

# External Trade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1997

## Introduction

This economic indicator presents external trade statistics for the first and second quarters of 1997 and for the years 1995 and 1996. While figures for 1995 are final, those for 1996 and 1997 may be revised in future issues.

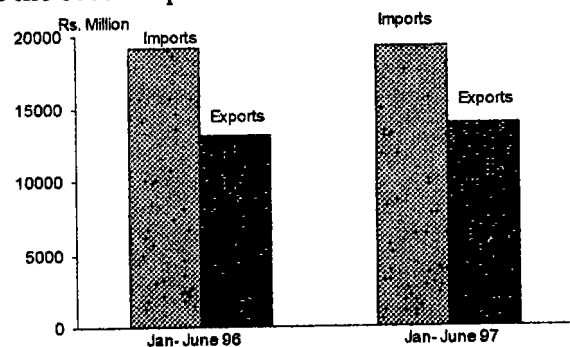
This report includes, for the first time, some figures on the activities of the Mauritius Freeport Authority.

### 1. Total value of trade and trade balance

Total international trade for the second quarter of 1997 was valued at Rs.17,499 million, a figure which is 12.2% higher than that of the previous quarter and 5.1% higher than that of the corresponding quarter of 1996.

During the second quarter of 1997, total exports reached Rs.7,108 million compared to total imports of Rs.10,391 million, thus yielding a trade deficit of Rs.3,283 million. This deficit is 62% higher than that of the previous quarter, but shows an improvement of 19% over that of the second quarter of 1996.

For the first six months of 1997, total exports and imports amounted to Rs.13,898 million and Rs.19,201 million respectively, showing a trade deficit of Rs.5,303 million which is 12% lower than the figure of Rs.6,034 million registered during the corresponding period of last year.



Based on the trend for the first semester, total exports for the year 1997 are expected to reach Rs.33,800 million and imports Rs.46,000 million. The trade deficit will be around Rs.12,200 million, that is 42% higher than that of last year. However, the deficit will amount to only Rs.8,700 million if we exclude imports of aircraft for a value of Rs.3,500 million, that is an increase of about 1% over the deficit of Rs.8,579 million registered in 1996.

### 2. Terms of Trade (base year 1992=100)

During the second quarter of 1997, the terms of trade index which shows price movements of exports relative to imports, improved by 5 percentage points to 104 from 99 in the previous quarter. This favourable movement results from a 2.2% increase in export prices against a decline of the same order in import prices.

For the first six months of this year, the terms of trade index works out to 102 against 96 for the same period last year.

Details of price changes for exports and imports are given in Tables 3 and 4.

### 3. Exports

The value of total exports for the second quarter of 1997 amounted to Rs.7,108 million, 13% higher than that of the corresponding quarter of 1996 (Rs.6,289 million). Proceeds from EPZ exports represented 84% of total exports for this quarter.

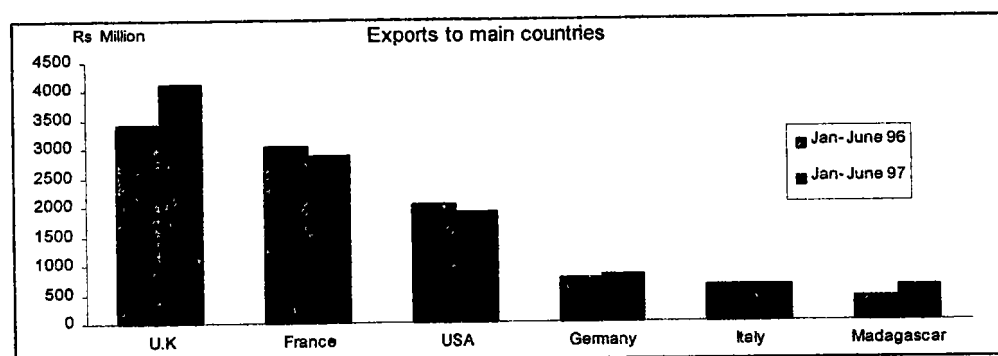
Total exports for the first semester attained Rs.13,898 million, showing a 6% increase over those of the corresponding period of last year (Rs.13,057 million). During this period, EPZ exports increased by 10%, while proceeds from sugar exports fell by 14%.

The table below shows the main changes in total exports during the first half years of 1996 and 1997.

(f.o.b value): Million Rupees

Exports	Jan. - June	Jan. - June	Change	
	1996	1997	Value	%
Sugar	2,119	1,822	- 297	- 14
EPZ	9,655	10,646	+ 991	+ 10
Re-exports	351	529	+ 178	+ 51
Ships' stores and bunkers	300	300	-	-
Other domestic exports	632	601	- 31	- 5
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>13,057</b>	<b>13,898</b>	<b>+ 841</b>	<b>+ 6</b>

Comparative export figures by country of destination for the first semesters of 1996 and 1997 show that the share of our main buyer, the European Union, increased marginally from 71% to 72% (Table 6). On a country-wise basis, the United Kingdom remained our main partner with Rs.4,115 million worth of our exports, representing 30% of total exports. The other major markets were France (Rs.2,881 million), U.S.A (Rs.1,902 million), Germany (Rs.824 million), Italy (Rs.613 million) and Malagasy Republic (Rs.593 million).



