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NOTES

Figures for 1985 are provisional and subject to revision

1. COVERAGE

EXPORTS

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| Cover   | 1. Domestic exports (including exports from the Export Processing Zone) |
|         | 2. Re-Exports   |
|         | 3. Export ex Warehouse  |
|         | 4. Returned goods   |
| Include | 1. Government, Parcel Post and Air Freight                              |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands   |
|         | 2. Ships' stores and bunkers  |

IMPORTS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| Cover   | 1. Landed merchandise sent to warehouse for subsequent delivery    |
|         | 2. Landed merchandise issued for home consumption                  |
| Include | 1. Government Parcel Post and Air Freight                          |
|         | 2. Donations from other Government and International Organisations |
| Exclude | 1. Trade with Outer Islands  |
|         | 2. Bullion and specie  |

2. VALUATION

Exports are valued F.O.B. and imports C.I.F.

F.O.B. Free on Board

C.I.F. Cost, Insurance and Freight

All figures quoted are in Mauritian Rupees

### 3. COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION

The classification used for the compilation of trade statistics is based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revised II) or S.I.T.C. (Rev. II). However, import and export bills of entry are being worked upon according to the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (C.C.C.N.).

### 4. ROUNDING OF FIGURES

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest final digit and in some cases to the nearest one decimal place and as a result in some tables there may be discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and to the total as shown.

### 5. SYMBOLS

- Nil or negligible
- ... Not available
- . - Not applicable

### 6. ABBREVIATIONS

- Rs : Rupees
- 000 : Thousand
- Mn : Million
- m.ton : Metric ton : 1,000 kilos
- No. : Number
- M<sup>2</sup> : Square metres

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## External Trade - Third Quarter 1985

### 1. General

International trade grew by about 17% in volume during the third quarter of 1985 to reach Rs 4,068 million with exports amounting to Rs 1,923 million and imports Rs 2,145 million. A deficit of Rs 222 million has, therefore, been registered in the external trade of the country during that quarter as compared with Rs 572 million during the previous quarter and Rs 134 million during the corresponding quarter of 1984.

The terms of trade (1982=100) have improved by 6 points moving from 107 during the second quarter to 113 during the third quarter of 1985, since overall prices of exported goods increased by around 5%, whilst those of imported goods have remained stationary.

### 2. Exports

Exports during the third quarter of 1985 attained the level of Rs 1,923 million as compared with Rs 1,406 million, the previous quarter; representing in volume terms a substantial increase of 30%.

However, when compared with export figures for the corresponding period of 1984, the increase in real terms is around 18%.

The main exports during the third quarter were: sugar Rs 753 million and EPZ products Rs 978 million.

During the third quarter of 1985, the preferential tariff countries have absorbed 99% of the country's total exports; 82% and 13% of total exports were shipped to the EEC Countries and the United States of America respectively. The total value of goods exported to the EEC Countries amounted to Rs 1,511 million of which Rs 905 million were shipped to the United Kingdom and Rs 280 million to France. The United States of America continued to be also an important market for Mauritian products with total exports to this country amounting to Rs 238 million.

### 3. Imports

The import bill of the country during the third quarter of 1985 amounted to Rs 2,145 million in comparison to Rs 1,978 million for the previous quarter. As there was no change in the level of prices of imported goods between the second and third quarters, the increase in volume was around 9%.

But when compared with the corresponding quarter of 1984, the percentage increase in value terms works out to about 31% accounted for by rises in both prices (+9%) and volume (+21%).

Some of the important groups of commodities that have weighed heavily in the import bill were:

EPZ raw materials and equipment	Rs 659 million
Food	Rs 346 million
Refined petroleum products	Rs 243 million

These commodities together accounted for nearly 60% of the total value of imports during the third quarter of 1985.

During the third quarter of 1985, Rs 1,558 million (73%) worth of imports to the country were supplied by the preferential tariff countries and the remaining 27% (Rs 587 Mn) by the general tariff countries. The Country has imported for a value of Rs 753 million (35%) from the EEC Countries with Rs 293 million from France and Rs 177 million from the United Kingdom. Other important sources of supply were the gulf countries (Rs 231 Mn), the Republic of South Africa (Rs 199 Mn) and Japan (Rs 113 Mn).

### 3. Forecast of Exports and Imports - Year 1985

From January to September 1985, the total value of exports has amounted to Rs 4,809 million. From an analysis of past figures and taking into consideration the trends observed lately, it is estimated that exports for the year 1985 will reach Rs 7,000 million.

