

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) **1st Quarter 2016**

1. Introduction

This issue of “Economic and Social Indicators” (ESI) presents the results of the Quarterly Survey of Employment among Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE), conducted by Statistics Mauritius at the end of March 2016.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the 1st quarter of 2016 as well as figures for the years 2014 and 2015. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2007 to 2015.

EOE consist of enterprises formerly holding an EPZ certificate as well as enterprises manufacturing goods for export and holding a registration certificate issued by the Board of Investment.

2. Employment

2.1 Employment – 1st Quarter 2016

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2015, employment in EOE decreased by 875 (-1.6%) from 53,601 to 52,726. Male employment decreased by 91 to reach 25,352 and female employment decreased by 784 from 28,158 to 27,374 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector went down by 1,050 (-3.4%) from 31,025 to 29,975 while the number of foreign workers increased by 175 (+0.8%) from 22,576 at the end of December 2015 to 22,751 at the end of March 2016 (Tables 2 and 5).

The decrease of 875 in employment during the first quarter of 2016 is the result of 1,445 job losses (909 due to reduction in existing enterprises and 536 due to closures) and creation of 570 new jobs due to expansion of existing enterprises.

Job losses were mainly in the sub sector “Wearing apparel” (-1,027) and new jobs were created in the same sub sector (+423).

2.2 Evolution of employment from March 2015 to March 2016

From March 2015 to March 2016, total employment decreased by 1,627 (-3.0%) from 54,353 to 52,726. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 1,431 (-272 males and -1,159 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 196 (+296 males and -492 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the production of “Textile yarn and fabrics” with a decrease of 1,199 jobs and in “Pullovers” with a decrease of 409 jobs, while jobs were created mainly in enterprise engaged in the production of “Other garments” with an increase of 497 jobs.

Details of changes in employment by product group are given in tables 3, 4 and 5.

3. Exports and Imports

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 Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) - Customs Department. Thus, while figures for 2014 are final, those for 2015 and 1st quarter 2016 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

3.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2016

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

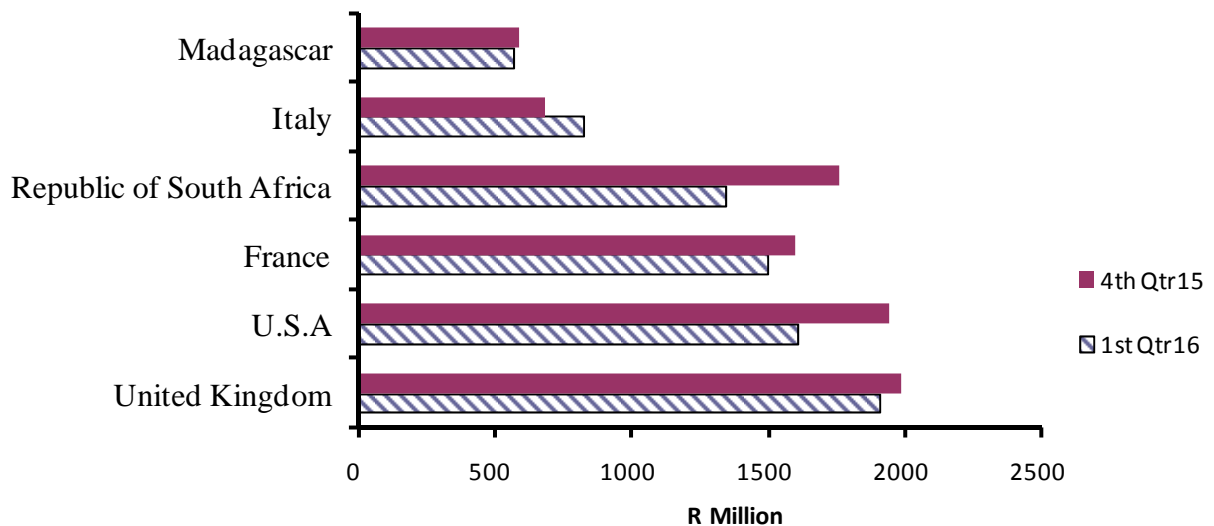
Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the 1st quarter of 2016 amounted to R 10,528 million, that is, R 1,360 million (-11.4%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2015 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of decreases in the exports of “Articles of apparel and clothing” of R 1,050 million (-17.2%) and “Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones” of R 327 million (-33.4%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2015, EOE exports decreased by R 526 million (-4.8%).