#### 4. Imports

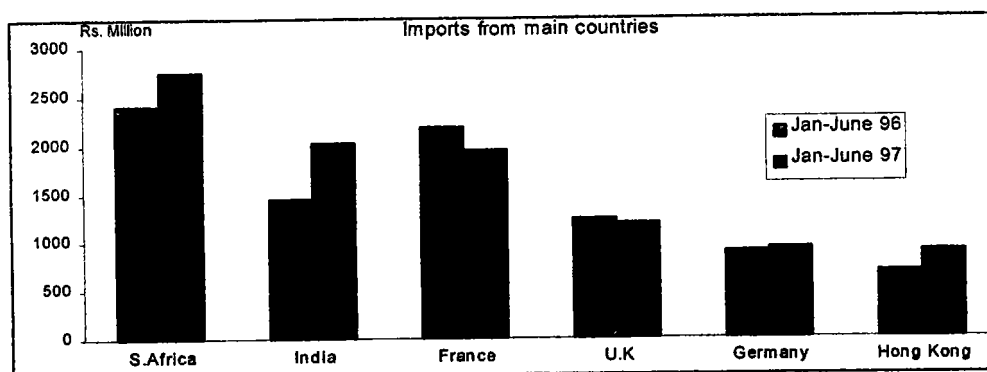
Total imports for the second quarter of 1997 reached Rs.10,391 million, showing an increase of 17.9% over the previous quarter and a slight rise of 0.3% over the corresponding period of last year.

For the first six months of 1997, imports totalled Rs.19,201 million, which is only Rs.110 million (+0.6%) higher than the value registered for the corresponding period of 1996. This nominal increase is almost entirely due to an increase in prices, while volume has remained more or less the same.

The table below shows comparative import figures for the first semesters of 1996 and 1997.

Imports (product group)	<i>(c.i.f value : Million Rupees)</i>		Change (%)		
	Jan. - June 1996	Jan. - June 1997	Value	Price	Volume
Food and live animals, beverages and tobacco	2,810	2,895	+ 3	- 4	+ 7
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,417	1,688	+ 19	+ 7	+ 11
Chemicals and related products	1,425	1,518	+ 7	+ 5	+ 2
Manufactured goods	7,845	8,412	+ 7	- 3	+ 10
Machinery & transport equipment	4,391	3,517	- 20	+ 9	- 27
Other goods	1,203	1,171	- 3	+ 5	- 8
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>19,091</b>	<b>19,201</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>-</b>

The highest increase in nominal terms was registered for the group "*Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials*", whose imports value rose by 19% as a consequence of an increase of 7% in prices and 11% in volume. Imports of "*Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco*" rose by 3% in nominal terms, due to a decline of 4% in price levels and an increase of 7% in volume. Although prices of goods classified under "*Machinery and transport equipment*" went up by 9%, the total value of imports of these goods decreased by 20% as a result of a drop of 27% in volume. It should be pointed out that these figures are based on unit value indices which do not necessarily reflect genuine price changes since they are affected by factors like changes in country of origin and product mix.



Imports by country of origin (Table 9) show that our main source of imports during the first semester of 1997 remained the European Union from which originated 29% of our imports. On a country-wise basis, our main suppliers were: the republic of South Africa (14%), India (11%), France (10%), United Kingdom (6%), Germany (5%) and Hong Kong (5%).

## **5. The EPZ Sector**

During the second quarter of 1997, exports from EPZ enterprises reached Rs. 5,971 million, bringing the total for the first semester to Rs.10,646 million against Rs. 9,655 million for the same period in 1996. This 10.3% nominal increase reflects a 9.5% increase in price (unit value) and a 0.7% increase in volume. However, based on export price index which measures pure export price changes, this change in nominal value represents a 5% increase in prices and a corresponding 5% increase in volume.

EPZ exports to countries of the European Union increased from Rs.6,851 million during the first semester of 1996 to Rs.7,565 million during the corresponding period of 1997 (+10%). The share of EPZ exports going to the European Union was 71% for the first semester of both 1996 and 1997. The three major markets for EPZ products were: France (26%), United Kingdom (24%) and U.S.A (17%).

EPZ imports increased by 9.2% to reach Rs.6,393 million for the first semester of 1997 compared to Rs.5,854 million for the corresponding period last year. Purchases of raw materials went up by 10.4% (+ 547 million rupees) while imports of machinery and equipment went down by 1.4% ( - 8 million rupees) for the same period.

Net EPZ exports, which is the difference between exports and imports, works out to Rs.4,253 million for the first semester of 1997, 11.9% higher than that of the corresponding period of 1996. The ratio of net exports to total exports improved slightly from 39% to 40% between the same two periods.

On the basis of data available for the first six months and foreseeable trends for the next semester, EPZ exports are forecast at Rs. 23,000 million for calendar year 1997.

