Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE)

**2nd Quarter 2022**

## 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 June 2022.

## It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the second quarter of 2022 as well as figures for the years 2020 and 2021. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2013 to 2021.

## 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 ex- Board of Investment.

## 2. Employment

**2.1 Employment – 2nd Quarter 2022**

Compared to the first quarter of 2022, employment in EOE increased by 184 (+0.5%) from 34,904 to 35,088. Male employment increased by 244 from 18,613 to 18,857 and female employment dropped by 60 from 16,291 to 16,231 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector decreased by 18 (-0.1%) (-11 males and -7 females) from 20,202 to 20,184 and the number of foreign workers increased by 202 (+1.4%) (+255 males and -53 females) from 14,702 at the end of March 2022 to 14,904 at the end of June 2022 (Table 2).

The increase of 184 in employment in the EOE sector during the second quarter of 2022 is the net result of 624 jobs created and 440 jobs lost. The job losses were due to some contraction of workforce whilst jobs created were due to expansion in existing enterprises.

## 2.2 Evolution of employment from June 2021 to June 2022

From June 2021 to June 2022, total employment in EOE decreased by 959 (-2.7%) from 36,047 to 35,088. The number of Mauritian workers increased by 360 (+88 males and +272 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 1,319 (-730 males and -589 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of “Wearing apparel” with a decrease of 1,208 jobs (Table 4).

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 2020 are final, those for 2021 and for first and second quarters of 2022 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

**3.1 Exports and Imports – 2nd Quarter 2022**

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the second quarter of 2022 amounted to R 12,517 million, that is, R 1,585 million (+14.5%) higher compared to the first quarter of 2022 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of increases observed in exports of “Fish & fish preparations” (+R 442 million or +18.1%), “Machinery and transport equipment” (+R 276 million or +224.4%), “Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones” (+R 246 million or +25.3%), and “Articles of apparel and clothing” (+R 169 million or +4.5%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, EOE exports increased by R 2,116 million (+ 20.3%).

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

South Africa, France, United Kingdom (UK), Madagascar and United States of America (USA) are the principal EOE markets in the second quarter of 2022, together accounting for R 7,605 million (60.8%) 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**

**(R million)**

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| **Country of destination** | **Exports Q2 2022** | **Change on** | |
| **Q1 2022** | **Q2 2021** |
| South Africa | 1,875 | 100 | 86 |
| France | 1,638 | 268 | 523 |
| United Kingdom | 1,599 | 139 | 296 |
| Madagascar | 1,270 | 267 | 503 |
| USA | 1,223 | -109 | 118 |

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed increases as follows: Madagascar (+26.6%), France (+19.6%), United Kingdom (+9.5%) and South Africa (+5.6%) while a decrease of 8.2% was observed in exports towards United States of America (USA).

When compared to the second quarter of 2021, increases of 65.6%, 46.9 %, 22.7%, 10.7% and 4.8% were noted for Madagascar, France, United Kingdom, United States of America (USA) and South Africa respectively.

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the second quarter of 2022 were estimated at R 8,255 million, representing an increase of R 772 million (+10.3%) compared to the firstquarter of 2022 (Table 6). This increase is mainly due to higher imports of “Raw materials” by R 904 million (+12.7%) and lower imports of “Machinery” by R 132 million (-35.7%) (Table 6).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, imports increased by R 2,406 million (+41.1%), mainly due to increases in imports of “Textile yarn and fabrics” by R 741 million (+60.3%), “Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” by R 444 million (+50.5%) and “Cotton” by R 332 million (+94.9%).

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 4,262 million in the second quarter of 2022 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 34.0% compared to 43.8% in the corresponding quarter of 2021 (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 7 million in the second quarter of 2022 compared to R 41 million in the second quarter of 2021. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

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