

The Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises

1st Quarter 2004

Introduction

The Central Statistics Office conducts a "Quarterly Survey of Employment" among the EPZ and Pioneer Status Enterprises to provide up-to-date data on the evolution of the workforce in the different industry sub-groups. This issue of the "Economic and Social Indicators" presents the results of the survey carried out at the end of March 2004. Figures are given separately for the Export Processing Zone and Pioneer Status Enterprises, the latter being "small and medium" enterprises engaged mainly in activities involving the application of high technology.

The Indicator also includes detailed figures of EPZ imports and exports for the 1st quarter 2004 and for the years 2002 and 2003. These statistics are compiled from declarations lodged at Customs by importers and exporters. Some of these declarations are, at times, revised at a later period and corrections made accordingly on the computerised database of the Customs Department. Thus while figures for 2002 are final, those for 2003 and 2004 are subject to revision as and when the Customs Department submits latest amendments to the Central Statistics Office.

Table 1.1 shows the main indicators of the EPZ sector for the period 1993 to 2003.

2. The Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

2.1 Number of enterprises

The number of EPZ enterprises at the end of the 1st quarter 2004 stood at 497 compared to 506 at the end of the previous quarter and 508 a year ago.

During the quarter, 13 enterprises closed down and four new ones started operation, resulting in a net loss of nine enterprises. In "Wearing apparel", the total number of enterprises stood at 224 after the closure of seven enterprises and the coming into operation of two new ones. The distribution of enterprises by product group is given in Table 1.2.

2.2 Employment evolution, 1st quarter 2004

At the end of March 2004, employment in the EPZ stood at 76,496 showing a decrease of 1,127 over the previous quarter. The number of male employees rose by 237 to 26,897 and female employment fell by 1,364 to 49,599 (Table 1.4).

As shown in Table 1.5, during the 1st quarter 2004, a total of 3,185 jobs were created: 3,008 through expansion in 26 existing enterprises and 177 by the four new enterprises. On the other hand, 4,312 jobs were lost: 2,312 through reduction in 23 existing enterprises and 2,000 following the closure of the 13 enterprises.

The "Wearing apparel" group registered a decrease of 2,073 in its workforce (1,923 from the seven closures), bringing the number of employees to 60,441 at the end of the quarter. Within the group, employment declined by 1,282 in "Pullovers" and by 791 in "Other

garments". Moderate increases were, however, registered in "Textiles yarn and fabrics" (+508) and in "Food" (+389). Details of employment by product group are shown in Tables 1.6 and 1.7.

Foreign workers, who numbered 15,392 at the beginning of the quarter, decreased by 248 during the 1st quarter to reach 15,144. Among males, employment went up by 200, whilst the number of females declined by 448. Table 1.8 shows expatriate employment by product group and sex. It will be noted that around 90% of foreign workers in the EPZ is employed in the "Wearing apparel" sector.

2.3 *Employment evolution, March 2003 – March 2004*

Comparison of March 2003 and March 2004 figures shows a net loss of 11 in the number of enterprises and a decrease of 8,142 in the EPZ workforce. Among males, employment went down by 1,082 and, among females, there was a decrease of 7,060. Expatriate employment fell by 1,808.

Employment in "Wearing apparel" group decreased by 8,713 from 69,154 to 60,441. Within the group, employment fell by 4,519 in "Pullovers" and by 4,194 in "Other garments". On the other hand, the "Food" sector registered an increase of 498 whilst employment in "Textiles yarn and fabrics" went up by 479. Details of changes in employment by product group are given in Table 1.7.

2.4 *Exports and Imports, 1st Quarter 2004*

Provisional figures indicate that EPZ exports for the 1st quarter of 2004 stood at Rs 7,551 million. Compared to the corresponding quarter of last year this represents an increase of 9.4%.

It is to be noted that exports figures do not include the sales of EPZ products to Freeport operators. These goods, valued at Rs 561 million for the 1st quarter 2004 compared to Rs 475 million for the previous quarter and Rs 584 million for the corresponding period of 2003, are only included in external trade statistics as exports of the Freeport, as and when they are exported by the Freeport licensees.

