# **Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE)**

**3rd 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 September 2022.

## It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the third 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 – 3rd Quarter 2022**

Compared to the second quarter of 2022, employment in EOE increased by 498 (+1.4%) from 35,088 to 35,586. Male employment rose by 483 from 18,857 to 19,340 and female employment increased by 15 from 16,231 to 16,246 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector decreased by 480 (-2.4%) (-209 males and -271 females) from 20,184 to 19,704 and the number of foreign workers increased by 978 (+6.6%) (+692 males and +286 females) from 14,904 at the end of June 2022 to 15,882 at the end of September 2022 (Table 2).

The increase of 498 in employment in the EOE sector during the third quarter of 2022 is the net result of 926 jobs created and 428 jobs lost. The jobs created were due to expansion in existing enterprises whilst job losses were due to some contraction of workforce in existing enterprises.

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

From September 2021 to September 2022, total employment in EOE decreased by 61 (-0.2%) from 35,647 to 35,586. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 418 (-287 males and -131 females). Employment of foreign workers increased by 357 (+453 males and -96 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

 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 the first three 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 – 3rd Quarter 2022**

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the third quarter of 2022 amounted to R 13,579 million, that is, R 1,062 million (+8.5%) higher compared to R 12,517 million in the second quarter of 2022 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of increases observed in exports of “Articles of apparel and clothing” (+R 694 million or +17.6%), “Fish and fish preparations” (+R 380 million or +13.2%) and “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles” (+R 200 million or +15.3 %) partly offset by a decrease in exports of “Machinery and transport equipment” (-R 256 million or -64.2%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, EOE exports increased by R 2,156 million (+18.9%).

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

South Africa, United Kingdom (UK), France and United States of America (USA) are the principal EOE markets in the third quarter of 2022, together accounting for R 7,023 million (51.7%) 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 Q3 2022** | **Change on**  |
| **Q2 2022** | **Q3 2021** |
| South Africa | 2,871 | 996 | 606 |
| United Kingdom | 1,441 | -158 | 213 |
| France | 1,392 | -246 | -65 |
| USA | 1,319 | 96 | 210 |

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed increases as follows: South Africa (+53.1%) and USA (+7.8%). Exports towards France and United Kingdom registered decreases of 15.0% and 9.9% respectively.

When compared to the third quarter of 2021, South Africa, USA and United Kingdom showed increases of 26.8%, 18.9% and 17.3% respectively whilst France showed a decrease of 4.5%.

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the third quarter of 2022 were estimated at R 8,789 million, representing an increase of R 534 million (+6.5%) compared to the secondquarter of 2022. This increase is due to higher imports of “Raw materials” by R 348 million (+4.3%) and “Machinery” by R 186 million (+78.2%) (Table 6).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, EOE imports increased by R 2,100 million (+31.4%), mainly due to increases in imports of “Cotton” by R 532 million (+182.2%), “Fish and fish preparations” by R 519 million (+42.2%) and “Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” by R 246 million (+22.3%).

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 4,790 million in the third quarter of 2022 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 35.3% compared to 41.4% 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 5 million in the third quarter of 2022 compared to R 2 million in the third quarter of 2021. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

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