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NOTES

Figures for the second half of 1985 and the first quarter of 1986 are provisional and subject to revision

1. COVERAGE

EXPORTS

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|---------|---|
| 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

- | | |
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| 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
- M² : Square metres

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1. Balance of Visible Trade

The total value of trade during the first quarter of 1986 attained Rs 4,019 million as compared with Rs 3,244 million for the corresponding quarter of 1985. In real terms, this represents a growth of about +31%. However, when compared with the fourth quarter of 1985, a slight decline of about 1% is noted.

The total value of exports inclusive of ships' stores and bunkers amounted to Rs 1,936 million and that of imports to Rs 2,083 million. A deficit of Rs 147 million has therefore been registered in the visible trade of the Country during the quarter. It is to be noted that this deficit is only half of that recorded during the corresponding quarter a year ago.

2. Terms of Trade (1982 = 100)

The terms of trade of the Country have improved to 132 during the first quarter of 1986, from 122 during the fourth quarter of 1985. As a matter of fact the price level of exported goods has decreased by about 3% and that of imported commodities by about 10% between these two quarters. The main commodities that have helped in decreasing the import price index are the following: rice, petroleum products and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material. During the first quarter of 1985, the terms of trade were 107.

3. Exports

The total value of exports, inclusive of ships' stores and bunkers during the first quarter of 1986 reached Rs 1,936 million as against Rs 1,480 million for the corresponding quarter a year ago. This shows a rise of Rs 456 million or about 31% in value terms. The export price level relating to these two periods having risen by about 6% the volume increase is around 23%.

The main exports during the first quarter of 1986 were EPZ products (Rs 875 Mn), sugar (Rs 845 Mn), ships' stores and bunkers (Rs 85 Mn) and tea (Rs 44 Mn).

The Rs 456 million increase in exports between the first quarters of 1985 and of 1986 is accounted for mainly by higher earnings from EPZ goods (+Rs 370 Mn) and sugar (+Rs 76 Mn). A breakdown of total exports during the above two periods are shown in the following table.

Value (f.o.b.) Rs Mn

Commodity	1st Qr. 1985	1st Qr. 1986	Changes	
			Increase (+)	Decrease (-)
Sugar	769	845	+ 76	
Molasses	9	3	- 6	
Tea	76	44	- 32	
EPZ	505	875	+ 370	
Other domestic exports	20	54	+ 34	
<hr/> Total domestic exports	<hr/> 1,379	<hr/> 1,821	<hr/> + 442	
Re-exports	22	30	+ 8	
Ships' stores and bunkers	80	85	+ 5	
<hr/> <hr/> Total Exports	<hr/> <hr/> 1,480	<hr/> <hr/> 1,936	<hr/> <hr/> + 456	

Exports ^{1/} to the Preferential Tariff Countries amounted to Rs 1,834 million out of which Rs 1,391 million were to the EEC Countries. As usual, the United Kingdom with Rs 589 million and France with Rs 529 million from the group of EEC Countries were the two major buyers of Mauritian products. It will be observed that over the past few years the United States of America has become a major buyer of the Country's products with Rs 333 million worth of exports during the first quarter of 1986.

4. Imports

The total value of imports of the Country during the first quarter of 1986 reached Rs 2,083 million in comparison to Rs 1,764 million for the corresponding quarter of 1985. The increase is therefore Rs 319 million about 18% in value terms. But as the level of import prices between these two quarters has declined considerably, the increase in real terms works out to about 37%. However, when compared with the fourth quarter of 1985, the level of imports remained almost stationary.

Between the first quarters of 1985 and 1986, main increases in imports were: Rs 285 million of raw materials for EPZ industries and Rs 95 million of machinery for the Country. On the other hand, decreases in the value of imports of refined petroleum products (- Rs 86 Mn) and of rice (- Rs 46 Mn) were noted and to some extent offset the rise.

^{1/} excluding ships' stores and bunkers

in the import bill. The table below lists the main changes that have occurred between the first quarters of 1985 and of 1986.

Commodity	C.I.F. Value Rs Mn		Changes Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1st Qr. 1985	1st Qr. 1986	
Rice	84	38	- 46
Wheaten flour	58	43	- 15
Refined petroleum products	321	235	- 86
Textile fibres, yarn and fabrics	350	577	+ 227
Cement	52	69	+ 17
Machinery	168	263	+ 95

Some of the important groups of commodities that have weighed heavily in the import bill of the Country during the first quarter of 1986 were;

	<u>Rs Mn</u>
EPZ raw materials and equipment	839
Food	295
Refined petroleum products	235

The above three groups of commodities accounted for nearly two-thirds of the total value of imports for that quarter.

During the first quarter of 1986, Rs 1,377 million (66%) worth of imports were supplied by the Preferential Tariff Countries and the remaining Rs 706 million by the General Tariff Countries. From the Preferential Tariff Countries the Country's main sources of supply were the EEC Countries with Rs 692 million covering one-third of total imports; the major suppliers were France (Rs 235 Mn) and the United Kingdom (Rs 157 Mn). Other important sources were the following Countries: the Gulf Countries (Rs 231 Mn), the Republic of South Africa (Rs 198 Mn), Japan (Rs 127 Mn) and China (Rs 125 Mn).

