”, and “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” have increased in the new weight structure due to their growing importance while the increase in the weights of “Chemicals and related products” was a result of the introduction of medicinal and pharmaceutical products in the index basket.

Base and Reference Period

Both the base period (period to which weights refer) and the reference period (index=100) for the EPI are the calendar year 2007. Export data for year 2007 have been used to derive the weights while the yearly average prices were used as reference year prices. The quarterly average prices have also been used to calculate the quarterly indices for the reference year.

Price Collection

Selected companies are visited once every quarter, but prices are collected for each month of the quarter and quarterly averages worked out for the computation of the price

indices. Some 65 price quotations are collected each month. These prices are reported on a free on board (F.O.B.) basis and are mostly contract prices.

Sugar

Due to its specificity, sugar has been treated differently. Sugar produced during a crop year, which normally extends from July to June of the following year, is usually exported during the same crop year. The export prices are mostly negotiated prices. These prices can be quite volatile between quarters, depending on the destination of the shipments. Therefore, in order to eliminate these price distortions between quarters, the same average yearly price for the crop year is used for the four quarters of that crop year. It is to be noted that the base year price of sugar is the average price for crop years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Uses of the EPI

The EPI is mainly used as price deflators for exports. It shows changes in the prices of Mauritian products sold abroad and can be used for calculating changes in the volume of exports.

It also serves as a basis to assess the competitiveness of Mauritian products in relation to price trends of common products of other countries with which Mauritius competes for markets.

Calculation of the EPI

The lowest level (SITC 7 digit) indices are calculated as a geometric average of the price relatives of the basic observations. A modified Laspeyres formula, based on the weighted average of price relatives, is used to calculate higher level indices. The mathematical

$$I_{ot} = \frac{\sum w_i \times \frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}} \times 100}{\sum w_i}$$

form of the formula is shown below:

Where I_{ot} is the index for period t compared to base period 0

w_i is the weight of the i^{th} element

P_{io} is the base price of the i^{th} element

P_{it} is the price of the i^{th} element in period t

$\frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}}$ is the price relative of the i^{th} element
in period t relative to base period 0

Σ means summation over all selected elements

Import Price Index (IPI)

Methodology for the Construction of the IPI

Definition

The Import Price Index (IPI) provides an overall measure of pure price changes (in Mauritian Rupees) of goods imported into the country.

The IPI is based on actual price measurements of a fixed basket of imported goods. It requires elaborate specifications of products and takes into account the main price determining factors such as country of origin and quality.

The first IPI was calculated with the year 2003 as reference and 2002 as base year. The new index is calculated with 2007 as base and reference year.

Scope and Classification

The commodities are classified according to the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev 4). Sub-indices are produced for each SITC section and for more detailed groups where possible.

For the computation of weights, some commodities accounting for around 9% of total imports in 2007 were excluded because of their heterogeneity and the inherent difficulties in pricing the items to a constant quality. These were: precious stones, jewellery, cellular telephones, recorded media and free publications, aircraft, helicopters and marine vessels, certain machine parts, textile wastes and Section 9 of the SITC described as “Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere”.

Thus, the index covers about 91% of the value of merchandise imported during 2007. Items directly represented (price movements followed), constitute around 60% of the total value of imports. For the other 31% not directly represented, their prices are considered to move similarly to those represented directly.

Selection of Items to be priced and Outlets

The commodities forming the basket were selected according to the following criteria:

- (i) As far as possible, an item is included if it is imported regularly and frequently
- (ii) The items selected had to be, to a large extent, representative of the bulk of the trader’s import
- (iii) There must be a sustained demand of the commodity variety
- (iv) Items had to be specific and detailed enough for pricing.

Similarly, an importer for a particular product is selected provided that he imports that product on a regular basis.

Detailed characteristics (physical and qualitative) of items to be priced were established in collaboration with the importers so that the price quotations from period to period refer to the same items. The following are some commodity specifications: pricing basis, country of importation, unit of measurement, mode of transport, terms of payment, currency and any other conditions like quality and quantity of the product that have a bearing on the price

At the end of the process, some 139 commodity items and 220 outlets were selected for subsequent pricing.

Weighting scheme

The weights were derived from total imports in 2007. Weights assigned to each section and group are based on their import values in that year. Products or group of products selected for pricing purposes represent all products that fall within that weight group.

Changes in the weights from 2003 to 2007

The changes in weights at section level are shown in the table below.

Section	Description	2003	2007
	All sections	10,000	10,000
Section 0	Food and live animals	1,621	1,808
Section 1	Beverages and Tobacco	-	138
Section 2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	221	288
Section 3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,789	2,004
Section 4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	113	104
Section 5	Chemical materials & related products, n.e.s	467	851
Section 6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,776	2,141
Section 7	Machinery and transport equipment	1,134	1,800
Section 8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	879	866

The main changes were:

- (i) "Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material" declined by 1,635 from 3,776 in 2003 to 2,141 due to lower imports of textile yarn, paper and paperboard and cotton fabrics
- (ii) "Machinery and transport equipment" increased by 666 from 1,134 in 2003 to 1,800 as a result of higher imports.

Base and Reference Period

Both the base period (period to which weights refer) and the reference period (index=100) for the IPI are the calendar year 2007. Import data for year 2007 have been used to derive the weights while the yearly average prices were used as reference year prices. The quarterly average prices have also been used to calculate the quarterly indices for the reference year.

Price collection

There are two common practices for the collection of prices of items falling in the basket. Prices for the specified goods are collected each month from importers and average quarterly prices are then derived for compiling the index, or, in case where most imports occur at intervals longer than a month, prices are collected only once every quarter and refer to the last consignment. A preliminary survey of the importers has shown that, in the case of Mauritius, the second practice is more suitable.

Prices are reported on a cost, insurance and freight (c.i.f) basis and are expressed in Mauritian Rupees. Exchange rates from the Customs and Excise Department are used in case prices are reported in foreign currencies.

Though the frequency of imports has been taken into consideration in selecting items and importers, it may happen that some items in the basket have not been imported during a certain period. In such cases, the prices are estimated using the variations in the exchange rate of the currency of imports. The underlying assumption is that the only factor affecting the price is the value of the Mauritian Rupee relative to the transaction currency. However, for items that would no longer be imported, they would have to be substituted by similar items.

Petroleum products and rice

It is to be noted that for petroleum products, the index is calculated differently given that these products, namely gasoline, gas oil, aviation fuel, fuel oil, LPG are now imported more than once during a quarter. All prices available for the quarter are collected and an average price for the quarter is computed.

The above pricing system is also applicable for rice , imported by the STC.

Uses of the Import Price Index

The Import Price Index is an important economic indicator which is used, inter alia, to:

- (i) measure changes in prices of imports
- (ii) analyse the effect of import price changes on the various sectors of the economy
- (iii) calculate changes in the volume of imports
- (iv) calculate the terms of trade (that is the ratio of export prices to import prices)
- (v) analyse the effect of exchange rates on import prices.

Calculation of the IPI

The lowest level indices are determined as a geometric average of the price relatives of the basic observations. A modified Laspeyres formula, based on the weighted average of price relatives, is used to calculate higher level indices.

The mathematical form of the formula is shown below:

$$I_{ot} = \frac{\sum W_i \times \frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}} \times 100}{\sum W_i}$$

Where I_{ot} is the index for period t compared to base period 0

w_i is the weight of the i^{th} element

P_{io} is the base price of the i^{th} element

P_{it} is the price of the i^{th} element in period t

$\frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}}$ is the price relative of the i^{th} element
in period t relative to base period 0

Σ means summation over all selected elements