

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) 1st Quarter 2018

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 2018.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the first quarter of 2018 as well as figures for the years 2016 and 2017. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2009 to 2017.

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 2018

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2017, employment in EOE decreased by 1,034 (-2.0%) from 52,172 to 51,138. Male employment decreased by 360 from 26,234 to 25,874 and female employment decreased by 674 from 25,938 to 25,264 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector went down by 579 from 28,973 to 28,394 and the number of foreign workers decreased by 455 (-2.0%) from 23,199 at the end of December 2017 to 22,744 at the end of March 2018 (Table 2).

The decrease of 1,034 in employment during the first quarter of 2018 is the net result of 117 job losses due to closure of enterprises, 1,442 job reductions in existing enterprises and the creation of 525 new jobs in existing enterprises.

2.2 Evolution of employment from March 2017 to March 2018

From March 2017 to March 2018, total employment in EOE decreased by 1,030 (-2.0%) from 52,168 to 51,138. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 1,197 (-442 males and -755 females). Employment of foreign workers increased by 167 (+625 males and -458 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of “Wearing apparel” with a decrease of 1,238 jobs. On the other hand, new jobs were created mainly in “Leather products and footwear” with an increase of 95 jobs.

Details of employment by product group and sex are given in Table 3 and changes in employment by product group in Table 4.

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 2016 are final, those for 2017 and first quarter 2018 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

3.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2018

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the first quarter of 2018 amounted to R 9,853 million, that is, R 1,049 million (-9.6%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2017 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of decreases of R 723 million (-14.3%) in the exports of “Articles of apparel and clothing” and R 238 million (-33.4%) in “Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017, EOE exports increased by R 456 million (+4.9%).

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

United Kingdom (UK), France, United States of America (USA) and South Africa, remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,328 million (54.1%) of total EOE exports (Table 9). The table below highlights the changes in our main EOE exports markets.

EOE exports by main country of destination

Country of destination	Exports (R million) Q1 2018	Change on	
		Q4 2017	Q1 2017
United Kingdom	1,692	-176	+212
France	1,273	-215	-138
USA	1,210	-149	+14
South Africa	1,153	-42	+144

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed decreases as follows: United Kingdom (-9.4%), France (-14.4%), USA (-11.0%), South Africa (-3.5%).

When compared to the first quarter of 2017, increases were noted for: United Kingdom (+14.3%), USA (+1.2%) and South Africa (+14.3%). On the other hand, France showed a decrease of 9.8%.

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the first quarter of 2018 were estimated at R 5,911 million, representing a decrease of R 1,606 million (-21.4%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2017 (Table 8). This decrease is mainly due to lower imports of raw materials by R 1,710 million (-23.5%) and partly offset by higher imports of machinery by R 104 million (+43.3%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017, imports increased by R 133 million (+2.3%), mainly due to increases in imports of “Cotton” by R 133 million (+44.5%) and “Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” by R 226 million (+43.2%), partly offset by a decrease in imports of “Fish & fish preparations” by R 197 million (-12.6 %). 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 3,942 million in the first quarter of 2018 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 40.0% compared to 38.5% in the corresponding quarter of 2017 (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 46 million in the first quarter of 2018 compared to R 61 million in the first quarter of 2017. 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, 2009 - 2017

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 ¹	2017 ¹
1. No of enterprises as at December	411	370	352	330	309	300	284	282	280
- New	36	7	15	1	2	8	1	2	-
- Closures	37	48	33	23	23	17	17	4	2
2. Employment as at December	58,564	55,826	55,646	54,583	53,663	54,813	53,601	52,602	52,172
- Net change	-3,712	-2,738	-180	-1,063	-920	+1,150	-1,212	-999	-430
- Growth rate (%)	-6.0	-4.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.7	+2.1	+2.2	-1.9	-0.8
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million)	35,972	41,622	43,100	45,606	46,778	49,069	48,487	44,422	43,145
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million):	17,332	23,007	27,025	26,665	29,340	28,596	27,312	25,638	27,179
- Raw materials	16,539	22,081	25,994	25,435	27,850	27,001	25,835	24,254	25,976
- Machinery & spare parts	793	926	1,031	1,230	1,490	1,595	1,477	1,384	1,203
5. Net exports (R million)	18,640	18,615	16,075	18,941	17,438	20,473	21,175	18,784	15,966
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	51.8	44.7	37.3	41.5	37.3	41.7	43.7	42.3	37.0
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)	17,225	17,359	18,088	19,157	20,328	20,704	20,968	20,125	19,867
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	39.6	39.8	39.5	40.0	39.3	38.9	39.0	37.3	36.6
- Share in Gross value added (%)	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.2	4.9
8. Annual Real Growth rate of Value added (%)	-0.4	+6.4	+6.1	+1.4	-3.0	+2.5	-3.1	-5.1	+0.3
9. Investment (R million)	1,131	913	1,140	1,066	1,930	2,700	1,140	1,254	1,291
- of which Machinery	740	795	986	988	1,101	1,686	636	750	745