The total value of goods imported during the first nine months of 1985 was Rs 5,886 million. If the existing trend persists, it is most probable that the value of total imports for the year will attain Rs 8,100 million.

As a result, the deficit in the external trade for the year 1985 will remain at about the same level as last year at around one billion rupees.

Hereunder are given forecast figures for the year 1985.

	<u>Rs million</u>		
	<u>1984</u>	Jan.-Sept. <u>1985</u>	Forecast <u>1985</u>
<u>Total Exports (f.o.b.)</u>	<u>5,490</u>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>7,000</u>
of which sugar	(2,523)	(1,913)	(2,850)
Tea	( 249)	( 150)	( 225)
EPZ	(2,151)	(2,278)	(3,250)
<u>Total Imports (c.i.f.)</u>	<u>6,494</u>	<u>5,886</u>	<u>8,100</u>
of which EPZ	(1,650)	(1,838)	(2,550)
Trade Deficit	1,004	1,077	1,100

As regards the terms of trade (1982=100), it is expected that they will pick up sufficiently this year to recover from the slight fall registered in 1984. They will reach 110 in 1985 as compared with 108 in 1984 and 109 in 1983

## 5. Exports and Imports of the EPZ

In the last Economic Indicator on the EPZ Sector, trade figures for the third quarter of 1985, were not included because they were not available. This issue, contains a special section on EPZ exports and imports.

Exports by the Exports Enterprise Certificate Industries (EPZ) have been continuously increasing each quarter from Rs 505 million in the first; Rs 795 million in the second to attain the level of Rs 978 million during the third quarter of 1985. EPZ exports during the third quarter of 1984 amounted to Rs 603 million.

During the first nine months of 1985, EPZ exports have therefore amounted to Rs 2,278 million. It is now estimated that EPZ exports will exceed Rs 3,200 million for the year 1985.

The value of imports of the EPZ industries reached Rs 659 million during the third quarter of 1985 compared with Rs 405 million during the corresponding period in 1984 and Rs 672 million during the previous quarter of this year.

From January to September 1985, EPZ enterprises have imported for Rs 1,838 million and it is estimated that the total import bill for the year 1985 will reach Rs 2,550 million.

The net EPZ exports which were negligible during the first quarter and Rs 122 million during the second quarter attained Rs 320 million during the third quarter of 1985. It is now most likely that the total net exports for the year 1985 will be around Rs 700 million.

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Table 1.1 - Balance of Visible Trade, 1983 - 1985

Value Rs Mn

	1983	1984	1984				1985		
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
Exports of goods	4,311	5,179	1,107	1,002	1,428	1,641	1,400	1,300	1,837
Domestic exports	(4,223)	(5,066)	(1,092)	(962)	(1,394)	(1,618)	(1,379)	(1,278)	(1,805)
Re-exports	(88)	(113)	(15)	(40)	(35)	(23)	(22)	(23)	(32)
Ships' Stores and Bunkers	326	312	76	64	72	100	80	106	86
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	4,637	5,491	1,183	1,066	1,500	1,741	1,480	1,406	1,923
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	5,175	6,494	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145
Total value of Trade (A + B)	9,812	11,985	2,689	2,632	3,134	3,529	3,244	3,384	4,068
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 538	-1,003	- 323	- 500	- 134	- 47	- 284	- 572	- 222

Table 1.2 - Balance of Visible Trade, January - September 1984 and 1985

Value Rs Mn

	January - September 1984	January - September 1985
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	3,749	4,809
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	4,706	5,886
Total value of Trade (A + B)	8,455	10,695
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 957	- 1,077

Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of total exports and imports and terms of trade, 1983 - 1985  
 (Base year 1982 = 100)

Period	Unit Value Price Indices		Terms of Trade
	Total exports	Imports	
Year 1983	106.7	97.9	109
1st quarter 1984	109.4	106.4	103
2nd quarter 1984	117.6	109.1	108
3rd quarter 1984	126.4	111.5	113
4th quarter 1984	124.1	114.5	108
Year 1984	119.4	110.3	108
1st quarter 1985	128.3	120.1	107
2nd quarter 1985	130.1	121.7	107
3rd quarter 1985	136.9	121.1	113



