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EXTERNAL TRADE

(2nd Quarter 1990)

1. Total value of trade and balance of visible trade:-

During the second quarter of 1990, exports totalled Rs 4,300 million and imports Rs 5,600 million bringing the total value of trade to Rs 9,900 million as against Rs 8,300 million in the previous quarter. The first semester therefore saw its total trade reaching over Rs 18,000 million, some 10% higher than the corresponding figure of last year.

The country's trade balance for the second quarter remained at the same level as the previous quarter, registering a deficit of Rs 1,300 million. The deficit for the first six months of 1990 therefore amounted to Rs 2,600 million compared to Rs 2,200 million in the corresponding period a year ago.

2. Terms of trade (1988 = 100)

The terms of trade for the 2nd quarter moved in favour of the country to reach 107 from 99 in the previous quarter.

The quarterly export unit value indices given in table 2 show that prices of exported goods during the second quarter of 1990 were 8% higher than in the previous quarter. The average price increase for the period January-June 1990 relative to the corresponding semester of 1989 was 14% - the price increase in respect of sugar is estimated at 19% and that for EPZ products at 11%.

Prices of imported goods during the second quarter of 1990 compared to the previous quarter on the other hand have remained unchanged. But the price movement for the first semester compared to the corresponding period a year ago was up by 3%. It is recalled that prices of imported goods registered an increase of nearly 20% last year.

3. Exports

Total exports for the second quarter amounted to Rs 4,300 million showing a nominal increase of 24% over the previous quarter but in volume terms, the growth works out to around 15%.

Total export earnings for the first semester of 1990 reached Rs 7,800 million compared with Rs 7,200 million for the corresponding period a year ago indicating a value increase of 8%. EPZ exports increased by 22% to Rs 5,350 million whilst sugar proceeds decreased by 19%. Only 187,000 m.tons were exported against 286,000 m.tons in the corresponding period of 1989. In volume terms, exports for period January-June 1990 were 5% lower than the corresponding semester of 1989.

As usual most of our exports were directed to the EEC which accounted for nearly 80% of the total. The US market absorbed another 14% worth of goods exported in the first semester.

4. Imports

Imports in the second quarter was 17% higher than in the previous quarter and amounted to Rs 5,600 million. As prices in the second quarter remained at the previous quarter's level, the 17% increase is totally accounted for by growth in volume.

Imports for the first half of 1990 reached Rs 10,400 million compared to Rs 9,400 million in the corresponding period of 1989 recording a 10% increase explained by an increase of 7% in volume and 3% in price.

The comparative table below lists products which have recorded major changes in their imports between January-June 1989 and January-June 1990.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>C.I.F Value : Rs million</u>		
	<u>Jan.-Jun.</u> <u>1989</u>	<u>Jan.-Jun.</u> <u>1990</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Total imports</u>	<u>9,360</u>	<u>10,425</u>	<u>+1,065</u>
of which			
Fish	22	106	+84
Wheat	30	123	+93
Chemicals	587	735	+148
Textile yarn	2,313	2,627	+314
Iron, steel and manufactures of metal	381	564	+183
Road vehicles	360	530	+170
Electrical machinery	164	320	+156

Over 35% of our imports came from the EEC with France itself supplying 17% worth of goods. Other major suppliers were South Africa and Japan accounting for 9% and 7% respectively.

5. The EPZ sector

5.1 EPZ exports increased by 67% during the second quarter to reach Rs 3,350 million from barely Rs 2,000 million in the first quarter. The EPZ enterprises therefore exported some Rs 5,350 million worth of goods in the first semester compared to Rs 4,400 million in the corresponding period of 1989 showing a 22% nominal increase explained by an increase of 10% in volume and 11% in price.

Most of our EPZ products were again directed towards the EEC which accounted for over 75% of the total. The US shared another 17%.

5.2 During the second quarter, EPZ imports maintained the previous quarter's level at around Rs 1,900 million bringing the import bill for the first semester to slightly over Rs 3,800 million of which raw materials accounted for Rs 3,500 million and machinery for Rs 320 million.