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Table 2 - Employment by size of enterprise and sex, EOE Sector, March 2017 - March 2018

Category	Number of enterprises as at			Employment								
				March 2017			December 2017			March 2018		
	March 17	December 17	March 18	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	59	62	60	109	116	225	115	126	241	111	110	221
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	223	218	215	25,547	26,153	51,700	26,091	25,618	51,709	25,738	24,960	50,698
Outworkers	N.A	N.A	N.A	35	208	243	28	194	222	25	194	219
TOTAL	282	280	275	25,691	26,477	52,168	26,234	25,938	52,172	25,874	25,264	51,138
<i>Mauritian</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>10,977</i>	<i>18,614</i>	<i>29,591</i>	<i>10,764</i>	<i>18,209</i>	<i>28,973</i>	<i>10,535</i>	<i>17,859</i>	<i>28,394</i>
<i>Foreign workers (Expatriates)</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>14,714</i>	<i>7,863</i>	<i>22,577</i>	<i>15,470</i>	<i>7,729</i>	<i>23,199</i>	<i>15,339</i>	<i>7,405</i>	<i>22,744</i>

N.A - Not applicable

Table 3 - Employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2017 - March 2018

Product group	March 2017				March 2018			
	Number of enterprises	Employment			Number of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	22	2,079	3,292	5,371	22	2,095	3,321	5,416
2. Flowers	6	44	54	98	4	36	38	74
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	24	3,081	501	3,582	23	3,003	461	3,464
4. Wearing apparel:	107	16,947	18,487	35,434	104	17,058	17,138	34,196
<i>Pullovers</i>	16	1,291	951	2,242	15	1,029	717	1,746
<i>Other garments</i>	91	15,656	17,536	33,192	89	16,029	16,421	32,450
5. Leather products and footwear	5	158	447	605	5	181	519	700
6. Wood and paper products	10	306	283	589	10	285	280	565
7. Optical goods	2	185	212	397	2	198	201	399
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	214	260	474	5	230	293	523
9. Electric and electronic products	5	73	129	202	5	65	117	182
10. Jewellery and related articles	14	447	633	1,080	14	416	605	1,021
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	21	236	257	2	19	220	239
12. Other products	80	2,136	1,943	4,079	79	2,288	2,071	4,359
TOTAL	282	25,691	26,477	52,168	275	25,874	25,264	51,138

Table 4 - Net change in employment by product group, EOE Sector, March 2017 - March 2018

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 17	Dec. 17	Mar. 18	Dec. 17 to Mar. 18	Mar. 17 to Mar. 18
1. Food	5,371	5,444	5,416	-28	45
2. Flowers	98	102	74	-28	-24
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,582	3,540	3,464	-76	-118
4. Wearing apparel:	35,434	35,319	34,196	-1,123	-1,238
<i>Pullovers</i>	2,242	1,757	1,746	-11	-496
<i>Other garments</i>	33,192	33,562	32,450	-1,112	-742
5. Leather products and footwear	605	638	700	62	95
6. Wood and paper products	589	578	565	-13	-24
7. Optical goods	397	373	399	26	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	474	480	523	43	49
9. Electric and electronic products	202	181	182	1	-20
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,080	1,029	1,021	-8	-59
11. Toys and carnival articles	257	240	239	-1	-18
12. Other products	4,079	4,248	4,359	111	280
TOTAL	52,168	52,172	51,138	-1,034	-1,030

Table 5 - Expatriate employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2017 - March 2018