## 6. Freeport Statistics

With the fast expansion of the activities of the Mauritius Freeport Authority, the Central Statistical Office has decided to include in this Economic Indicator some data pertaining to imports and exports of the Freeport. For the sake of comparability and continuity, the data which are presented below are not included in our usual trade statistics presented in the tables.

### Imports and re-exports of Freeport (1995 – 1997)

	1995	1996	(Rs. Million) 1997*
Imports	275	655	1,050
Re-exports	358	725	1,170
Balance	83	70	120

\* *forecast*

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## Notes

### (1) Coverage

Trade figures are compiled according to the **General Trade System** as recommended by the United Nations. Using the national boundary as the statistical frontier, the General Trade System is a record of all goods entering (imports) and leaving the country (exports).

- Imports include goods brought in directly for domestic consumption plus goods imported into customs bonded warehouses
- Exports cover domestic exports and re-exports which include re-exports from customs bonded warehouses. Domestic exports are defined as goods of national origin. Re-exports are goods which are exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.
- Ships stores and bunkers are included in total exports and are shown separately.
- Trade by parcel post is also included in imports and exports

### (2) Valuation

Imports are valued on a C.I.F. (Cost, Insurance and Freight) basis whilst exports on a F.O.B. (Free On Board) basis.

C.I.F. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her imports of merchandise, other goods, etc. including all charges for transporting and insuring the goods from the country of exports to the given country but excluding the cost of unloading from the ship, aircraft etc. unless it is borne by the carrier.

F.O.B. value is the value in the market at the Customs frontier of a country of her exports of merchandise and other goods, including all costs of transporting the goods to the Customs frontier, export duties and the cost of loading the goods on to the carrier unless the latter cost is borne by the carrier.

### (3) Classification

#### (i) Commodity Code

Commodities are coded according to the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature (HS). However, for the purposes of economic analysis and to facilitate international comparison of trade by commodity data, the commodities are also classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3) or SITC Rev. 3. The HS and the SITC Rev. 3 are six and five digit codes respectively but have been extended to eight and seven digits to accommodate national requirements.

#### 4. Terms of trade

The terms of trade index measures the price movements of exports relative to imports. It is the ratio of exports price index to import price index. A rise in this ratio indicates that the real purchasing power of exports has increased whilst a decrease indicates a drop in the purchasing power

#### 5. Symbols used

- Nil or negligible
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- ... Not available

Table 1 - Summary of External Trade, 1995 - 1997

	1995	1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>			
							1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	
		1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Jan-June	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	
Exports of goods	26,756	31,713	6,618	6,139	12,757	9,786	9,170	6,640	6,958	13,598
<i>Domestic exports</i> <sup>2</sup>	25,786	30,797	6,382	6,024	12,406	9,586	8,805	6,363	6,706	13,069
<i>Re-exports</i> <sup>3</sup>	970	916	236	115	351	200	365	277	252	529
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	570	600	150	150	300	150	150	150	150	300
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b.)</b>	<b>27,326</b>	<b>32,313</b>	<b>6,768</b>	<b>6,289</b>	<b>13,057</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>7,108</b>	<b>13,898</b>
<b>B. Total Imports<sup>3</sup> (c.i.f.)</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>40,892</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>19,091</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>19,201</b>
<b>Total Value of Trade (A+B)</b>	<b>61,689</b>	<b>73,205</b>	<b>15,496</b>	<b>16,652</b>	<b>32,148</b>	<b>20,736</b>	<b>20,321</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>17,499</b>	<b>33,099</b>
<b>Balance of Visible Trade (A-B)</b>	<b>-7,037</b>	<b>-8,579</b>	<b>-1,960</b>	<b>-4,074</b>	<b>-6,034</b>	<b>-864</b>	<b>-1,681</b>	<b>-2,020</b>	<b>-3,283</b>	<b>-5,303</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Revised

<sup>3</sup> Includes :- Irregular transactions involving ships and aircraft



**Table 2 - Price (unit value) indices of exports and imports and terms of trade,  
1993 - 1997**

Period		Price indices		Terms of trade*
		Export	Import	
		Base year : 1992 = 100		
1993		109	111	98
1994		114	119	96
1995		121	126	96
1996 <sup>1</sup>		134	135	99
1996	1st Qr	124	132	94
	2nd Qr	133	135	99
	3rd Qr	139	136	102
	4th Qr	142	136	104
1997 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	136	137	99
	2nd Qr	139	134	104

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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

**Table 3 - Price indices (unit value) of exports, 1995 - 1997**

Commodity/Sector	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100					
		Price Indices					
		1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>1</sup>		
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
<b>Domestic Exports</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>139</b>
Sugar	306	120	131	128	130	136	146
Molasses	5	167	214	136	136	119	119
Tea	5	96	115	96	110	153	159
EPZ products	661	121	133	123	129	141	135

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**Table 4 - Price indices (unit value) of imports, 1995 - 1996**

