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1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents quarterly Export Price Indices for the first quarter of 1999 together with quarterly figures for the year 1998. The Export Price Index (EPI) provides a measure for price changes of exports. It is a measure of pure price changes (in Mauritian rupees) of domestically produced goods exported to other countries. The base and reference period for the EPI is calendar year 1993.

A technical note on the construction of the EPI is annexed. Table 1 presents quarterly indices by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev 3). Changes by index points and percentage changes for each quarter compared to the previous one are shown in the Tables 3 and 4 respectively while Tables 5 and 6 show the point change and percentage change when corresponding quarters are compared.

2. Structure of the EPI

The EPI is compiled using the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations (SITC Rev 3). The index covers only five sections of the SITC namely: "*Food and live animals*", "*Crude materials, inedible, except fuels*", "*Chemicals and related products*", "*Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw materials*" and "*Miscellaneous manufactured articles*". Distribution of weights for the different sections, groups of commodities and items are given in Table 1. In addition to the overall index, separate sub-indices are also calculated for different product categories at more detailed level.

3. Quarterly Changes (1st quarter 1999)

The export price index fell by 1.1 points (or 0.7%) from 149.2 in the fourth quarter of 1998 to reach 148.1 in the first quarter of 1999. The index was mostly influenced by a fall of 1.8% in the export prices of "*articles of apparel and clothing accessories*", which carry about 61% of the total weight. Decreases varying between 0.6% and 8.0% were registered in the prices of goods falling under all the S.I.T.C sections, with the exception of "*chemicals and related products*" whose prices rose by 0.5%. The highest fall was registered in the prices of cut flowers, the only constituent of the section "*crude materials, inedible, except fuels*" while the lowest one concerned

export prices of products falling under "*food and live animals*"; these sections accounting for 0.7% and 31% of the total weight respectively.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 1998, the index for the first quarter of 1999 rose by 10.8% with a major increase of 13.6% in export prices of "*miscellaneous manufactured articles*" which includes "*articles of apparel and clothing accessories*", "*footwear*" and "*optical goods, watches and clocks*". The index for "*food and live animals*" went up by 7.2%. On the other hand, export prices of "*manufactured goods classified chiefly by material*" fell by 6.9% and those of "*crude materials, inedible, except fuel*" fell by 5.1%.

3.1 Sub-indices by section and commodity

Food and live animals

"*Food and live animals*" carries about 31% of the total weight. Sugar accounts for 88% of the weight of this section and the remaining 12% comprises meat and meat preparations, fish and fish preparations, tea, molasses and cereal and cereal products.

During the first quarter of 1999, the index for "*food and live animals*" went down from 139.9 in the fourth quarter of 1998 to 139.1 (-0.6%). With the exception of sugar and molasses whose export prices were at the same level as the previous quarter, prices of all other commodities in this section experienced decreases varying between 3.0% and 6.0%. The highest fall concerned prices of "*meat and meat preparations*" while the smallest decrease was registered for the export price of tea.

When compared to the first quarter of 1998, the index for this section rose by 7.2% mainly due to a 9.0% rise in the export prices of sugar.

Crude materials, inedible, except fuel

The index for cut flowers, the only constituent of this section, fell by 8.0% when compared to the fourth quarter of 1998 and by 5.1% when compared to the first quarter of 1998.

Chemicals and related products

The index of this section which consists mainly of pharmaceutical products and fertilisers increased from 101.3 in the fourth quarter of 1998 to 101.8 (+0.5%). The increase is higher still (4.6%) when compared to the corresponding period of 1998.

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials

Export prices of goods in this section which consists mainly of textile fabrics went down by 1.0%, resulting from a decrease of 0.5% in the prices of "*cotton fabrics*" and a decrease of 3.0% in those of "*other textile fabrics*". When compared to the first quarter of 1998, the index for this section went down by 6.9%.

Miscellaneous manufactured articles

This is the most important group of the index and carries about 65% of the total weight. It consists exclusively of articles of wearing apparel from the Export Processing Zone (EPZ).

Compared to the previous quarter, the index for this section fell by 0.7%. Export prices of "*articles of apparel and clothing accessories*", accounting for 94% of this section, fell by 1.8%. Export prices of "*optical goods, watches and clocks*" rose by 10.5%.

However, when compared to the corresponding quarter of last year, the export price index of miscellaneous manufactured articles showed an increase of 13.6% . The only group under this section which registered a fall (-5.6%) in export prices was "*women's or girls' coats, jackets, etc. knitted or crocheted*".