Product group	Employment					
	March 2017			March 2018		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	592	1,207	1,799	638	1,270	1,908
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,091	15	2,106	2,108	5	2,113
4. Wearing apparel:	11,436	6,585	18,021	11,989	6,088	18,077
<i>Pullovers</i>	963	53	1,016	711	56	767
<i>Other garments</i>	10,473	6,532	17,005	11,278	6,032	17,310
5. Leather products and footwear	22	-	22	33	2	35
6. Wood and paper products	2	-	2	1	1	2
7. Optical goods	65	-	65	78	-	78
8. Electronic watches and clocks	47	1	48	52	1	53
9. Electric and electronic products	10	1	11	15	1	16
10. Jewellery and related articles	64	4	68	67	4	71
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	385	50	435	358	33	391
TOTAL	14,714	7,863	22,577	15,339	7,405	22,744

Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

Value: R Million

Item	2016	2017	2017				2018 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	44,422	43,145	9,397	11,149	11,697	10,902	9,853
B. Total imports (c.i.f):	25,638	27,179	5,778	6,933	6,951	7,517	5,911
<i>Raw materials</i>	<i>24,254</i>	<i>25,976</i>	<i>5,415</i>	<i>6,631</i>	<i>6,653</i>	<i>7,277</i>	<i>5,567</i>
<i>Machinery</i>	<i>1,384</i>	<i>1,203</i>	<i>363</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>344</i>
Net Exports (A - B)	18,784	15,966	3,619	4,216	4,746	3,385	3,942
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	42.3	37.0	38.5	37.8	40.6	31.0	40.0

¹ Provisional

Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

Value (F.o.b): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2016	2017	2017				2018 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	44,422	43,145	9,397	11,149	11,697	10,902	9,853
0 - Food and live animals	11,626	12,350	2,584	3,355	3,435	2,976	3,100
of which :							
Live animals other than fish	676	684	166	172	183	163	165
Fish & fish preparations	10,213	10,918	2,242	2,965	3,073	2,638	2,756
Cereals and cereal preparations	192	248	55	59	64	70	67
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	302	143	35	44	33	31	30
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	341	349	67	87	123	72	78
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	172	165	23	39	69	34	41
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5,729	5,732	1,380	1,407	1,356	1,589	1,212
of which :							
Paper, paperboard and articles	58	56	12	13	19	12	8
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	2,897	3,220	831	797	775	817	686
Glass	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	2,541	2,257	483	541	518	715	477
Iron and steel	25	1	-	-	-	1	-
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	280	222	52	71	54	45	40
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	25,691	23,610	5,091	5,971	6,521	6,027	5,233
of which :							
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	313	272	54	60	79	79	59
Articles of apparel and clothing	21,387	19,754	4,230	5,023	5,452	5,049	4,326
Optical goods	226	260	68	69	54	69	68
Watches and clocks	673	775	166	195	217	197	192
Printed matter	131	115	28	35	22	30	23
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	551	598	146	134	178	140	125
Toys, games and sporting goods	185	190	47	39	55	49	36
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	1,203	598	142	154	157	145	140
Other sections	453	739	188	214	175	162	161

¹ Provisional

Table 8 - EOE imports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

Value (C.i.f): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2016	2017	2017				2018 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	25,638	27,179	5,778	6,933	6,951	7,517	5,911
0 - Food and live animals	7,192	8,884	1,679	2,194	2,426	2,585	1,507
of which :							
Meat and meat preparations	315	373	75	73	98	127	67
Fish & fish preparations	6,675	8,251	1,571	2,044	2,265	2,371	1,374
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,117	2,324	474	548	602	700	664
of which :							
Cotton	1,216	1,632	300	378	407	547	433
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	141	151	36	41	44	30	25
Wool and other animal hair	391	218	56	46	73	43	127
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	5	4	-	1	-	3	1
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,443	1,520	367	364	352	437	310
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,226	10,020	2,116	2,611	2,500	2,793	2,381
of which :							
Leather	345	372	85	93	91	103	76
Paper, paperboard and articles	472	354	102	87	79	86	82
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,329	5,459	1,084	1,565	1,339	1,471	1,118
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	2,453	2,370	523	475	615	757	749
Iron and steel	459	283	60	81	72	70	79
Non-ferrous metals	159	180	28	41	51	60	40
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,384	1,203	363	302	298	240	344
of which :							
Machinery specialized for particular industries	813	624	215	191	116	102	166
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,276	2,141	527	619	495	500	467
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	494	536	126	147	138	125	125
Printed matter	211	194	45	56	43	50	37
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	388	333	70	104	77	82	76
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	365	350	134	94	65	57	90
Other sections	995	1,083	252	294	278	259	238