S.I.T.C. Section	Weight	Base year : 1992 = 100					
		Price Indices					
		1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>		1997 <sup>1</sup>		
		Year	Year	1st Qr	2nd Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr
<b>Total imports (excluding aircraft) :</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>134</b>
0 - Food and live animals	120	127	150	143	145	139	134
1 - Beverages and tobacco	5	103	114	108	112	121	131
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels	31	173	183	181	192	189	211
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants & related materials	80	101	131	123	124	138	126
4 - Animals and vegetables oils & fats	11	145	145	152	152	149	151
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s	78	123	129	120	128	133	127
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials	362	130	139	136	141	137	139
7 - Machinery & transport equipment (excluding aircraft)	222	126	123	122	122	137	130
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	119	121	127	126	122	101

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Table 5 - Domestic exports by main product/sector, 1995 - 1997

Description	1995						1996						1997 <sup>2</sup>		
	1995						1996						1997 <sup>2</sup>		
	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June		
<b>Total domestic exports: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	25,786	30,797	6,382	6,024	12,406	2,586	8,805	6,363	6,706	13,069	6,363	6,706	13,069		
<b>EPZ Products: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	18,267	21,001	4,210	5,445	9,655	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	10,646	4,675	5,971	10,646		
<b>Non-EPZ Products: Value (f.o.b.): Million Rupees</b>	7,519	9,796	2,172	579	2,751	3,908	3,137	1,688	735	2,423	1,688	735	2,423		
<b>Live animals</b>															
Quantity : Thousand unit	145	107	25	32	57	33	17	23	13	36	23	13	36		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	65	125	25	38	63	34	28	25	22	47	25	22	47		
<b>Wheaten flour</b>															
Quantity : tonne	7,368	24,994	4,569	4,470	9,039	8,010	7,945	5,402	7,780	13,182	5,402	7,780	13,182		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	39	154	31	27	58	47	49	30	43	73	30	43	73		
<b>Cane sugar</b>															
Quantity : Thousand tonne	524	613	141	16	157	262	194	101	30	131	101	30	131		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	6,326	8,347	1,859	260	2,119	3,524	2,704	1,386	436	1,822	1,386	436	1,822		
<b>Cane molasses</b>															
Quantity : Thousand tonne	117	79	4	-	4	44	31	28	-	28	28	-	28		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	136	88	4	-	4	55	29	23	-	23	23	-	23		
<b>Tea, whether or not flavoured</b>															
Quantity : tonne	2,872	1,339	699	434	1,133	30	176	226	116	342	226	116	342		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	50	28	12	8	20	2	6	6	3	9	6	3	9		
<b>Cut flowers &amp; foliage</b>															
Quantity : tonne	538	514	139	116	255	102	157	170	134	304	170	134	304		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	126	126	37	27	64	24	38	38	29	67	38	29	67		
<b>Chemicals &amp; related products, n.e.s</b>															
Quantity : tonne	21,544	27,213	8,232	3,822	12,054	10,000	5,159	5,485	4,649	10,134	5,485	4,649	10,134		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	121	159	50	24	74	53	32	30	31	61	30	31	61		
<b>Articles of apparel &amp; clothing</b>															
Quantity : (not applicable)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	270	287	58	90	148	63	76	49	58	107	49	58	107		
<b>Other commodities &amp; transactions</b>															
Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees	386	482	96	105	201	106	175	101	113	214	101	113	214		

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 6 - Exports<sup>1</sup> of goods by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1995			1996			1997 <sup>3</sup>			
	1995	1996 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>										
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>										
Belgium	511	734	122	213	335	205	194	134	187	321
France	5,662	6,111	1,317	1,729	3,046	1,444	1,621	1,268	1,613	2,881
Germany	1,561	1,749	298	461	759	489	501	387	437	824
Italy	1,098	1,273	336	281	617	290	366	345	268	613
Netherlands	579	770	169	187	356	246	168	183	154	337
Portugal	245	1,007	7	3	10	617	380	5	3	8
Reunion	490	524	100	123	223	135	166	103	120	223
United Kingdom	9,173	10,876	2,289	1,116	3,405	3,955	3,516	2,390	1,725	4,115
Spain	367	651	103	228	331	123	197	126	210	336
Other	82	94	15	20	35	15	44	45	24	69
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>										
Australia	(6,259)	(6,942)	(1,611)	(1,574)	(3,185)	(2,006)	(1,751)	(1,377)	(1,968)	(3,345)
Canada	53	113	10	20	30	32	51	23	37	60
Comoro Islands	249	205	53	57	110	46	49	44	49	93
Hong Kong	41	32	6	5	11	5	16	5	5	10
India	235	209	54	66	120	52	37	30	45	75
Kenya	124	141	13	17	30	21	90	47	75	122
Malagasy, Republic of	31	67	6	9	15	30	22	13	24	37
Malaysia	693	915	214	203	417	255	243	266	327	593
Pakistan	14	28	8	9	17	5	6	3	4	7
Seychelles	8	5	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	1
Singapore	46	46	8	13	21	13	12	14	18	32
South Africa, Republic of	59	47	11	10	21	10	16	11	19	30
Sweden	117	239	52	62	114	60	65	45	25	70
Uganda	67	121	16	25	41	40	40	32	39	71
U.S.A.	28	13	1	3	4	1	8	3	4	7
Zimbabwe	3,965	4,325	1,043	988	2,031	1,307	987	744	1,158	1,902
Other	115	160	30	32	62	45	53	55	78	133
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>										
Japan	414	276	85	54	139	83	54	42	60	102
Switzerland	729	982	251	204	455	261	266	277	249	526
Taiwan	170	196	45	45	90	46	60	53	41	94
Other	361	392	84	107	191	94	107	125	112	237
	23	38	14	9	23	10	5	12	5	17
	175	356	108	43	151	111	94	87	91	178