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Technical Note

Export Price Index (EPI)

Methodology for the Construction of the EPI

Definition

The Export Price Index (EPI) is a measure of price change of domestically produced Mauritian products exported to other countries i.e it excludes re-exports. In addition to the overall index, separate sub-indices are also calculated for different product categories at more detailed level.

Comparison with Unit Value Index

The Unit Value Export Index provides only a proxy measure for price changes of exported goods. It is derived from value and quantity data of products or groups of products obtained from trade returns and is thus highly dependent on the degree of homogeneity of the groups of products considered. On the other hand, the EPI measures pure price changes and is based on actual price measurements of relatively more homogeneous group of products. It requires elaborate specifications of products and takes account of all the main price determining factors such as country of destination, quality, mode of transport and mode of payment.

Scope and Classification

The EPI covers all domestic exports, the most important commodities being sugar, molasses, tea and textile fabrics and articles of apparel and clothing accessories produced by the EPZ sector.

The index is based on the Nomenclature of the Standard International Trade Classification of the United Nations (SITC Rev 3). Separate sub-indices are produced for each SITC section and for more detailed groups where possible.

Selection of Items and Firms

A representative sample of 42 firms has been selected from trade declarations submitted to the Customs and Excise Department in 1993. The sample was drawn from exporting firms on the basis of regularity of their trade and their volume of exports. A total of 119 items (Entry Level Items, ELI's) which represent 32 product groups are priced from the selected enterprises.

Weighting Scheme

The weights are derived from the 1993 domestic exports. Weights assigned to each section and group are based on their export values in 1993. Each product or group of products selected for pricing purposes represents all products that fall within that weight group.

Base and Reference Period

The base price as well as the reference period for the EPI is calendar year 1993. Bench mark data for the year 1993, based on trade returns, have been used to derive weights. The selected firms have supplied prices of selected commodities for each of the 12 months in 1993. The yearly average price of each product has then been worked out and is used as base price for that product.

Price Collection

Prices are collected directly from co-operating export firms. As far as possible price quotations are reported on a free on board (F.O.B.) basis and are mostly contract prices. Each reporting firm is visited once every quarter but prices are supplied on a monthly basis and are averaged for each quarter.

Sugar and Molasses

Due to their specificity, sugar and molasses have been treated differently. Sugar and molasses produced during a crop year, which normally extends between July and June of the following year, are usually exported during that same crop year. Export prices of these commodities, sugar in particular, are mostly negotiated prices. These prices can be quite volatile between quarters depending on the destination of the shipments. Therefore, in order to eliminate these price distortions between quarters, the same average yearly price for the crop year is used for the four quarters comprising that crop year. The base price of these commodities for the year 1993 is the average price for crops years 92/93 and 93/94.

Calculation of the EPI

A modified Laspeyres formula based on the weighted average of price relatives is used to calculate the EPI: the mathematical form of the formula is shown below:

$$I_{ot} = \frac{\sum W_i \times \frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}} \times 100}{\sum W_i}$$

Where I_{ot} is the index for period t compared to base period 0

w_i is the weight of the i^{th} element

P_{io} is the base price of the i^{th} element

P_{it} is the price of the i^{th} element in period t

$\frac{P_{it}}{P_{io}}$ is the price relative of the i^{th} element
in period t relative to base period 0

Σ means summation over all selected elements

Uses

The primary use of the EPI is to deflate export trade statistics. It provides quarterly measures of price trends of Mauritian products sold abroad and can be used for calculating changes in the volume of exports.

It can also serve as a basis to assess the competitiveness of Mauritian products in relation to price trends of common products of other countries with which Mauritius competes for markets.

Table 1: Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1997-1999 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²
			Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	130.0	129.7	130.5	139.7	139.9	135.0	139.1
	Meat and meat preparations	51	130.1	139.0	148.9	154.6	157.7	150.1	148.3
	Fish and fish preparations	187	150.5	172.0	179.8	177.9	176.8	176.6	168.6
	Sugar	2,717	128.8	127.1	127.1	138.5	138.5	132.8	138.5
	Molasses	44	140.8	104.0	104.0	40.5	40.5	72.3	40.5
	Tea	54	91.6	99.5	118.6	121.5	124.8	116.1	121.1
	Cereals and cereal preparations	28	167.6	186.0	161.6	166.0	183.7	174.3	172.8
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	143.7	174.8	168.6	165.5	180.3	172.3	165.8
	Cut flowers	72	143.7	174.8	168.6	165.5	180.3	172.3	165.8
	Chemicals and related products	90	99.1	97.3	96.5	96.8	101.3	98.0	101.8
5	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	122.5	133.2	137.1	123.7	125.2	129.8	124.0
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	122.5	133.2	137.1	123.7	125.2	129.8	124.0
6	Cotton fabrics	241	127.4	139.7	143.1	125.3	124.6	133.2	124.0
	Other textile fabrics	60	102.4	107.3	113.3	117.4	127.7	116.4	123.9