Table 3.1 - Domestic Exports of Main Commodities - Value, 1983 - 1985

Commodity/Sector	1983	1984	1984				1985		
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
			F.O.B. Value Rs Mn						
Sugar	2,679	2,523	626	315	740	843	769	391	753
Molasses	63	61	-	23	22	16	9	-	28
Tea	97	249	89	56	12	92	76	56	18
EPZ	1,307	2,151	361	547	603	640	505	795	978
Other	77	82	16	21	17	27	20	36	28
Total Exports	4,223	5,066	1,092	962	1,394	1,618	1,379	1,278	1,805

Table 3.2 - Domestic Exports of Selected Commodities, quantity, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1984				1985		
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
Sugar	(000) m.ton	608	531	143	67	146	174	154	75	140
Molasses	"	137	127	-	36	54	37	16	-	64
Tea	m.ton	4,936	6,771	2,559	1,600	385	2,227	1,978	2,328	1,040



Table 4 - Total exports by main countries of destination, 1983 - 1985

F.O.B value Rs Mn

Country of destination	1983			1984				1985		
	1983	1984	1984	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	4,240	5,097	980	1,093	1,404	1,620	1,376	1,283	1,812	
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	3,677	4,192	762	922	1,126	1,383	1,078	994	1,511	
of which United Kingdom	(2,182)	(2,616)	(357)	(646)	(746)	(868)	(654)	(452)	(905)	
France	(1,010)	(896)	(236)	(168)	(172)	(320)	(300)	(331)	(280)	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(167)	(271)	(62)	(29)	(89)	(91)	(44)	(62)	(154)	
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	563	905	218	171	278	238	298	289	301	
of which United States of America	(366)	(642)	(139)	(89)	(247)	(167)	(233)	(223)	(238)	
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	71	82	23	14	25	21	24	17	25	
Total Exports	4,311	5,179	1,002	1,107	1,428	1,641	1,400	1,300	1,837	

Table 5 - Imports by Section, 1983 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

S.I.T.C. Section	Description	1983	1984	1984				1985		
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
0	Food and live animals	1,130	1,287	298	340	343	306	326	327	346
1	Beverages and tobacco	23	26	4	6	8	8	4	7	8
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	227	296	60	75	51	109	84	113	104
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	972	1,076	240	282	214	340	322	306	250
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	155	230	76	49	48	58	57	65	63
5	Chemicals	402	456	111	100	144	101	91	122	178
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,299	1,945	450	440	529	526	538	631	733
7	Machinery and transport equipment	624	749	181	178	185	205	208	268	283
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	336	424	84	93	111	135	122	135	179
9	Other commodities and transactions	6	5	1	2	2	1	2	3	-
	Total Imports	5,175	6,494	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145

Table 6.1 - Imports of Main Commodities Value, 1983 - 1985

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1983	1984				1985			
		1984	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
Rice	210	270	72	45	103	50	84	41	75
Wheaten flour	176	225	37	69	51	68	50	62	67
Dairy products	200	233	59	68	49	57	45	66	62
Textile fibres, etc.	133	213	40	57	29	87	61	86	74
Refined petroleum products	954	1,024	229	268	194	333	314	280	243
Fixed vegetable oils and fats	106	176	64	30	30	51	48	56	43
Textile yarn	248	400	101	118	110	70	126	190	151
Textile fabrics	262	604	115	128	173	188	163	184	235
Cement	163	187	66	16	63	42	51	6	68
Iron and steel	137	191	40	40	39	72	51	63	59
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	111	122	32	26	32	32	31	36	42
Machinery other than electrical	275	317	84	74	82	77	81	114	124
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	150	184	40	42	47	55	46	63	68
Other	2,050	2,348	527	585	632	606	605	731	834
Total Imports	5,175	6,494	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145

Table 6.2 - Imports of selected commodities - quantity, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	1983	1984	1984				1985		
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
Rice	000 m. ton	72	87	25	15	33	14	23	11	23
Wheaten flour	"	56	63	11	18	16	17	15	16	15
Dairy products	"	11	12	3	4	2	3	2	3	3
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	17	16	6	3	3	4	4	4	4
Fertilizers manufactured	"	45	42	6	11	13	11	11	10	12
Cotton fabrics	Mn M <sup>2</sup>	7	14	3	3	3	5	4	3	5
Cement	000 m. ton	224	231	86	20	77	47	60	7	79
Iron and steel	"	28	35	9	9	8	10	11	13	13

Table 6.3 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity and value, 1983 - 1985