Over 40% worth of EPZ inputs were supplied by the EEC.

5.3 Net EPZ exports consequently shot up to Rs 1,400 million in the second quarter representing more than a tenfold increase relative to the previous quarter.

Net exports for the first half of 1990 therefore totalled Rs 1,550 million which compares with Rs 900 million for the corresponding period of 1989. The ratio of net exports to total exports consequently increased to 28% from 20% a year ago.

6. Forecasts - Year 1990

On the basis of price and volume data available for the first half of 1990 and taking into consideration the possible changes in the price of petroleum products, a forecast of imports and exports has been worked out for the year 1990.

Exports is most likely to attain Rs 17,500 million with sugar amounting to Rs 5,000 million and EPZ proceeds to Rs 11,000 million. Imports on the other hand will be around Rs 23,500 million inclusive of aircraft and marine vessels.

Consequently, a trade deficit of around Rs 6,000 million is expected for the current year 1990.

The table below shows the main components of the external trade forecast for 1990.

	<u>Value : Rs million</u>	
	<u>Year 1989</u>	<u>Forecast Year 1990</u>
<u>Total exports (f.o.b)</u>	<u>15,517</u>	<u>17,500</u>
of which		
Sugar	4,946	5,000
EPZ	9,057	11,000
<u>Total imports (c.i.f)</u>	<u>20,217</u>	<u>23,500</u>
<u>Trade balance</u>	<u>-4,700</u>	<u>-6,000</u>

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N O T E S

Figures for 1988, 1989 and 1990 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 III) or S.I.T.C. (Rev. III). However, import and export bills of entry are being worked upon according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature, shortly known as the Harmonized System Nomenclature (H.S.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 the total.

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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Table 1 - Balance of Visible Trade, 1988 - 1990

Value Rs Mn

	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Exports of goods	<u>13,465</u>	<u>15,042</u>	<u>3,344</u>	<u>3,597</u>	<u>3,928</u>	<u>4,180</u>	<u>3,352</u>	<u>4,177</u>
Domestic exports	13,220	14,542	3,276	3,475	3,853	3,940	3,288	4,066
Re-exports	245	506	69	123	76	240	65	111
Ships' Stores and Bunkers	<u>389</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>122</u>
A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)	13,854	15,517	3,469	3,701	4,050	4,300	3,474	4,300
B. Total Imports (c.i.f.)	17,460	20,217	4,536	4,824	5,112	5,745	4,825	5,599
Total Value of Trade (A + B)	31,314	35,734	8,005	8,525	9,162	10,045	8,299	9,899
BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE (A - B)	-3,606	-4,700	-1,067	-1,123	-1,062	-1,445	-1,351	-1,299

Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade
1984 - 1990

Period	Price indices		Terms of trade*
	Export	Import	
	Base Year 1982 = 100		
1984	119	110	108
1985	136	121	113
1986	144	98	147
1987	161	102	158
1988	172	111	156
	Base Year 1988 = 100		
1989	111	119	93
1989 : Qr. 1	107	114	94
Qr. 2	110	120	92
Qr. 3	115	120	96
Qr. 4	110	118	93
1990 : Qr. 1	119	120	99
Qr. 2	128	120	107

* Ratio of export to import price index.
A rise in this ratio indicates that the terms of trade have moved in favour of Mauritius.

Table 3 - Domestic exports of main commodities - value, 1988 - 1990

F.O.B Value Rs Mn

Commodity/Sector	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Sugar	4,467	4,946	1,313	791	1,325	1,516	1,152	576
Mclasses	92	66	4	18	6	39	17	7
Tea	88	87	27	33	7	20	32	28
EPZ	8,179	9,057	1,842	2,538	2,423	2,254	1,996	3,341
Other	394	386	90	95	92	111	91	114
Total Exports	13,220	14,542	3,276	3,475	3,853	3,940	3,288	4,066