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)

² Provisional

Table 1(cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, 1997-1999 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997	1998				1999 ²	
			Yearly Average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly Average	1st Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	125.8	135.6	144.2	149.7	155.1	146.2	154.0
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	124.8	134.9	141.2	145.3	150.1	142.9	147.4
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	117.8	125.3	133.4	138.4	142.7	135.0	141.1
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	152.7	173.9	180.0	181.2	182.6	179.4	178.3
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	108.1	116.3	124.4	127.1	128.7	124.1	139.4
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	122.7	136.8	133.8	131.1	130.4	133.0	129.1
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	126.4	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.8	144.8	149.5
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	125.0	129.9	138.5	141.2	145.8	138.9	141.9
	Footwear	15	144.4	160.8	170.0	180.4	193.8	176.3	193.5
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	140.8	146.4	190.7	218.3	233.9	197.3	258.5
	Overall	10,000	126.9	133.7	139.5	145.5	149.2	142.0	148.1

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)² Provisional

Table 2: Quarterly Export Price index of selected commodity groups, 1997-1999 (base 1993 = 100)

Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²
		Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr
All commodities	10,000	126.9	133.7	139.5	145.5	149.2	142.0	148.1
<i>of which</i>								
Sugar	2,717	128.8	127.1	127.1	138.5	138.5	132.8	138.5
Molasses	44	140.8	104.0	104.0	40.5	40.5	72.3	40.5
Tea	54	91.6	99.5	118.6	121.5	124.8	116.1	121.1
Cut flowers	72	143.7	174.8	168.6	165.5	180.3	172.3	165.8
Men's or boys coats, jackets, trousers etc. not knitted or crocheted	2,022	117.8	125.3	133.4	138.4	142.7	135.0	141.1
Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted	2,924	126.4	136.0	142.3	147.2	153.8	144.8	149.5

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² Provisional

Table 3: Point change from previous period by SITC, 1997-1999 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997	1998				1999 ²	
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	2.5	0.7	0.8	9.2	0.2	5.0	-0.8
	Meat and meat preparations	51	11.0	-0.5	9.9	5.7	3.1	20.0	-9.4
	Fish and fish preparations	187	15.5	8.9	7.8	-1.9	-1.1	26.2	-8.2
	Sugar	2,717	1.8	0.0	0.0	11.4	0.0	4.1	0.0
	Molasses	44	-37.9	0.0	0.0	-63.5	0.0	-68.5	0.0
2	Tea	54	8.8	8.8	19.1	2.9	3.3	24.5	-3.7
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	15.4	-1.0	-24.4	4.4	17.7	6.7	-10.9
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	0.2	28.3	-6.2	-3.1	14.8	28.6	-14.5
5	Cut flowers	72	0.2	28.3	-6.2	-3.1	14.8	28.6	-14.5
	Chemicals and related products	90	-3.3	3.8	-0.8	0.3	4.5	-1.1	0.5
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	3.2	6.3	3.9	-13.4	1.5	7.3	-1.2
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	3.2	6.3	3.9	-13.4	1.5	7.3	-1.2
	Cotton fabrics	241	7.4	7.6	3.4	-17.8	-0.7	5.8	-0.6
	Other textile fabrics	60	-13.6	1.2	6.0	4.1	10.3	14.0	-3.8

¹ The Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3)² Provisional

Table 3(cont'd) : Point change from previous period by SITC, 1997-1999 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997					1998					1999 ²	
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr	1999 ² 1st Qr				
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	4.6	1.5	8.6	5.5	5.4	20.4	-1.1					
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	4.8	1.6	6.3	4.1	4.8	18.1	-2.7					
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	0.0	1.4	8.1	5.0	4.3	17.2	-1.6					
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	15.9	12.7	6.1	1.2	1.4	26.7	-4.3					
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	5.2	3.5	8.1	2.7	1.6	16.0	10.7					
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	14.2	0.0	-3.0	-2.7	-0.7	10.3	-1.3					
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	4.9	-0.1	6.3	4.9	6.6	18.5	-4.3					
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	-1.8	0.0	8.6	2.7	4.6	13.9	-3.9					
	Footwear	15	1.6	0.7	9.2	10.4	13.4	31.8	-0.3					
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	1.3	0.3	44.3	27.6	15.6	56.6	24.6					
	Overall	10,000	3.8	1.6	5.8	6.0	3.7	15.1	-1.1					