Details on EOE exports by section are given in Table 7.

The United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA) and France remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,007 million (47.6%) of total EOE exports. The Republic of South Africa, Italy and Madagascar are among the other main destinations of EOE exports.

Fig 1:EOE Exports by country of destination



Compared to the previous quarter, main changes in exports were as follows:

Exports went up for:

- Italy by R 145 million (+21.3%);
- Spain by R 29 million (+10.6%)

Exports went down for:

- Republic of South Africa by R 415 million (-23.6%); and
- USA by R 339 million (-17.5%).

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the 1st quarter of 2016 were estimated at R 6,423 million, representing a decrease of R 732 million (-10.2%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2015 (Table 8). This decrease is due to lower imports of raw materials by R 710 million (-10.6%), and machinery and transport equipment by R 23 million (-4.9%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2015, imports increased by R 94 million (+1.5%), mainly due to rises in “Fish and fish preparations” by R 227 million (+19.9%) and “Wool and other animal hair” by R 110 million (+114.6%), partly offset by a decrease in imports of “Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” of R 268 million (-25.5%).

Details on EOE imports by section are given in Table 8.

3.1.3 Net exports

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to R 4,105 million in the first quarter of 2016 and its ratio to total exports worked out to around 39% compared to 43% in the corresponding quarter of 2015 (Table 6).

It is to be noted that the above exports and imports figures do not include transactions of the EOE with the Freeport. EOE sales to the Freeport considered as local sales, were valued at R 102 million in the first quarter of 2016 compared to R 80 million in the first quarter of 2015. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country

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Table 1 - Main economic indicators, EOE Sector, 2007 - 2015

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ¹
1. No of enterprises as at December	404	412	411	370	352	330	309	300	284
- New	18	43	36	7	15	1	2	8	1
- Closures	55	35	37	48	33	23	23	17	17
2. Employment as at December	67,314	62,276	58,564	55,826	55,646	54,583	53,663	54,813	53,601
- Net change	-2,352	-5,038	-3,712	-2,738	-180	-1,063	-920	+1150	-1,212
- Growth rate (%)	3.6	-7.5	-6.0	-4.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.7	2.1	2.2
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million)	37,840	35,080	35,972	41,622	43,100	45,606	46,778	49,069	48,687
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million):	21,036	20,172	17,332	23,007	27,025	26,665	29,340	28,596	27,315
- Raw materials	18,269	19,016	16,539	22,081	25,994	25,435	27,850	27,001	25,838
- Machinery & spare parts	2,767	1,156	793	926	1,031	1,230	1,490	1,595	1,477
5. Net exports (R million)	16,804	14,908	18,640	18,615	16,075	18,941	17,438	20,473	21,372
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	44.4	42.5	51.8	44.7	37.3	41.5	37.3	41.7	43.8
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)²	17,755	17,573	17,176	17,155	17,754	18,834	20,011	20,395	20,818
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	44.5	39.2	38.2	38.0	36.8	37.3	36.4	36.1	36.1
- Share in GDP (%)	8.1	7.2	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.8
8. Annual Real Growth rate of Value added (%)²	11.2	1.7	-0.4	+6.4	+6.1	+1.4	-3.0	+0.8	-1.4
9. Investment (R million)	4,450	2,194	1,131	913	1,140	1,066	1,930	2,700	1,140
- of which Machinery	2,726	1,118	740	795	986	891	993	1,560	525

¹ Provisional

² These figures will be revised after rebasing of National Accounts estimates and revised figures will be provided in the historical series of EOE

Table 2 - Employment by size of enterprise and sex, EOE Sector, March 2015¹ - March 2016

Category	Number of enterprises as at			Employment								
				March 2015			December 2015			March 2016		
	March 15	December 15	March 16	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	59	55	58	106	120	226	100	124	224	103	130	233
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	234	229	223	25,186	28,676	53,862	25,313	27,781	53,094	25,220	27,018	52,238
Outworkers	–	–	–	36	229	265	30	253	283	29	226	255
TOTAL	293	284	281	25,328	29,025	54,353	25,443	28,158	53,601	25,352	27,374	52,726
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	–	–	–	13,800	9,147	22,947	13,942	8,634	22,576	14,096	8,655	22,751