Commodity	Unit	C.I.F. Value Rs Mn							
		1 9 8 3		1 9 8 4		January-September 1984		January-September 1985	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Rice	000 m.ton	72	210	87	270	73	220	58	201
Wheaten flour	"	56	176	63	225	45	157	46	188
Dairy products	"	11	200	12	233	9	176	8	174
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	17	106	16	176	12	125	13	147
Fertilizers manufactured	"	45	61	42	75	31	58	33	70
Cotton fabrics	Mn.M <sup>2</sup>	7	74	14	230	9	145	12	226
Cement	000 m.ton	224	163	231	187	183	145	146	126
Iron and steel	"	28	137	35	191	25	119	36	173



Table 7 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1983 - 1985

Country of Origin	Value Rs Mn												
	1983		1984		1985			1985			1985		
	1983	1984	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	3,299	4,152	957	1,038	1,091	1,073	1,099	1,341	1,558				
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	1,616	1,967	501	470	485	511	502	669	733				
of which: United Kingdom	(449)	(514)	(110)	(133)	(140)	(132)	(122)	(180)	(177)				
France	(611)	(755)	(188)	(164)	(208)	(195)	(201)	(253)	(293)				
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(211)	(268)	(71)	(65)	(57)	(75)	(65)	(113)	(85)				
Italy	(206)	(190)	(37)	(54)	(45)	(54)	(46)	(74)	(80)				
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	1,683	2,192	456	569	606	562	578	672	825				
of which: Australia	(242)	(270)	(66)	(79)	(41)	(84)	(137)	(65)	(67)				
Rep. of South Africa	(469)	(522)	(116)	(132)	(155)	(119)	(129)	(199)	(199)				
U.S. of America	(151)	(154)	(18)	(62)	(16)	(58)	(43)	(58)	(94)				
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	1,876	2,335	550	528	543	715	683	637	587				
of which: Bahrain	(923)	(625)	(218)	(97)	(171)	(140)	(214)	(1)	(62)				
China (Mainland)	(236)	(385)	(89)	(64)	(109)	(122)	(130)	(56)	(59)				
Japan	(251)	(404)	(80)	(105)	(83)	(136)	(97)	(120)	(113)				
Total Imports	5,175	6,494	1,506	1,566	1,634	1,788	1,764	1,978	2,145				

Table 8.1 - Net EPZ exports, 1983 - 1985

	Value Rs. Mn							
	1983	1984				1985		
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	1,307	361	547	603	640	505	795	978
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	846	336	443	405	466	507	672	659
Net exports (A - B)	461	25	104	198	174	- 2	123	319
Net exports as % of total exports	35%	7%	19%	33%	27%	-	15%	33%

Net exports as % of total exports

Table 8.2 - Net EPZ exports, January - September of 1984 - 1985

	Value Rs Mn	
	1984	1985
	January- September	January-September
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	1,511	2,278
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	1,184	1,838
Net exports (A - B)	327	440
Net exports as % of total exports	22%	19%

Net exports as % of total exports

Table 9 - EPZ exports by main commodities, 1983 - 1985

Description of Item	1983	1984				1985			
		1984				1985			
		1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	
Fish and fish preparations	67	99	24	22	22	30	22	31	38
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	66	78	22	14	20	22	16	32	18
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	49	65	16	23	25	25	18	32	34
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	921	1,584	236	412	473	465	367	601	792
Optical goods, n.e.s.	33	60	16	14	10	20	20	17	14
Watches and clocks	65	64	15	23	16	30	24	39	33
Toys, games and sporting goods	34	50	9	13	15	13	9	12	13
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	31	40	9	14	8	17	9	12	14
Other	41	59	14	12	14	18	20	19	22
Total EPZ Exports	1,307	2,151	361	547	603	640	505	795	978

Table 10 - EPZ imports of main commodities (1983 - 1985)

Description of items	1983	1984	1984				1985		
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.
			C.I.F. Value Rs Million						
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	26	44	13	10	5	16	11	11	17
Wool and other animal hair	94	154	27	45	19	64	48	69	30
Chemicals	24	40	11	9	11	9	10	12	21
Leather	18	25	5	7	6	6	5	10	11
Textile yarn and fabrics	397	872	181	215	251	224	271	354	358
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	31	65	11	24	14	16	15	29	27
Machinery	77	191	34	61	38	58	60	79	79
Optical goods, watches and clocks, etc.	67	101	24	22	22	33	36	41	54
Jewellery	24	34	7	11	7	9	14	13	12
Other	88	124	23	38	32	33	37	54	50
Total imports	846	1,650	336	443	405	466	507	672	659