Table 4 - Domestic exports of selected commodities, quantity, 1988 - 1990

Commodity	Unit	1988	1989	1989				1990	
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Sugar	(000) m. ton	652	636	163	123	160	190	129	60
Molasses	"	154	125	5	31	11	78	33	11
XXX	m. ton	5,501	4,755	1,513	1,800	395	1,047	1,309	1,268

Table 5 - Total exports by main countries of destination, 1988 - 1990

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

Country of destination	1988	1989	1989					1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	
I. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	<u>12,929</u>	<u>14,417</u>	<u>3,241</u>	<u>3,463</u>	<u>3,830</u>	<u>3,883</u>	<u>3,263</u>	<u>4,054</u>	
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	<u>10,622</u>	<u>11,583</u>	<u>2,714</u>	<u>2,645</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>3,147</u>	<u>2,747</u>	<u>3,227</u>	
of which United Kingdom	4,808	5,384	1,359	810	1,510	1,708	1,033	817	
France	3,025	2,986	700	950	678	657	752	1,374	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	1,272	1,391	238	334	486	334	225	350	
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	<u>2,307</u>	<u>2,835</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>827</u>	
of which U.S. of America	1,785	2,076	435	517	639	509	385	616	
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>123</u>	
Total Exports	13,465	15,049	3,344	3,597	3,928	4,180	3,352	4,177	

Table 6 - Imports by section, 1988 - 1990

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

S.I.T.C. Section	Description	1988	1989	1989					1990	
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	
0	Food and live animals	1,746	2,347	570	583	594	600	589	618	
1	Beverages & tobacco	66	75	15	14	23	22	16	13	
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	523	748	178	198	220	151	168	264	
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,009	1,509	328	343	396	443	332	396	
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	164	220	52	53	46	69	51	55	
5	Chemicals	1,083	1,320	286	301	363	371	327	408	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6,130	7,580	1,600	1,865	2,015	2,100	1,902	2,166	
7	Machinery and transport equipment	5,342	4,639	1,155	1,005	1,019	1,460	1,031	1,193	
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,362	1,684	333	436	411	504	383	448	
9	Other commodities and transactions	37	95	18	26	25	26	26	38	
	Total imports	17,460	20,217	4,536	4,824	5,112	5,745	4,825	5,599	

Table 7 - Imports of main commodities, value, 1988 - 1990

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Commodity	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Meat and meat preparations	212	240	64	58	48	70	80	55
Rice	299	412	116	110	114	72	68	85
Wheaten flour	218	162	94	51	17	-	5	-
Wheat	-	114	3	27	51	33	52	71
Dairy products	333	473	108	104	131	130	93	133
Vegetables and fruits	200	256	43	82	60	71	68	81
Textile fibres, etc.	322	466	102	149	135	81	107	123
Refined petroleum products	866	1,338	311	276	364	387	291	359
Fixed vegetable oils & fats	112	157	35	38	41	43	30	37
Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	207	248	58	60	64	67	70	80
Textile yarn	1,120	1,385	326	352	362	344	366	384
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	321	287	58	62	82	84	61	88
Textile fabrics	2,569	3,235	686	798	851	900	816	875
Cement	172	286	63	78	61	84	97	94
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	246	386	75	142	96	72	92	93
Iron and steel	414	533	115	99	155	163	115	150
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	443	410	78	88	123	120	113	185
General industrial machinery & equipment	405	538	124	122	163	127	119	184
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus & equipment	482	747	160	215	189	183	101	125
Other machinery	1,810	2,909	480	463	454	612	479	544
Road vehicles	647	808	172	188	211	235	246	284
Watches and clocks	427	486	103	141	115	128	120	123
Other	5,635	5,241	1,168	1,121	1,225	1,739	1,225	1,446
Total Imports	17,460	20,217	4,536	4,824	5,112	5,745	4,825	5,599

Table 8 - Imports of selected commodities, quantity, 1988 - 1990

Commodity	Unit	1988	1989	1989				1990	
				1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Rice	(000)m.ton	72	91	26	24	26	14	14	18
Wheaten flour	"	59	33	20	11	3	-	-	-
Wheat	"	-	39	11	10	6	12	18	22
Dairy products	"	14	14	3	3	4	4	2	4
Vegetable edible oils and fats	"	21	19	5	5	3	5	4	4
Fertilizers manufactured	"	40	67	26	14	12	15	13	15
Cotton fabrics	Mn M ²	74	69	19	15	17	19	16	17
Cement	(000)m.ton	308	396	92	106	85	113	107	101
Iron and steel	"	71	78	18	14	23	23	11	19