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Table 4 : Percentage change from previous period by SITC, 1997-1999

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²	
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr	
0	Food and live animals	3,081	2.0	0.5	0.6	7.0	0.1	3.8	-0.6	
	Meat and meat preparations	51	9.3	-0.4	7.1	3.8	2.0	15.4	-6.0	
	Fish and fish preparations	187	11.5	5.5	4.5	-1.1	-0.6	17.4	-4.6	
	Sugar	2,717	1.4	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	
	Molasses	44	-21.2	0.0	0.0	-61.1	0.0	-48.7	0.0	
	Tea	54	10.6	9.7	19.2	2.4	2.7	26.7	-3.0	
	Cereal and cereal preparations	28	10.1	-0.5	-13.1	2.7	10.7	4.0	-5.9	
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	0.2	19.3	-3.5	-1.8	8.9	19.9	-8.0	
	Cut flowers	72	0.2	19.3	-3.5	-1.8	8.9	19.9	-8.0	
5	Chemicals and related products	90	-3.2	4.1	-0.8	0.3	4.6	-1.1	0.5	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	2.7	5.0	2.9	-9.8	1.2	6.0	-1.0	
	Textile yarn, Fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	2.7	5.0	2.9	-9.8	1.2	6.0	-1.0	
	Cotton fabrics	241	6.1	5.8	2.4	-12.4	-0.6	4.5	-0.5	
	Other textile fabrics	60	-11.7	1.1	5.6	3.6	8.8	13.6	-3.0	

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Table 4 (cont'd) : Percentage change from previous period by SITC, 1997-1999

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	3.8	1.1	6.3	3.8	3.6	16.2	-0.7
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	4.0	1.2	4.7	2.9	3.3	14.5	-1.8
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	0.0	1.1	6.5	3.7	3.1	14.6	-1.1
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	11.6	7.9	3.5	0.7	0.8	17.5	-2.4
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	5.1	3.1	7.0	2.2	1.3	14.8	8.3
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	13.1	0.0	-2.2	-2.0	-0.5	8.4	-1.0
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	4.0	-0.1	4.6	3.4	4.5	14.6	-2.8
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	-1.4	0.0	6.6	1.9	3.3	11.1	-2.7
	Footwear	15	1.1	0.4	5.7	6.1	7.4	22.0	-0.2
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	1.0	0.2	30.3	14.5	7.1	40.2	10.5
	Overall	10,000	3.1	1.2	4.3	4.3	2.5	11.9	-0.7

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Table 5 : Point change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1997-1999 (base 1993=100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr
0	Food and live animals	3,081	2.5	-1.6	-0.9	11.6	10.9	5.0	9.4
	Meat and meat preparations	51	11.0	16.2	21.6	23.9	18.2	20.0	9.3
	Fish and fish preparations	187	15.5	30.1	37.5	23.4	13.7	26.2	-3.4
	Sugar	2,717	1.8	-3.3	-3.3	11.4	11.4	4.1	11.4
	Molasses	44	-37.9	-73.5	-73.5	-63.5	-63.5	-68.5	-63.5
	Tea	54	8.8	6.9	23.8	33.0	34.1	24.5	21.6
2	Cereal and cereal products	28	15.4	24.2	2.3	3.7	-3.3	6.7	-13.2
	Crude materials,inedible, except fuels	72	0.2	40.0	29.6	11.1	33.8	28.6	-9.0
5	Cut flowers	72	0.2	40.0	29.6	11.1	33.8	28.6	-9.0
	Chemicals and related products	90	-3.3	-4.2	-4.2	-3.7	7.8	-1.1	4.5
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	3.2	14.1	17.8	-0.8	-1.7	7.3	-9.2
	Textile yarn,Fabrics,made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	3.2	14.1	17.8	-0.8	-1.7	7.3	-9.2
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	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	4.8	13.1	17.7	24.7	16.8	18.1	12.5			
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	0.0	8.8	17.7	23.3	18.8	17.2	15.8			
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	15.9	28.7	33.0	23.7	21.4	26.7	4.4			
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	5.2	13.2	18.9	16.0	15.9	16.0	23.1			
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	14.2	40.2	12.6	-5.1	-6.4	10.3	-7.7			
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	4.9	10.0	15.7	30.5	17.7	18.5	13.5			
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	-1.8	6.2	16.1	17.2	15.9	13.9	12.0			
	Footwear	15	1.6	23.1	33.7	36.8	33.7	31.8	32.7			
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	1.3	4.8	55.0	78.7	87.8	56.6	112.1			
Overall	10,000	3.8	8.4	13.3	21.7	17.1	15.1	14.4				