Exports of manufactured articles of apparel and clothing, representing 76% of total exports, went up by 8.4% to Rs 5,731 million. Increases were also registered in "Textile yarn, fabrics and made up articles" (from Rs 288 million to Rs 309 million) and "Jewellery, goldsmiths and silversmiths wares" (from Rs 143 million to Rs 164 million). Other details of EPZ exports by section are shown in Table 1.10.

The United Kingdom, the United States of America and France remain our principal EPZ markets, accounting for Rs 5,550 million or around 74% of total exports in the 1st quarter 2004. Exports towards the United Kingdom and France increased by 22.2% and 8.2% to reach Rs 2,241 million and Rs 1,605 million respectively. On the other hand, exports to the U.S.A fell by 13.1% from Rs 1,960 million to Rs 1,704 million.

During the same period, imports rose by 5.7% from Rs 3,738 million to Rs 3,952 million. Raw materials accounted for Rs 3,110 million (-7.8%) and imports of machinery increased significantly from Rs 365 million to Rs 842 million (+130.7%).

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to Rs 3,599 million and its ratio to exports works out to around 48 (Table 1.9).

3. The Pioneer Status Enterprises (PSE)

3.1 *Number of enterprises*

At the end of the 1st quarter 2004, the number of PSE's stood at 258, one less than the previous quarter. During the quarter, three enterprises closed down whilst two new ones started operation. Among the enterprises, 86 were "large", that is, having 10 or more employees. The highest number of enterprises was in "Other support services" (62), followed by "Light engineering" (43) and "Informatics" (40). Further details are given in Table 2.1

3.2 *Employment*

The total workforce in the PSE sector at the end of March 2004 was 3,457 (2,563 males and 894 females) showing an increase of 104 over the previous quarter. The "large" enterprises employed 2,922 as against 2,819 at the end of December 2003.

From Table 2.4 it can be seen that during the 1st quarter 2004, a total of 278 jobs were created: 272 following expansion in 56 existing enterprises and six by the two new enterprises. On the other hand, 40 enterprises reported a total reduction of 165 in their workforce and job losses due to the closure of the three enterprises numbered nine.

The number of expatriates employed in the PSE stood at 200 at the end of the 1st quarter 2004, nine less than at the end of the previous quarter.

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Table 1.1:- Main economic indicators: 1993 - 2003, EPZ Sector.

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u> ¹	<u>2003</u> ²
1. No of enterprises as at December	536	494	481	481	480	495	512	518	522	506	506
- New	38	27	25	43	26	48	37	34	24	9	23
- Closures	60	69	38	43	27	33	20	28	20	25	23
2. Employment as at December	85,621	82,176	80,466	79,793	83,391	90,116	91,374	90,682	87,607	87,204	77,623
- Net change	-1,316	-3,445	-1,710	-673	+3,598	+6,725	+1,258	-692	-3,075	-403	-9,581
- Growth rate (%)	-1.5	-4.0	-2.1	-0.8	+4.5	+8.1	+1.4	-0.8	-3.4	-0.5	-11.0
3. Exports (f.o.b, Rs Million)	15,821	16,533	18,267	21,001	23,049	26,075	29,131	30,961	33,695	32,683	32,059
4. Imports (c.i.f, Rs Million) :	9,326	10,125	10,856	12,077	13,880	16,179	15,735	16,399	17,140	16,909	15,559
- Raw materials	(8,221)	(9,016)	(9,869)	(10,960)	(12,442)	(14,693)	(13,891)	(14,700)	(15,637)	(15,251)	(14,061)
- Machinery & spare parts	(1,105)	(1,109)	(987)	(1,117)	(1,438)	(1,486)	(1,844)	(1,699)	(1,503)	(1,658)	(1,498)
5. Net Exports (Rs Million)	6,495	6,408	7,411	8,924	9,169	9,896	13,396	14,562	16,555	15,774	16,500
6. Net Exports to Exports (%)	41.1	38.8	40.6	42.5	39.8	38.0	46.0	47.0	49.1	48.3	51.5
7. Value added¹ at basic prices (Rs Million)	5,695	6,351	7,067	8,202	9,179	10,510	11,697	12,523	13,681	13,600	13,447
- Share in Manufacturing(%)	51.0	50.2	49.6	49.6	49.8	50.4	52.1	50.7	49.9	48.1	45.7
- Share in GDP(%)	11.9	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	11.9	12.5	12.0	11.6	10.9	9.8
8. Annual Growth rate of Value added (%)	+6.0	+4.3	+5.0	+7.0	+6.0	+6.9	+6.0	+6.0	+4.4	-6.0	-4.0
9. Investment (Rs Million)	900	900	815	930	1,245	1,445	1,755	1,702	1,758	1,475	1,403
- Machinery	(875)	(880)	(805)	(915)	(1,200)	(1,355)	(1,635)	(1,557)	(1,444)	(1,452)	(1,349)

