Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE)

**2nd Quarter 2025**

## 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 2025.

## It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the second quarter of 2025 as well as figures for the years 2023 and 2024. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2016 to 2024.

## 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 2025**

Compared to the first quarter of 2025, employment in EOE decreased by 1,373 (-4.6%) from 30,105 to 28,732. Male employment decreased by 620 from 16,892 to 16,272 and female employment dropped by 753 from 13,213 to 12,460 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector decreased by 975 (-6.0%) (-326 males and -649 females) from 16,199 to 15,224 and the number of foreign workers decreased by 398 (-2.9%) (-294 males and -104 females) from 13,906 at the end of March 2025 to 13,508 at the end of June 2025 (Table 2).

The decrease of 1,373 in employment in the EOE sector during the second quarter of 2025 is the net result of 1,501 jobs lost and 128 jobs created. The job losses were due to contraction of workforce in some enterprises and closure of enterprises whilst jobs created were due to expansion in existing enterprises.

## 2.2 Evolution of employment from June 2024 to June 2025

From June 2024 to June 2025, total employment in EOE decreased by 3,672 (-11.3%) from 32,404 to 28,732. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 2,800 (-1,055 males and -1,745 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 872 (-468 males and -404 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of “Wearing apparel” with a decrease of 2,248 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 2023 are final, those for 2024 and for first and second quarters of 2025 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

**3.1 Exports and Imports – 2nd Quarter 2025**

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the second quarter of 2025 amounted to R 10,881 million, that is, R 1,501 million (+16.0%) higher compared to the first quarter of 2025 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of increases observed in exports of “Live animals other than fish"(+R 991 million or +214.0%), “Fish and fish preparations” (+R 289 million or +10.1%) and “Instruments and appliances, n.e.s for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes” (+R 86 million or +19.1%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024, EOE exports decreased by R 534 million (-4.7%).

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

South Africa, United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), France, Spain and Madagascar are the principal EOE markets in the second quarter of 2025, together accounting for R 8,199 million (75.4%) 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 2025** | **Change on** | |
| **Q1 2025** | **Q2 2024** |
| South Africa | 1,984 | +284 | -67 |
| USA | 1,531 | +727 | +147 |
| United Kingdom | 1,365 | -113 | -76 |
| France | 1,191 | +213 | +27 |
| Spain | 1,163 | +56 | +269 |
| Madagascar | 965 | -30 | -91 |

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed increases as follows: United States of America (USA) (+90.4%), France (+21.8%), South Africa (+16.7%), and Spain (+5.1%). Decreases of 7.6% and 3.0% were observed in EOE exports to United Kingdom and Madagascar respectively.

When compared to the second quarter of 2024, increases in EOE exports towards Spain (+30.1%), United States of America (USA) (+10.6%) and France (+2.3%) were noted while decreases of 8.6%, 5.3% and 3.3% were observed in EOE exports to Madagascar, United Kingdom 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 2025 were estimated at R 6,309 million, representing an increase of R 1,134 million (+21.9%) compared to the firstquarter of 2025. This increase is due to higher imports of “Raw materials” by R 1,211 million (+25.0%) offset by a decrease in imports of “Machinery” by R 77 million (-23.8%) (Table 6).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2024, imports increased by R 180 million (+2.9%), mainly due to increases in imports of “Fish and fish preparations” by R 912 million (+65.3%) partly offset by decreases in imports of ‘Textile yarn and fabrics” by R 543 million (-33.1%), “Wool and other animal hair” by R 114 million (-95.8%) and

“Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” by R 103 million (-47.7%).

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 4,572 million in the second quarter of 2025 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 42.0% compared to 46.3% in the corresponding quarter of 2024 (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 9 million in the second quarter of 2025 compared to R 5 million in the second quarter of 2024. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

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