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Ship's stores & Bunkers<sup>2</sup> Revised<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 7 - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan.-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan.-June
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>40,892</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>19,091</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>19,201</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>5,922</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>2,806</b>
Meat and meat preparations	540	577	137	105	242	156	179	133	140	273
Dairy products and bird's eggs	849	947	265	175	440	243	264	221	194	415
Fish and fish preparations	635	755	168	176	344	170	241	185	245	430
Wheat	379	598	115	88	203	182	213	60	92	152
Rice	329	667	255	102	357	168	142	160	63	223
Wheaten flour	3	84	17	20	37	21	26	18	18	36
Cereal preparations	165	192	41	47	88	46	58	39	56	95
Vegetables and fruits	532	695	156	224	380	172	143	194	217	411
Other	1,241	1,407	322	310	632	365	410	369	402	771
<b>1 - Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>89</b>
Beverages	196	191	35	38	73	46	72	28	50	78
Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	25	21	7	7	14	6	1	4	7	11
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>761</b>
Cork and wood	310	312	63	118	181	79	52	61	93	154
Textile fibres	699	882	224	183	407	337	138	179	241	420
Other	200	404	79	98	177	104	123	80	107	187

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants, &amp; related materials</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>1,688</b>
Refined petroleum products	2,019	2,821	642	576	1,218	809	794	788	646	1,434
Gas, natural and manufactured	229	264	54	64	118	86	60	119	67	186
Other	153	127	17	64	81	23	23	11	57	68
<b>4 - Animal &amp; vegetable oils and fats</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>170</b>
Fixed vegetables oils & fats	361	341	51	115	166	90	85	56	69	125
Other	80	123	28	27	55	33	35	22	23	45
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>3,163</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,518</b>
Dyeing & tanning materials	336	430	89	104	193	121	116	98	118	216
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	576	671	136	163	299	178	194	143	167	310
Fertilisers	146	189	49	17	66	50	73	35	33	68
Plastics in primary forms	317	338	76	83	159	83	96	78	97	175
Plastics in non-primary forms	197	222	47	52	99	60	63	48	59	107
Other	1,116	1,313	294	315	609	355	349	332	310	642
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>12,587</b>	<b>13,715</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>6,444</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>3,942</b>	<b>6,801</b>
Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	734	680	136	167	303	188	189	137	182	319
Textile yarn	2,653	3,437	680	859	1,539	986	912	768	1,023	1,791
Cotton fabrics	2,146	2,019	406	590	996	523	500	448	683	1,131
Other textile fabrics	2,484	2,442	450	706	1,156	694	592	446	783	1,229
Cement	687	754	196	157	353	208	193	142	210	352
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	545	473	104	91	195	96	182	147	159	306
Iron and steel	887	1,255	270	383	653	295	307	192	295	487
Manufactures of metal, n.e.s.	700	803	182	178	360	226	217	149	232	381
Other	1,751	1,852	501	388	889	374	589	430	375	805

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**Table 7 (cont'd) - Total imports by section/main commodities, 1995 - 1997**

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>7 - Machinery &amp; transport equipment</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>8,917</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>3,517</b>
Power generating machinery & equipment	318	769	58	461	519	75	175	64	115	179
Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,275	1,548	360	357	717	453	378	309	413	722
General industrial machinery & equipment	933	1,148	272	328	600	279	269	203	264	467
Office machines & automated data processing machines	454	622	103	180	283	169	170	113	156	269
Telecommunications & sound recording & reproducing apparatus	732	1,011	216	243	459	338	214	193	149	342
Road vehicles	1,487	1,711	354	417	771	484	456	316	514	830
Aircraft, marine vessels and parts	372	599	96	319	415	56	128	50	50	100
Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances & parts of household type	1,021	1,374	223	367	590	402	382	272	274	546
Other	66	135	24	13	37	58	40	37	25	62
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1,611</b>
Articles of apparel and clothing	355	356	62	75	137	91	128	67	105	172
Footwear	118	128	18	23	41	34	53	19	31	50
Watches and clocks & optical goods	502	404	117	112	229	83	92	83	102	185
Other	2,270	2,383	442	552	994	596	793	592	612	1,204
<b>9 - Other commodities &amp; transactions, n.e.s</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>240</b>