¹ Revised

Table 3 - Employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2015¹ - March 2016

Product group	March 2015				March 2016			
	Number of enterprises	Employment			Number of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	23	2,078	3,498	5,576	22	1,997	3,266	5,263
2. Flowers	6	48	61	109	6	53	59	112
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	26	4,170	789	4,959	24	3,198	562	3,760
4. Wearing apparel:	111	15,342	20,154	35,496	106	16,460	19,124	35,584
<i>Pullovers</i>	17	1,462	1,397	2,859	16	1,387	1,063	2,450
<i>Other garments</i>	94	13,880	18,757	32,637	90	15,073	18,061	33,134
5. Leather products and footwear	5	159	438	597	5	159	427	586
6. Wood and paper products	11	364	344	708	10	318	304	622
7. Optical goods	2	179	228	407	2	172	232	404
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	261	329	590	5	230	303	533
9. Electric and electronic products	6	76	151	227	6	84	148	232
10. Jewellery and related articles	15	456	835	1,291	14	436	689	1,125
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	20	227	247	2	20	239	259
12. Other products	81	2,175	1,971	4,146	79	2,225	2,021	4,246
TOTAL	293	25,328	29,025	54,353	281	25,352	27,374	52,726

¹ Revised

Table 4 - Net change in employment by product group, EOE Sector, March 2015¹ - March 2016

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	March 15	December 15	March 16	December 15 to March 16	March 15 to March 16
1. Food	5,576	5,272	5,263	-9	-313
2. Flowers	109	113	112	-1	3
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,959	3,764	3,760	-4	-1,199
4. Wearing apparel:	35,496	36,188	35,584	-604	88
<i>Pullovers</i>	2,859	2,701	2,450	251	-409
<i>Other garments</i>	32,637	33,487	33,134	353	497
5. Leather products and footwear	597	579	586	7	-11
6. Wood and paper products	708	635	622	-13	-86
7. Optical goods	407	404	404	0	-3
8. Electronic watches and clocks	590	568	533	-35	-57
9. Electric and electronic products	227	230	232	2	5
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,291	1,321	1,125	-196	-166
11. Toys and carnival articles	247	248	259	11	12
12. Other products	4,146	4,279	4,246	-33	100
TOTAL	54,353	53,601	52,726	-875	-1,627

¹ Revised

Table 5 - Expatriate employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2015¹ - March 2016

Product group	Employment					
	March 2015			March 2016		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	596	1,325	1,921	541	1,224	1,765
2. Flowers	–	–	–	–	–	–
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,704	8	2,712	2,154	28	2,182
4. Wearing apparel:	10,034	7,781	17,815	10,908	7,361	18,269
<i>Pullovers</i>	997	115	1,112	1,000	63	1,063
<i>Other garments</i>	9,037	7,666	16,703	9,908	7,298	17,206
5. Leather products and footwear	26	–	26	22	–	22
6. Wood and paper products	1	–	1	2	–	2
7. Optical goods	48	1	49	49	–	49
8. Electronic watches and clocks	53	–	53	45	–	45
9. Electric and electronic products	10	1	11	15	1	16
10. Jewellery and related articles	51	3	54	60	3	63
11. Toys and carnival articles	–	–	–	–	–	–
12. Other	277	28	305	300	38	338
TOTAL	13,800	9,147	22,947	14,096	8,655	22,751

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¹Revised

Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2014 - 1st Quarter 2016

Value in R Million

Item	2014 ¹	2015 ²	2015 ²				2016 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	49,069	48,687	11,054	13,123	12,622	11,888	10,528
B. Total imports (c.i.f):	28,596	27,315	6,329	7,189	6,642	7,155	6,423
<i>Raw materials</i>	27,001	25,838	6,023	6,782	6,344	6,689	5,979
<i>Machinery</i>	1,595	1,477	306	407	297	467	444
Net Exports (A - B)	20,473	21,372	4,725	5,934	5,980	4,733	4,105
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	42	44	43	45	47	40	39