Table 9 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1988 - 1990

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Country of origin	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
1. <u>Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	<u>12,543</u>	<u>13,186</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>3,245</u>	<u>3,461</u>	<u>3,638</u>	<u>3,298</u>	<u>3,790</u>
(a) <u>E.E.C. Countries</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>1,582</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>1,804</u>	<u>1,873</u>	<u>1,743</u>	<u>2,020</u>
of which France	2,133	2,746	595	657	768	726	841	947
Fed. Rep. of Germany	902	1,462	392	321	375	372	281	311
Italy	514	632	101	143	142	245	133	139
United Kingdom	1,259	1,284	304	310	326	344	299	376
(b) <u>Other Preferential Tariff Countries</u>	<u>7,194</u>	<u>6,263</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,581</u>	<u>1,657</u>	<u>1,766</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>1,770</u>
of which Australia	463	512	136	133	130	113	137	161
Rep. of South Africa	1,482	1,817	357	429	465	566	419	471
U.S. of America	2,119	321	56	78	74	112	128	121
2. <u>General Tariff Countries</u>	<u>4,917</u>	<u>7,031</u>	<u>1,694</u>	<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,651</u>	<u>2,107</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,809</u>
of which Bahrain	367	658	162	122	159	216	133	219
China	671	1,000	284	192	261	264	235	183
Kuwait	439	623	133	127	209	154	140	131
Japan	1,289	1,843	544	408	261	630	308	382
Total Imports	17,460	20,217	4,536	4,824	5,112	5,745	4,825	5,599

Table 10 - Net EPZ exports, 1988 - 1990

Value Rs Mn

	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
A. Total exports (f.o.b. value)	8,179	9,057	1,842	2,538	2,423	2,254	1,996	3,341
B. Total imports (c.i.f. value)	5,890	7,502	1,555	1,928	1,996	2,021	1,894	1,939
Net exports (A - B)	2,289	1,555	287	610	427	233	102	1,402
Net exports as % of total exports	28%	17%	16%	24%	18%	10%	5%	42%

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Table 11 - EPZ exports by main commodities, 1988 - 1990

F.O.B. Value Rs Mn

Description of Item	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Fish and fish preparations	173	190	40	51	47	52	32	41
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles	180	361	76	90	89	106	103	117
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	302	325	90	102	77	55	58	110
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,446	7,038	1,349	1,943	1,955	1,791	1,541	2,661
Optical goods, n.e.s.	88	133	35	31	37	30	32	30
Watches and clocks	563	500	140	178	107	75	95	207
Toys, games and sporting goods	85	91	24	27	20	20	22	34
Jewellery goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares	69	80	20	25	13	22	23	38
Other	273	340	68	91	78	103	90	103
Total EPZ Exports	8,179	9,057	1,842	2,538	2,423	2,254	1,996	3,341

Table 12 - EPZ imports of main commodities, 1988 - 1990

C.I.F. Value Rs Mn

Description of item	1988	1989	1989				1990	
			1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	37	52	5	11	18	17	8	13
Wool and other animal hair	250	337	92	128	69	47	86	78
Chemicals	182	234	52	57	66	59	59	75
Leather	68	97	24	21	25	27	22	29
Textile yarn and fabrics	3,236	4,172	916	1,032	1,110	1,114	1,095	1,135
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	239	379	75	140	93	71	89	90
Machinery including spare parts	834	963	132	229	260	342	170	148
Optical goods, watches and clocks, etc.	443	511	105	149	123	134	126	130
Jewellery	46	43	10	15	6	12	19	12
Other	555	714	144	146	226	198	220	229
Total Imports	5,890	7,502	1,555	1,928	1,996	2,021	1,894	1,939