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Table 8 - Imports of selected commodities (quantity), 1995 - 1997

Commodity	Unit	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>		
				1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
Meat and meat preparations	Thousand tonne	20	15	4	3	7	4	4	3	3	6
Dairy products and birds eggs	"	19	17	5	3	8	4	5	4	4	8
Fish and fish preparations	"	24	31	8	8	16	6	9	7	9	16
Wheat	"	112	124	24	19	43	35	46	12	25	37
Rice	"	56	88	35	15	50	20	18	20	6	26
Wheaten flour	"	-	12	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	6
Fixed vegetable edible oils and fats	"	29	27	4	9	13	7	7	4	5	9
Fertilisers manufactured	"	44	56	16	3	19	15	22	10	8	18
Cement	"	582	601	165	126	291	162	148	109	159	268
Iron and steel	"	88	102	21	26	47	28	27	20	25	45

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Table 9 - Imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995			1996 <sup>1</sup>			1996				1997		
	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1995	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June		
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>40,892</b>	<b>34,363</b>	<b>8,728</b>	<b>10,363</b>	<b>19,091</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>19,201</b>		
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>25,563</b>	<b>30,286</b>	<b>25,563</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>14,360</b>	<b>7,614</b>	<b>8,312</b>	<b>6,641</b>	<b>7,997</b>	<b>14,638</b>		
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(11,069)</b>	<b>(13,299)</b>	<b>(11,069)</b>	<b>(2,781)</b>	<b>(3,676)</b>	<b>(6,457)</b>	<b>(3,356)</b>	<b>(3,486)</b>	<b>(2,510)</b>	<b>(3,141)</b>	<b>(5,651)</b>		
Belgium	536	686	536	145	137	282	165	239	156	210	366		
Denmark	221	977	221	47	666	713	202	62	51	40	91		
France	4,427	4,554	4,427	1,033	1,144	2,177	1,165	1,212	816	1,131	1,947		
Germany	1,554	1,903	1,554	413	485	898	525	480	436	494	930		
Greece	75	46	75	1	4	5	40	1	2	3	5		
Ireland	154	169	154	30	45	75	45	49	45	45	90		
Italy	1,109	1,392	1,109	313	308	621	382	389	228	335	563		
Luxembourg	23	4	23	2	-	2	1	1	17	3	20		
Netherlands	223	221	223	46	57	103	63	55	54	77	131		
Portugal	58	69	58	14	22	36	19	14	18	15	33		
Reunion	24	26	24	5	7	12	7	7	8	6	14		
Spain	377	604	377	143	154	297	100	207	121	146	267		
United Kingdom	2,288	2,648	2,288	589	647	1,236	642	770	558	636	1,194		
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(14,494)</b>	<b>(16,987)</b>	<b>(14,494)</b>	<b>(3,783)</b>	<b>(4,120)</b>	<b>(7,903)</b>	<b>(4,258)</b>	<b>(4,826)</b>	<b>(4,131)</b>	<b>(4,856)</b>	<b>(8,987)</b>		
Australia	1,110	1,811	1,110	453	324	777	490	544	365	332	697		
Canada	60	52	60	21	11	32	10	10	15	10	25		
Hong Kong	1,641	1,474	1,641	313	368	681	386	407	352	551	903		
India	2,900	3,629	2,900	627	823	1,450	978	1,201	901	1,117	2,018		
Kenya	371	256	371	111	40	151	75	30	48	78	126		
Malagasy, Republic of	354	465	354	77	156	233	111	121	177	144	321		
Malaysia	1,121	964	1,121	191	297	488	228	248	178	303	481		
New Zealand	430	444	430	117	80	197	135	112	89	113	202		
Pakistan	365	644	365	210	134	344	141	159	96	136	232		
Singapore	910	867	910	160	254	414	222	231	204	237	441		
South Africa, Republic of	3,825	4,893	3,825	1,151	1,252	2,403	1,122	1,368	1,293	1,465	2,758		
Sweden	68	76	68	11	18	29	21	26	13	12	25		
U. S. A.	891	1,022	891	229	256	485	247	290	249	235	484		
Zimbabwe	157	61	157	23	16	39	12	10	41	29	70		
Other	291	329	291	89	91	180	80	69	110	94	204		