¹ revised

² provisional

Table 1.2: - Net change in number of enterprises by product group: March 2003 - March 2004, EPZ Sector.

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change from	
	Mar. 2003	Dec. 2003	Mar. 2004	Dec. 03 to Mar. 04	Mar. 03 to Mar. 04
1. Food	9	10	10	0	1
2. Flowers	38	37	37	0	-1
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	44	43	43	0	-1
4. Wearing apparel :	230	229	224	-5	-6
Pullovers	(35)	(34)	(33)	(-1)	(-2)
Other garments	(195)	(195)	(191)	(-4)	(-4)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	9	9	0	0
6. Wood and paper products	30	30	29	-1	-1
7. Optical goods	6	6	6	0	0
8. Electronic watches and clocks	6	6	6	0	0
9. Electric and electronic products	6	6	6	0	0
10. Jewellery and related articles	31	32	32	0	1
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	7	7	0	0
12. Other	92	91	88	-3	-4
TOTAL	508	506	497	-9	-11

Table 1.3:- New enterprises and closures : Year 2003 and 1st quarter 2004, EPZ Sector.

Product group	Year 2003				1st quarter 2004			
	New projects		Closures		New projects		Closures	
	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment	Enterprise	Employment
1. Food	1	14	–	–	–	–	–	–
2. Flowers	–	–	1	15	–	–	–	–
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1	245	2	101	1	101	1	25
4. Wearing apparel :	12	614	13	7,493	2	70	7	1,923
Pullovers	(1)	(57)	(3)	(3,205)	(1)	(46)	(2)	(1,267)
Other garments	(11)	(557)	(10)	(4,288)	(1)	(24)	(5)	(656)
5. Leather products and footwear	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
6. Wood and paper products	1	17	1	1	–	–	1	8
7. Optical goods	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
8. Electronic watches and clocks	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
9. Electric and electronic products	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
10. Jewellery and related articles	3	52	1	3	–	–	–	–
11. Toys and carnival articles	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
12. Other	5	105	5	339	1	6	4	44
TOTAL	23	1,047	23	7,952	4	177	13	2,000

Table 1.4:- Employment by size and sex: March 2003 - March 2004, EPZ Sector.

Category	Enterprise			Employment (end of period)								
	Number as at			March 03			December 03			March 04		
	Mar. 03	Dec. 03	Mar. 04	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	135	134	132	349	241	590	337	228	565	309	227	536
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	373	372	365	27,551	55,930	83,481	26,264	50,443	76,707	26,529	49,062	75,591
Outworkers	-	-	-	79	488	567	59	292	351	59	310	369
TOTAL	508	506	497	27,979	56,659	84,638	26,660	50,963	77,623	26,897	49,599	76,496
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	5,793	11,159	16,952	5,871	9,521	15,392	6,071	9,073	15,144

Table 1.5 :- Analysis of net change in EPZ employment : 1st quarter 2004.

	Evolution 1st quarter 2004	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation:	...	3,185
Expansion in existing enterprises ¹	26	3,008
New enterprises	4	177
B. Total employment lost:	...	4,312
Reduction in existing enterprises ¹	23	2,312
Closures	13	2,000
C. Net change (A-B)	...	-1,127
Male	...	237
Female	...	-1,364

¹ No. of enterprises relates to those reporting expansion/reduction in their workforce by more than 25 while employment is total expansion/reduction.

Table 1.6:- Employment by product group and sex: December 2003 - March 2004, EPZ Sector.