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2014 - 1st Quarter 2016

Value (F.o.b) in R Million

SITC Section/Description	2014 ¹	2015 ²	2015 ²				2016 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	49,069	48,687	11,054	13,123	12,622	11,888	10,528
0 - Food and live animals	12,552	10,980	2,666	3,093	2,766	2,455	2,588
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Live animals other than fish</i>	701	656	182	175	115	184	177
<i>Fish & fish preparations</i>	11,089	9,536	2,303	2,701	2,450	2,082	2,270
<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	219	197	34	51	53	59	45
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	157	176	36	57	43	40	58
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	416	373	56	112	103	102	63
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	165	184	20	62	49	53	25
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,160	7,675	1,786	2,173	1,864	1,852	1,460
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Paper, paperboard and articles</i>	63	52	15	14	11	12	18
<i>Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles</i>	2,963	3,060	746	853	691	770	735
<i>Glass</i>	216	96	96	-	-	-	-
<i>Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones</i>	3,554	4,108	847	1,190	1,093	978	651
<i>Iron and steel</i>	222	194	57	69	27	41	13
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	278	507	296	100	45	66	56
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	28,175	28,633	6,150	7,465	7,722	7,296	6,210
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Travel goods, handbags and similar containers</i>	399	375	85	90	103	97	73
<i>Articles of apparel and clothing</i>	23,492	23,917	5,072	6,210	6,530	6,105	5,055
<i>Optical goods</i>	254	256	85	77	53	41	81
<i>Watches and clocks</i>	736	674	184	168	172	150	166
<i>Printed matter</i>	135	106	22	25	30	29	37
<i>Articles, n.e.s. of plastics</i>	532	639	152	141	177	169	142
<i>Toys, games and sporting goods</i>	187	217	46	58	56	57	47
<i>Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares</i>	1,450	1,476	303	436	340	397	377
Other sections	331	343	64	123	79	77	93

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 8 - EOE imports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2014 - 1st Quarter 2016

Value (C.i.f) in R Million

SITC Section/Description	2014 ¹	2015 ²	2015 ²				2016 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	28,596	27,315	6,329	7,189	6,642	7,155	6,423
0 - Food and live animals	7,172	5,860	1,293	1,455	1,508	1,604	1,471
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	382	407	105	113	80	109	64
<i>Fish & fish preparations</i>	6,643	5,305	1,142	1,324	1,401	1,438	1,369
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,296	2,567	561	494	610	902	628
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Cotton</i>	1,353	1,774	382	276	420	696	309
<i>Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning</i>	170	154	23	42	46	43	45
<i>Wool and other animal hair</i>	413	331	96	96	67	72	206
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	4	7	1	2	1	3	1
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,553	1,431	313	377	335	406	374
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12,584	12,833	3,104	3,610	3,115	3,004	2,748
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Leather</i>	599	499	131	145	112	111	96
<i>Paper, paperboard and articles</i>	365	435	114	114	107	100	109
<i>Textile yarn and fabrics</i>	5,937	5,953	1,285	1,797	1,403	1,468	1,310
<i>Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones</i>	3,633	3,762	1,049	1,050	940	723	781
<i>Iron and steel</i>	559	761	153	206	214	188	127
<i>Non-ferrous metals</i>	169	176	43	30	57	46	43
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,595	1,477	306	407	297	467	444
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Machinery specialized for particular industries</i>	1,048	931	192	271	168	300	282
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,734	2,407	569	615	600	623	564
<i>of which :</i>							
<i>Optical goods, watches & clocks</i>	483	483	112	123	123	125	136
<i>Printed matter</i>	233	227	52	65	58	52	51
<i>Articles, n.e.s. of plastics</i>	402	373	76	107	93	97	93
<i>Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares</i>	592	444	129	92	100	123	96
Other sections	658	733	182	229	176	146	193