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Table 9 (cont'd) - Imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>					
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June			
			2,164	2,567	4,731	3,186	2,689	2,169	2,394	4,563			
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>10,606</b>											
Argentina	286	272	43	64	107	67	98	79	89	168			
Austria	69	67	7	23	30	16	21	17	15	32			
Bahrain	76	219	-	-	-	219	-	-	-	-			
Brazil	357	206	17	67	84	102	20	15	15	30			
Burkina Faso	74	227	40	56	96	106	25	-	59	59			
China	1,005	1,740	408	428	836	516	388	373	440	813			
Finland	84	71	13	14	27	22	22	11	15	26			
Indonesia	293	447	73	97	170	125	152	94	114	208			
Israel	76	121	22	19	41	33	47	32	56	88			
Japan	1,642	1,795	425	444	869	473	453	267	481	748			
Jordan	37	36	-	-	-	36	-	29	29	58			
Korea, Republic of	437	493	106	98	204	152	137	103	113	216			
Kuwait	776	1,247	294	192	486	407	354	324	196	520			
Macao	88	90	20	40	60	23	7	24	37	61			
Mali	39	70	37	-	37	27	6	17	-	17			
Morocco	38	42	6	4	10	16	16	9	16	25			
Philippines	76	53	17	4	21	27	5	20	2	22			
Saudi Arabia	376	212	33	-	33	1	178	9	8	17			
Switzerland	811	878	161	237	398	232	248	189	198	387			
Taiwan	1,083	1,120	234	280	514	309	297	298	282	580			
Thailand	275	269	64	48	112	67	90	81	75	156			
Turkey	117	182	12	59	71	67	44	47	9	56			
United Arab Emirates	62	31	4	7	11	8	12	7	12	19			
Other	623	718	128	386	514	135	69	124	133	257			

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Table 10 - Net EPZ exports, 1995 - 1997

Value : Million Rupees

	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
A. Total exports ( f.o.b )	18,267	21,001	4,210	5,445	9,655	5,678	5,668	4,675	5,971	10,646
B. Total imports ( c.i.f )	10,856	12,106	2,671	3,183	5,854	3,301	2,951	2,758	3,635	6,393
Raw materials	9,869	10,988	2,393	2,890	5,283	3,006	2,699	2,548	3,282	5,830
Machinery	987	1,118	278	293	571	295	252	210	353	563
Net Exports (A - B)	7,411	8,895	1,539	2,262	3,801	2,377	2,717	1,917	2,336	4,253
Net Exports as % of total exports	41	42	37	42	39	42	48	41	39	40

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 11 - EPZ exports by main countries of destination, 1995 - 1997**

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

Country of destination	1995			1996 <sup>1</sup>			1996			1997 <sup>1</sup>				
							1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June		
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr		1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June		
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>18,267</b>			<b>21,001</b>			<b>5,445</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>10,646</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>17,730</b>			<b>20,310</b>			<b>5,286</b>	<b>9,351</b>	<b>5,476</b>	<b>5,483</b>	<b>5,483</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>5,787</b>	<b>10,282</b>
<b>(a) European Union Countries</b>	<b>(12,663)</b>			<b>(14,964)</b>			<b>(3,930)</b>	<b>(6,851)</b>	<b>(3,974)</b>	<b>(4,139)</b>	<b>(4,139)</b>	<b>(3,406)</b>	<b>(4,159)</b>	<b>(7,565)</b>
Belgium	435			651			193	291	186	174	174	117	173	290
France	5,208			5,762			1,620	2,851	1,360	1,551	1,551	1,203	1,541	2,744
Germany	1,445			1,606			440	712	467	427	427	326	384	710
Italy	1,015			1,140			249	552	265	323	323	305	235	540
Netherlands	491			685			168	311	233	141	141	172	141	313
Reunion	246			222			59	92	61	69	69	42	63	105
Spain	308			553			201	284	106	163	163	100	182	282
United Kingdom	3,412			4,234			979	1,716	1,265	1,253	1,253	1,093	1,418	2,511
Other	103			111			21	42	31	38	38	48	22	70
<b>(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>(5,067)</b>			<b>(5,346)</b>			<b>(1,356)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(1,502)</b>	<b>(1,344)</b>	<b>(1,344)</b>	<b>(1,089)</b>	<b>(1,628)</b>	<b>(2,717)</b>
Australia	41			67			14	19	25	23	23	18	33	51
Canada	246			204			57	110	46	48	48	43	48	91
Hong kong	152			159			50	94	42	23	23	18	29	47
Malagasy, Republic of	410			526			140	267	127	132	132	177	191	368
Singapore	31			29			6	14	6	9	9	8	12	20
South Africa, Republic of	59			179			48	81	49	49	49	31	10	41
Sweden	66			116			24	39	39	38	38	30	38	68
U.S.A.	3,860			3,787			959	1,758	1,088	941	941	694	1,133	1,827
Zimbabwe	106			139			29	57	36	46	46	36	71	107
Other	96			140			29	61	44	35	35	34	63	97
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>537</b>			<b>691</b>			<b>159</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>364</b>
Japan	98			131			32	62	30	39	39	38	25	63
Switzerland	322			344			93	166	87	91	91	83	98	181
Other	117			216			34	76	85	55	55	59	61	120

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**Table 12 - EPZ exports by main section/selected commodities, 1995 - 1997**