Product group	December 2003				March 2004			
	No of Enterprises	Employment			No of Enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Food	10	712	1,510	2,222	10	760	1,851	2,611
2. Flowers	37	195	259	454	37	196	273	469
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	43	3,255	1,482	4,737	43	3,510	1,735	5,245
4. Wearing apparel :	229	19,480	43,034	62,514	224	19,421	41,020	60,441
Pullovers	(34)	(3,620)	(9,355)	(12,975)	(33)	(3,425)	(8,268)	(11,693)
Other garments	(195)	(15,860)	(33,679)	(49,539)	(191)	(15,996)	(32,752)	(48,748)
5. Leather products and footwear	9	161	610	771	9	166	658	824
6. Wood and paper products	30	597	194	791	29	591	200	791
7. Optical goods	6	176	188	364	6	184	207	391
8. Electronic watches and clocks	6	241	411	652	6	250	440	690
9. Electric and electronic products	6	156	330	486	6	139	320	459
10. Jewellery and related articles	32	646	1,005	1,651	32	650	942	1,592
11. Toys and carnival articles	7	78	709	787	7	78	715	793
12. Other	91	963	1,231	2,194	88	952	1,238	2,190
TOTAL	506	26,660	50,963	77,623	497	26,897	49,599	76,496

Table 1.7:- Net change in employment by product group: March 2003 - March 2004, EPZ Sector.

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 03	Dec. 03	Mar. 04	Dec. 03 to Mar. 04	Mar. 03 to Mar. 04
1. Food	2,113	2,222	2,611	389	498
2. Flowers	502	454	469	15	-33
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,766	4,737	5,245	508	479
4. Wearing apparel :	69,154	62,514	60,441	-2,073	-8,713
Pullovers	(16,212)	(12,975)	(11,693)	(-1,282)	(-4,519)
Other garments	(52,942)	(49,539)	(48,748)	(-791)	(-4,194)
5. Leather products and footwear	783	771	824	53	41
6. Wood and paper products	786	791	791	0	5
7. Optical goods	353	364	391	27	38
8. Electronic watches and clocks	671	652	690	38	19
9. Electric and electronic products	522	486	459	-27	-63
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,632	1,651	1,592	-59	-40
11. Toys and carnival articles	884	787	793	6	-91
12. Other	2,472	2,194	2,190	-4	-282
TOTAL	84,638	77,623	76,496	-1,127	-8,142

Table 1.8 :- Expatriate employment by product group and sex: March 2003 - March 2004, EPZ Sector.

Product group	March 2003			March 2004		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	85	252	337	83	318	401
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	468	372	840	687	328	1,015
4. Wearing apparel :	5,074	10,501	15,575	5,139	8,393	13,532
Pullovers	(712)	(2,052)	(2,764)	(628)	(949)	(1,577)
Other garments	(4,362)	(8,449)	(12,811)	(4,511)	(7,444)	(11,955)
5. Leather products and footwear	13	2	15	4	2	6
6. Wood and paper products	8	0	8	10	0	10
7. Optical goods	1	1	2	1	1	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	2	0	2	1	0	1
9. Electric and electronic products	5	0	5	6	1	7
10. Jewellery and related articles	35	2	37	39	1	40
11. Toys and carnival articles	6	24	30	2	22	24
12. Other	96	5	101	99	7	106
TOTAL	5,793	11,159	16,952	6,071	9,073	15,144

Table 1.9 - Net EPZ exports, 2002 - 2004.

Value :Million Rupees

	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2003 ²				2004 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	32,683	32,059	6,900	8,195	8,449	8,515	7,551
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	16,909	15,559	3,738	3,740	4,009	4,072	3,952
<i>Raw materials</i>	(15,251)	(14,061)	(3,373)	(3,330)	(3,697)	(3,661)	(3,110)
<i>Machinery</i>	(1,658)	(1,498)	(365)	(410)	(312)	(411)	(842)
Net Exports (A - B)	15,774	16,500	3,162	4,455	4,440	4,443	3,599
Net Exports as % of total exports	48	51	46	54	53	52	48

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 1.10 - EPZ exports of selected commodities by section, 2002 - 2004.