5. The performance of the EPZ Sector

The Export Enterprise Certificate Industries (EPZ) contributed during the first quarter of 1986, 47% to total exports as compared with 36% for the corresponding quarter of 1985. Total EPZ exports during the first quarter of 1986 reached Rs 875 million as contrasted with Rs 505

million during the corresponding quarter a year ago. It will be recalled that EPZ exports during the first quarter of 1984 amounted to Rs 361 million.

Out of the Rs 370 million increase between the exports of 1985 and 1986, Rs 316 million (85%) were accounted for by higher exports of textile and clothing.

Total imports for EPZ industries reached Rs 839 million during the first quarter of 1986. For the corresponding quarter in 1984 and 1985, EPZ import figures were Rs 336 million and Rs 507 million respectively.

It should be noted that if exports over the first quarters of 1984, 1985 and 1986 were continuously increasing by substantial amounts, imports too were following the same increasing trend with the result that net EPZ exports for these corresponding periods were almost negligible.

	Value Rs Mn		
	1984	1985	1986
	1st Quarter	1st Quarter	1st Quarter
Exports (f.o.b.)	361	505	875
Clothing & textile	258	383	699
Other	103	122	176
Imports (c.i.f.)	336	507	839
Raw materials	303	447	732
Machinery & equipment	33	60	107
Net EPZ exports	+ 25	- 2	+ 36

However, it should be pointed out that during the first quarter of a year net EPZ exports are usually at their lowest.

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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade, 1984-1986

Value Rs Mn

	1984	1985	1985				1986
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Exports of goods	5,179	6,636	1,400	1,300	1,837	2,099	1,851
Domestic exports	(5,066)	(6,526)	(1,379)	(1,278)	(1,205)	(2,065)	(1,321)
Re-exports	(113)	(110)	(22)	(23)	(32)	(34)	(30)
Ships' Stores and Bunkers	312	373	80	106	86	101	85
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	5,491	7,009	1,480	1,406	1,923	2,200	1,936
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	6,494	8,041	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154	2,083
Total Value of Trade (A + B)	11,985	15,050	3,244	3,384	4,068	4,354	4,019
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	- 1,003	- 1,032	- 284	- 572	- 222	+ 46	- 147

Table 2 - Price (Unit value) indices of total exports and imports and terms of trade, 1984 - 1986

(Base year 1982 = 100)

Period	Unit Value Price Indices		Terms of Trade
	Total exports	Total imports	
<u>Year 1984</u>	<u>119.4</u>	<u>110.3</u>	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
4th quarter 1985	139.7	114.1	122
<u>Year 1985</u>	<u>136.4</u>	<u>120.8</u>	<u>113</u>
1st quarter 1986	136.1	103.2	132

Table 3.1 - Domestic exports of main commodities - value, 1984 - 1986

F.O.B. value Rs Mn

Commodity/Sector	1984	1985	1985				1986
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Sugar	2,523	2,867	769	391	753	953	845
Molasses	61	71	9	-	28	34	3
Tea	249	178	76	56	18	28	44
EPZ	2,151	3,283	505	795	978	1,005	875
Other	82	127	20	36	28	45	54
Total Exports	5,066	6,526	1,379	1,278	1,805	2,065	1,821

Table 3.2 - Domestic exports of selected commodities, quantity, 1984-1986

Commodity	Unit	1984	1985	1985				1986 1st Qr.
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Sugar	(000) m. ton	531	540	154	75	140	170	165
Molasses	"	127	151	16	-	64	71	5
Tea	m. ton	6,771	6,985	1,978	2,328	1,040	1,638	2,531

Table 4 - Total exports by main countries of destination, 1984-1986

F.O.B. Value: Rs Mn

Country of destination	1984	1985	1985				1986
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	5,097	6,546	1,376	1,283	1,812	2,074	1,834
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	4,192	5,266	1,078	994	1,511	1,682	1,391
of which United Kingdom	(2,616)	(2,884)	(654)	(452)	(905)	(872)	(589)
France	(896)	(1,381)	(300)	(331)	(280)	(471)	(529)
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(271)	(419)	(44)	(62)	(154)	(158)	(125)
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	905	1,280	298	289	301	391	443
of which United States of America	(642)	(1,002)	(233)	(223)	(238)	(308)	(333)
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	82	90	24	17	25	25	17
Total Exports	5,179	6,636	1,400	1,300	1,837	2,099	1,851

Table 5 - Imports by section, 1984 - 1986

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

S.I.T.C. Section	Description	1984	1985	1985					1986 1st Qr.
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	
0	Food and live animals	1,287	1,352	326	327	346	353	295	
1	Beverages and tobacco	26	27	4	7	8	8	8	
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	296	395	84	113	104	94	100	
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,076	1,153	322	306	250	275	244	
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	230	262	67	65	63	67	52	
5	Chemicals	456	554	91	122	178	163	103	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,945	2,596	538	631	733	694	816	
7	Machinery and transport equipment	749	1,068	208	268	283	309	308	
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	424	626	122	135	179	190	153	
9	Other commodities and transactions	5	8	2	3	-	3	5	
	Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154	2,083	