Value (f.o.b.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996					1997 <sup>1</sup>		
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>Total EPZ Exports</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>21,001</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>4,675</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>10,646</b>
<b>0 - Food and live animals</b> of which :	993	979	228	244	472	263	244	222	334	556
Fish & fish preparations	640	719	164	202	366	190	163	164	239	403
<b>2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	23	20	4	6	10	4	6	4	25	29
<b>5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s</b>	53	16	8	3	11	3	2	7	6	13
<b>6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b> of which :	1,657	2,135	465	558	1,023	565	547	491	560	1,051
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,035	1,447	338	380	718	372	357	316	354	670
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	464	509	89	134	223	148	138	119	134	253
<b>7 - Machinery and transport equipment</b>	79	99	11	6	17	54	28	23	15	38
<b>8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b> of which :	15,460	17,748	3,494	4,627	8,121	4,789	4,838	3,926	5,031	8,957
Articles of apparel and clothing	13,780	16,187	3,131	4,192	7,323	4,400	4,464	3,619	4,650	8,269
Optical goods	235	211	54	59	113	42	56	48	56	104
Watches and clocks	452	406	101	105	206	86	114	95	103	198
Toys, games and sporting goods	207	193	40	54	94	54	45	31	40	71
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	229	286	56	77	133	80	73	59	82	141

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 13 - EPZ imports by main section/selected commodities, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f.) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	1995	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1996				1997 <sup>1</sup>			
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>12,106</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>5,854</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>6,393</b>
0 - Food and live animals	368	423	93	102	195	88	140	102	151	253
2 - Crude materials, inedible except fuels of which :	750	1,088	263	234	497	397	194	225	298	523
Cotton	347	491	153	66	219	233	39	77	147	224
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	22	21	4	3	7	5	9	4	5	9
Wool and other animal hair	307	340	64	104	168	91	81	89	82	171
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	25	16	1	12	13	1	2	1	18	19
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	426	484	95	122	217	135	132	116	146	262
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material of which :	7,071	7,678	1,640	2,067	3,707	2,045	1,926	1,711	2,343	4,054
Leather	160	138	39	32	71	34	33	30	29	59
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,984	6,640	1,365	1,829	3,194	1,777	1,669	1,491	1,153	2,644
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	470	367	96	82	178	86	103	109	102	211
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	987	1,118	278	293	571	295	252	210	353	563
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured goods of which :	1,079	1,055	250	273	523	264	268	320	278	598
Optical goods, watches & clocks	398	321	93	86	179	62	80	65	78	143
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	117	150	30	30	60	58	32	123	28	151
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	150	243	50	80	130	76	37	73	48	121

Table 14 - EPZ imports by main countries of origin, 1995 - 1997

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

Country of origin	1995			1996 <sup>1</sup>			1997 <sup>1</sup>			
	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr	2nd Qr	Jan-June
<b>Total EPZ Imports</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>5,854</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>6,393</b>
<b>1. Preferential Tariff Countries</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>4,291</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>4,817</b>
(a) European Union Countries	(3,725)	(1,073)	(1,997)	(924)	(1,073)	(980)	(1,036)	(956)	(1,120)	(2,076)
Belgium	245	73	139	66	73	85	86	81	105	186
France	1,718	436	827	391	436	338	386	328	420	748
Germany	695	179	388	209	179	232	155	262	208	470
Italy	540	165	298	133	165	178	188	135	184	319
Netherlands	29	8	15	7	8	11	6	8	6	14
Spain	119	69	100	31	69	39	120	54	84	138
United Kingdom	340	121	197	76	121	87	84	81	101	182
Other	39	22	33	11	22	10	11	7	12	19
(b) Other Preferential Tariff Countries	(4,562)	(1,237)	(2,294)	(1,057)	(1,237)	(1,402)	(1,321)	(1,113)	(1,628)	(2,741)
Australia	237	60	128	68	60	71	56	51	53	104
Bahamas	31	3	6	3	3	3	3	24	40	64
Hong kong	1,438	321	590	269	321	323	312	304	483	787
India	1,429	432	763	331	432	582	529	392	562	954
Malagasy, Republic of	91	24	44	20	24	26	27	29	-	29
Malaysia	104	51	109	58	51	27	60	31	100	131
New Zealand	149	34	58	24	34	42	26	21	31	52
Pakistan	169	60	157	97	60	70	65	35	51	86
Singapore	413	96	149	53	96	82	58	35	60	95
South Africa, Republic of	275	108	164	56	108	85	103	76	136	212
U.S.A.	144	43	90	47	43	50	62	50	-	50
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	30
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	21	50
Other	82	5	36	31	5	41	20	6	91	97
<b>2. General Tariff Countries</b>	<b>2,569</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1,576</b>
Burkina Faso	74	55	95	40	55	106	25	-	58	58
China	464	307	461	154	307	242	171	222	282	504
Indonesia	77	23	51	28	23	24	36	32	32	64
Japan	367	108	237	129	108	87	57	38	57	95
Korea, Republic of	103	10	32	22	10	34	9	20	16	36
Macau	86	41	61	20	41	23	7	24	36	60
Mali	38	-	37	37	-	26	6	17	-	17
Mexico	4	15	15	-	15	6	-	20	18	38
Switzerland	300	110	183	73	110	111	85	80	96	176
Taiwan	681	167	322	155	167	180	148	195	181	376
Thailand	70	9	22	13	9	7	20	16	27	43
Other	305	28	47	19	28	73	30	25	84	109

<sup>1</sup> Provisional