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2014 - 1st Quarter 2016

Value (F.o.b) in R Million

Country of destination	2014 ¹	2015 ²	2015 ²				2016 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	49,069	48,687	11,054	13,123	12,622	11,888	10,528
Europe:	27,921	25,551	5,876	7,276	6,469	5,930	5,721
Austria	314	153	33	36	26	58	20
Belgium	1,672	1,249	265	390	323	271	175
France	8,060	6,741	1,495	1,908	1,743	1,595	1,496
Germany	504	396	103	95	73	125	85
Italy	2,336	2,229	487	582	480	680	825
Netherlands	1,715	1,944	455	623	491	375	346
Portugal	91	232	31	34	79	88	109
Spain	2,017	1,691	445	486	487	273	302
Switzerland	763	916	227	252	220	217	233
United Kingdom	9,282	8,917	2,040	2,586	2,302	1,989	1,908
Other	1,167	1,083	295	284	245	259	222
Asia:	4,261	4,862	1,112	1,334	1,180	1,236	942
China	248	268	55	75	65	73	54
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	121	114	35	34	33	12	26
India	158	115	26	38	24	27	28
Japan	845	427	106	150	91	80	67
Sri Lanka	24	24	11	5	5	3	4
Vietnam	2,032	2,989	638	827	721	803	516
Other	833	925	241	205	241	238	247
Africa:	8,040	9,078	2,109	2,021	2,426	2,522	2,040
Madagascar	2,166	2,416	706	605	521	584	567
Reunion	420	332	71	74	88	99	61
Seychelles	100	98	25	30	23	20	26
South Africa, Republic of	5,054	5,887	1,207	1,200	1,723	1,757	1,342
Other	300	345	100	112	71	62	44
America:	8,558	8,858	1,853	2,425	2,450	2,130	1,735
Canada	247	337	54	117	67	99	61
Panama	103	146	50	39	21	36	32
U.S.A	7,910	8,147	1,693	2,201	2,311	1,942	1,603
Other	298	228	56	68	51	53	39
Oceania:	289	338	104	67	97	70	90
Australia	276	323	100	66	89	68	85
New Zealand	12	14	4	1	7	2	5
Other	1	1	-	-	1	-	-

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 10 - EOE imports by country of origin, 2014 - 1st Quarter 2016

Value (C.i.f) in R Million

Country of origin	2014 ¹	2015 ²	2015 ²				2016 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	28,596	27,315	6,329	7,189	6,642	7,155	6,423
Europe:	11,587	9,436	2,178	2,458	2,305	2,495	2,305
Belgium	603	503	127	144	113	119	136
France	3,912	2,984	718	856	716	694	787
Germany	384	361	109	75	68	109	82
Italy	927	939	198	283	158	300	322
Netherlands	201	37	7	15	6	9	8
Spain	3,713	2,829	655	584	812	778	563
Sweden	4	7	1	2	1	3	1
Switzerland	469	322	72	87	78	85	108
United Kingdom	338	363	74	81	80	128	83
Other	1,036	1,091	217	331	273	270	215
Asia:	10,397	10,254	2,269	2,842	2,529	2,614	2,319
China	5,066	5,132	1,102	1,484	1,248	1,298	1,154
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	419	434	88	131	104	111	75
India	1,796	1,813	390	536	415	472	475
Indonesia	740	805	149	215	228	213	163
Japan	220	132	23	34	44	31	27
Korea, Republic of	171	160	42	47	48	23	9
Malaysia	224	209	53	38	73	45	41
Pakistan	355	250	46	116	50	38	35
Singapore	161	123	32	28	35	28	22
Thailand	629	673	214	107	156	196	185
Other	616	523	130	106	128	159	133
Africa:	3,747	5,124	1,080	1,133	1,254	1,657	1,371
Burkina Faso	12	40	6	28	6	-	14
Madagascar	512	511	54	126	234	97	52
Mali	59	4	4	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	1,064	1,779	336	465	422	556	611
South Africa, Republic of	492	439	73	89	166	111	63
Zambia	101	-	-	-	-	-	29
Other	1,507	2,351	607	425	426	893	602
America:	1,480	1,336	364	355	358	259	207
Brazil	55	32	3	8	7	14	3
U.S.A	245	191	43	42	50	56	30
Canada	1,142	1,060	313	299	266	182	169
Other	38	53	5	6	35	7	5
Oceania:	1,385	1,165	438	401	196	130	221
Australia	1,030	750	306	224	129	91	135
Other	355	415	132	177	67	39	86

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