Table 6.1 - Imports of main commodities, value, 1984 - 1986

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1984	1985	1985				1986 1st Qr.
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Rice	270	280	84	41	75	79	38
Wheaten flour	225	243	58	62	67	56	43
Dairy products	233	237	45	66	62	63	54
Textile fibres, etc.	213	287	61	86	74	66	76
Refined petroleum products	1,024	1,105	314	280	243	268	235
Fixed vegetable oils and fats	176	193	48	56	43	46	38
Textile yarn	400	597	126	190	151	129	174
Textile fabrics	604	858	163	184	235	275	327
Cement	187	127	51	6	68	1	69
Iron and steel	191	235	51	63	59	62	57
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	122	159	31	36	42	49	32
Machinery other than electrical	317	439	81	114	124	121	140
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	184	257	46	63	68	80	70
Other	2,348	3,024	605	731	834	859	730
Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154	2,083

Table 6.2 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity, 1984 - 1986

Commodity	Unit	1984	1985	1985				1986
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Rice	000 m.ton	87	83	23	11	23	26	13
Wheaten flour	"	63	60	15	16	15	15	12
Dairy products	"	12	12	2	3	3	3	3
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	16	15	4	4	4	3	2
Fertilizers manufactured	"	42	51	11	10	12	18	24
Cotton fabrics	Mn M ²	14	19	4	3	5	7	11
Cement	000 m.ton	231	146	60	7	79	-	95
Iron and steel	"	35	47	11	13	13	11	14

Table 7 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1984-1986

Country of origin	1985				1986			
	1984	1985	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	
<u>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</u>								
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>								
of which United Kingdom	4,159	5,319	1,080	1,341	1,558	1,329	1,377	
France	1,967	2,593	502	669	733	688	592	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	(514)	(642)	(122)	(180)	(177)	(163)	(157)	
Italy	(755)	(1,019)	(201)	(253)	(293)	(272)	(235)	
	(268)	(371)	(65)	(113)	(85)	(107)	(124)	
	(190)	(268)	(46)	(74)	(80)	(68)	(72)	
<u>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>								
of which Australia	2,192	2,726	578	672	825	651	684	
Rep. of South Africa	(270)	(353)	(137)	(65)	(67)	(83)	(54)	
U.S.A.	(522)	(690)	(129)	(199)	(199)	(163)	(198)	
	(154)	(229)	(43)	(58)	(94)	(29)	(35)	
<u>2. General Tariff Countries</u>								
of which Bahrain	2,335	2,722	683	637	587	814	706	
Kuwait	(625)	(375)	(214)	(1)	(62)	(98)	(87)	
China	(196)	(591)	(-)	(269)	(137)	(185)	(142)	
Japan	(385)	(431)	(130)	(56)	(59)	(186)	(125)	
	(404)	(481)	(97)	(120)	(113)	(150)	(127)	
Total Imports	6,494	8,041	1,764	1,978	2,145	2,154	2,083	

Table 8 - Net EPZ exports, 1984 - 1986

Value Rs Mn

	1984	1985	1985				1986
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	2,151	3,283	505	795	978	1,005	875
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	1,650	2,530	507	672	659	691	839
Net exports (A - B)	501	753	- 2	123	319	314	36
Net exports as % of total exports	23%	23%	-	15%	33%	31%	4%

Table 9 - EPZ exports by main commodities, 1984-1986

F.O.B. value Rs. Mn

Description of Item	1984	1985	1986					1986 1st Qr.
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	
Fish and fish preparations	99	115	22	31	38	24	24	24
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	78	86	16	32	18	20	25	25
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	89	127	18	32	34	42	38	38
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,584	2,539	367	601	792	779	674	674
Optical goods, n.e.s.	60	82	20	17	14	31	21	21
Watches and clocks	84	146	24	39	33	51	49	49
Toys, games and sporting goods	50	44	9	12	13	10	12	12
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	48	58	9	12	14	22	12	12
Other	59	86	20	19	22	26	20	20
Total EPZ Exports	2,151	3,283	505	795	978	1,005	875	875

Table 10 - EPZ imports of main commodities, 1984-1986

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Description of item	1984	1985	1985				1986
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	44	46	11	11	17	6	14
Wool and other animal hair	154	192	48	69	30	44	43
Chemicals	40	59	10	12	21	17	20
Leather	25	39	5	10	11	13	13
Textile yarn and fabrics	872	1,347	271	354	358	303	482
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	65	108	15	29	27	38	30
Machinery	191	304	60	79	79	86	107
Optical goods, watches and clocks, etc.	101	182	36	41	54	51	55
Jewellery	34	60	14	13	12	21	15
Other	124	193	37	54	50	52	60
Total Imports	1,650	2,530	507	672	659	691	839