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Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

Value (F.o.b): R Million

Country of destination	2016	2017	2017				2018 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	44,422	43,145	9,397	11,149	11,697	10902	9,853
Europe:	24,843	25,227	5,413	6,721	6,649	6,444	5,965
Austria	25	19	8	1	7	3	10
Belgium	916	721	168	225	164	164	161
France	6,542	6,378	1,411	1,717	1,762	1,488	1,273
Germany	566	953	171	236	241	305	268
Italy	2,727	2,642	590	896	446	710	873
Netherlands	2,055	2,126	461	601	498	566	510
Portugal	471	779	145	183	258	193	97
Spain	2,035	2,292	483	589	628	592	624
Switzerland	866	807	195	217	200	195	203
United Kingdom	7,491	7,108	1,480	1,673	2,087	1,868	1,692
Other	1,149	1,402	301	383	358	360	254
Asia:	3,932	3,574	823	893	812	1,046	845
China	287	313	68	114	67	64	59
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	139	155	27	77	30	21	25
India	128	163	23	44	42	54	36
Japan	403	329	99	93	92	45	73
Sri Lanka	10	5	2	1	1	1	1
Vietnam	1,994	1,738	361	371	407	599	356
Other	971	871	243	193	173	262	295
Africa:	7,713	8,032	1,766	1,964	2,371	1,931	1,705
Madagascar	2,178	2,137	483	556	571	527	403
Reunion	295	285	68	81	65	71	67
Seychelles	96	103	21	25	33	24	12
South Africa	4,917	4,939	1,009	1,177	1,558	1,195	1,153
Other	227	568	185	125	144	114	70
America:	7,568	6,143	1,322	1,528	1,835	1,458	1,312
Canada	309	266	77	69	58	62	72
Panama	124	66	13	15	27	11	14
U.S.A	6,965	5,679	1,196	1,414	1,710	1,359	1,210
Other	170	132	36	30	40	26	16
Oceania:	366	169	73	43	30	23	26
Australia	350	156	70	41	26	19	21
New Zealand	16	13	3	2	4	4	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 10 - EOE imports by country of origin, 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

Value (C.i.f) : R Million

Country of origin	2016	2017	2017				2018 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	25,638	27,179	5,778	6,933	6,951	7,517	5,911
Europe:	9,802	12,085	2,393	2,990	3,151	3,551	2,780
Belgium	643	1,649	241	279	404	725	694
France	3,465	4,400	863	1,117	1,255	1,165	1,168
Germany	382	288	81	65	63	79	118
Italy	939	977	158	267	227	325	188
Netherlands	49	40	8	8	13	11	7
Spain	2,889	3,585	744	954	877	1,010	345
Sweden	3	5	-	-	1	4	1
Switzerland	356	308	71	87	68	82	85
United Kingdom	297	257	52	76	68	61	64
Other	780	576	175	137	175	89	110
Asia:	9,316	9,176	1,985	2,595	2,209	2,387	2,134
China	4,409	3,854	860	1,185	916	893	818
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) ²	351	300	66	80	70	84	62
India	1,798	2,648	572	743	637	696	818
Indonesia	667	526	133	143	108	142	118
Japan	79	117	32	31	32	22	18
Korea, Republic of	79	135	24	35	44	32	16
Malaysia	173	218	40	55	58	65	39
Pakistan	105	230	9	49	41	131	40
Singapore	98	117	24	29	28	36	17
Thailand	634	441	120	100	93	128	112
Other	923	590	105	145	182	158	76
Africa:	5,232	4,729	1,141	1,031	1,316	1,241	773
Burkina Faso	62	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	236	267	60	41	96	70	31
Mali	36	21	-	10	10	1	-
Seychelles	2,455	2,612	646	624	767	575	534
South Africa	364	455	98	95	147	115	64
Zambia	195	203	8	-	86	109	-
Other	1,884	1,171	329	261	210	371	144
America:	598	677	129	151	173	224	123
Brazil	36	39	9	4	19	7	12
U.S.A	138	154	30	39	39	46	44
Canada	409	282	88	98	94	2	1
Other	15	202	2	10	21	169	66
Oceania:	690	512	130	166	102	114	100
Australia	304	227	59	48	52	68	65
Other	386	285	71	118	50	46	35

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China