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Table 6: Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1997-1999

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997		1998				1999 ²	
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr	
0	Food and live animals	3,081	2.0	-1.2	-0.7	9.1	8.4	3.8	7.2	
	Meat and meat preparations	51	9.3	13.2	17.0	18.3	13.0	15.4	6.7	
	Fish and fish preparations	187	11.5	21.2	26.3	15.2	8.4	17.4	-2.0	
	Sugar	2,717	1.4	-2.5	-2.5	9.0	9.0	3.1	9.0	
	Molasses	44	-21.2	-41.4	-41.4	-61.1	-61.1	-48.7	-61.1	
2	Tea	54	10.6	7.5	25.1	37.3	37.6	26.7	21.7	
	Cereal and cereal products	28	10.1	15.0	1.4	2.3	-1.8	4.0	-7.1	
	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	72	0.2	29.7	21.3	7.2	23.1	19.9	-5.1	
5	Cut flowers	72	0.2	29.7	21.3	7.2	23.1	19.9	-5.1	
	Chemicals and related products	90	-3.2	-4.1	-4.2	-3.7	8.3	-1.1	4.6	
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	301	2.7	11.8	14.9	-0.6	-1.3	6.0	-6.9	
	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s & related products	301	2.7	11.8	14.9	-0.6	-1.3	6.0	-6.9	
	Cotton fabrics	241	6.1	13.1	15.4	-3.7	-5.7	4.5	-11.2	
	Other textile fabrics	60	-11.7	6.1	12.5	15.2	20.4	13.6	15.5	

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Table 6 (Cont'd) : Percentage change from corresponding period of previous year by SITC, 1997-1999

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1997	1998				1999 ²	
			Yearly average	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	Yearly average	1st Qr
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	3.8	10.2	16.0	23.0	15.7	16.2	13.6
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	4.0	10.8	14.3	20.5	12.6	14.5	9.3
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	0.0	7.6	15.3	20.2	15.2	14.6	12.6
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	11.6	19.8	22.4	15.0	13.3	17.5	2.5
	<i>Men's or boys' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	221	5.1	12.8	17.9	14.4	14.1	14.8	19.9
	<i>Women's or girls' coats, jackets, suits, blazers, trousers, shorts, shirts etc, knitted or crocheted</i>	383	13.1	41.6	10.4	-3.7	-4.7	8.4	-5.6
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	4.0	7.9	12.4	26.1	13.0	14.6	9.9
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	-1.4	5.0	13.2	13.9	12.2	11.1	9.2
	Footwear	15	1.1	16.8	24.7	25.6	21.0	22.0	20.3
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	1.0	3.4	40.5	56.4	60.1	40.2	76.6
	Overall	10,000	3.1	6.7	10.5	17.5	12.9	11.9	10.8

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Table 7 (cont'd): Quarterly Export Price Index by SITC, Year 1993 (base 1993 = 100)

SITC ¹ Section	Description	Weight	1993				Yearly Average
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,456	98.3	99.0	100.4	102.5	100.0
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,064	97.6	98.2	101.2	103.2	100.0
	<i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,022	99.8	98.2	99.8	102.2	100.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc not knitted or crocheted</i>	501	92.9	95.4	104.1	107.6	100.0
	<i>Men's or boys' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	221	96.8	96.4	110.0	96.8	100.0
	<i>Women's or girls' coats,jackets,suits,blazers,trousers,shorts,shirts etc knitted or crocheted</i>	383	85.6	94.3	107.9	112.2	100.0
	<i>Articles of apparel of textile fabrics whether or not knitted or crocheted</i>	2,924	98.4	99.3	100.0	102.4	100.0
	<i>Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of other than textile fabrics</i>	13	99.8	100.3	99.4	100.5	100.0
	Footwear	15	99.6	102.0	96.1	102.4	100.0
	Optical goods, watches and clocks	377	109.6	110.9	89.3	91.0	100.0
	Overall Index	10,000	96.9	97.5	102.1	103.7	100.0

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