Value (f.o.b) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2003 ²				2004 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	32,683	32,059	6,900	8,195	8,449	8,515	7,551
0 - Food and live animals of which :	2,297	2,318	500	534	604	680	519
Fish & fish preparations	2,018	2,001	433	474	529	565	445
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	57	73	17	22	11	23	11
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	97	177	34	46	37	60	55
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material of which :	2,603	2,546	588	639	668	651	638
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	1,225	1,137	288	300	294	255	309
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	1,047	1,121	247	268	303	303	241
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	165	191	39	31	73	48	56
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles of which :	27,443	26,748	5,722	6,918	7,056	7,052	6,268
Articles of apparel and clothing	25,315	24,704	5,285	6,424	6,537	6,458	5,731
Optical goods	149	120	28	35	27	30	26
Watches and clocks	333	395	91	104	96	104	93
Toys, games and sporting goods	183	178	40	43	49	46	38
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	850	634	143	143	161	187	164
Other sections	21	6	-	5	-	1	4

¹Revised

²Provisional

Table 1.11 - EPZ imports of selected commodities by section, 2002 - 2004.

Value (c.i.f) : Million Rupees

SITC section/description	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2003 ²				2004 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	16,909	15,559	3,738	3,740	4,009	4,072	3,952
0 - Food and live animals	1,188	918	266	47	317	288	192
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,061	813	211	191	203	208	196
of which :							
Cotton	431	516	103	138	164	111	124
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	22	19	4	5	5	5	2
Wool and other animal hair	324	217	84	33	22	78	57
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	16	11	6	4	-	1	-
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	624	620	159	151	165	145	131
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,411	10,125	2,353	2,581	2,601	2,590	2,218
of which :							
Leather	93	144	21	42	43	38	48
Textile yarn and fabrics	8,536	7,834	1,838	2,030	1,965	2,001	1,662
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	1,019	1,263	298	302	376	287	259
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,658	1,498	365	410	312	411	842
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,898	1,517	358	347	398	414	358
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	220	201	50	55	45	51	51
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	644	324	76	77	84	87	77
Other sections	53	57	20	9	13	15	15

¹Revised

²Provisional

Table 1.12 - EPZ exports by country of destination, 2002 - 2004.

Value (f.o.b): Million Rupees

Country of destination	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2003 ²				2004 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Exports	32,683	32,059	6,900	8,195	8,449	8,515	7,551
Europe	20,861	20,769	4,379	5,094	5,478	5,818	5,204
Belgium	727	674	119	128	227	200	203
France	7,637	7,315	1,483	1,986	1,709	2,137	1,605
Germany	1,132	1,191	193	272	437	289	277
Italy	1,420	1,207	206	341	285	375	319
Netherlands	752	757	164	153	213	227	218
Spain	536	459	102	117	116	124	76
Sweden	114	67	22	12	17	16	4
Switzerland	414	474	118	125	122	109	117
United Kingdom	7,635	7,957	1,833	1,833	2,130	2,161	2,241
Other	494	668	139	127	222	180	144
Asia	494	401	92	83	108	118	154
China	47	49	10	4	11	24	22
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	109	66	8	22	18	18	31
Japan	164	152	45	29	37	41	39
Singapore	30	18	9	4	4	1	2
Other	144	116	20	24	38	34	60
Africa	1,498	1,769	374	453	475	467	404
Malagasy, Republic of	407	568	106	151	133	178	134
Reunion	290	293	44	84	98	67	75
South Africa, Republic of	407	571	157	129	156	129	112
Zimbabwe	88	48	7	15	13	13	8
Other	306	289	60	74	75	80	75
America	9,750	9,038	2,035	2,548	2,367	2,088	1,764
Canada	202	169	48	36	40	45	37
U.S.A	9,481	8,785	1,960	2,487	2,308	2,030	1,704
Other	67	84	27	25	19	13	23
Oceania	80	82	20	17	21	24	25
Australia	79	82	20	17	21	24	25
New Zealand	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 1.13 - EPZ imports by country of origin, 2002 - 2004.

Value (c.i.f): Million Rupees

Country of origin	2002 ¹	2003 ²	2003 ²				2004 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EPZ Imports	16,909	15,559	3,738	3,740	4,009	4,072	3,952
Europe	5,958	5,174	1,182	1,291	1,215	1,486	1,612
Belgium	460	513	124	121	142	126	134
France	1,859	1,579	337	384	388	470	359
Germany	561	578	140	158	130	150	213
Italy	1,095	1,049	221	321	222	285	303
Netherlands	296	18	4	4	6	4	4
Spain	523	386	86	32	97	171	180
Sweden	16	18	10	2	4	2	7
Switzerland	509	437	122	115	89	111	287
United Kingdom	450	375	96	89	89	101	82
Other	189	221	42	65	48	66	43
Asia	8,096	7,339	1,739	1,779	1,965	1,856	1,737
China	3,051	2,250	570	617	482	581	491
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) ³	839	664	168	150	160	186	112
India	2,237	2,382	517	546	723	596	612
Indonesia	288	280	77	68	84	51	74
Japan	325	143	43	40	34	26	137
Korea, Republic of	152	140	20	39	45	36	27
Macau	7	2	1	1	-	-	-
Malaysia	271	385	72	106	104	103	79
Pakistan	247	334	54	82	105	93	66
Singapore	86	60	15	16	10	19	25
Taiwan	340	308	80	61	97	70	35
Thailand	150	174	32	34	41	67	35
Other	103	217	90	19	80	28	44
Africa	2,055	2,096	554	507	521	514	422
Burkina Faso	25	114	21	40	16	37	32
Cameroon	26	28	18	10	-	-	20
Malagasy, Republic of	113	183	47	58	52	26	22
Mali	216	80	3	31	29	17	30
South Africa, Republic of	1,188	1,274	311	275	353	335	259
Other	487	417	154	93	71	99	59
America	488	682	155	120	267	140	133
U.S.A	442	463	126	100	124	113	70
Mexico	2	3	1	1	-	1	-
Other	44	216	28	19	143	26	63
Oceania	312	268	108	43	41	76	48
Australia	285	261	107	40	38	76	44
New Zealand	27	7	1	3	3	-	4

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 2.1:- Net change in number of enterprises by product group, Mar. 2003 - Mar. 2004
Pioneer Status Enterprises.**

Product group	No. of enterprises			Net change	
	Mar.03	Dec.03	Mar.04	Mar.04 - Dec.03	Mar.04 - Mar.03
Informatics	39	41	40	-1	1
Electric and electronic products	34	36	37	1	3
Light engineering	42	42	43	1	1
Support to jewellery	5	4	4	0	-1
Support to printing and publishing	16	15	15	0	-1
Other support services	62	63	62	-1	0
Plastic and rubber product	27	26	26	0	-1
Other	31	32	31	-1	0
TOTAL	256	259	258	-1	2

**Table 2.2:- Net change in employment by product group, Mar. 2003 - Mar. 2004
Pioneer Status Enterprises.**

Product group	Employment			Net change	
	Mar.03	Dec.03	Mar.04	Mar.04 - Dec.03	Mar.04 - Mar.03
Informatics	314	257	263	6	-51
Electric and electronic products	317	319	332	13	15
Light engineering	615	749	781	32	166
Support to jewellery	56	71	81	10	25
Support to printing and publishing	217	209	217	8	0
Other support services	765	726	725	-1	-40
Plastic and rubber products	499	522	502	-20	3
Other	603	500	556	56	-47
TOTAL	3,386	3,353	3,457	104	71

Table 2.3:- Employment by size and sex: March 2003 - March 2004, Pioneer Status Enterprises.

Employment size	No. of enterprises			Employment								
				March 2003			December 2003			March 2004		
	Mar.03	Dec.03	Mar.04	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
25 and above	37	36	43	1,322	557	1,879	1,451	511	1,962	1,636	575	2,211
10 to < 25	54	51	43	626	236	862	610	247	857	517	194	711
Less than 10	165	172	172	479	166	645	400	134	534	410	125	535
TOTAL	256	259	258	2,427	959	3,386	2,461	892	3,353	2,563	894	3,457
<i>Of which, expatriates</i>	-	-	-	158	11	169	192	17	209	183	17	200

Table 2.4 :- Analysis of net change in employment : 1st quarter 2004, Pioneer Status Enterprises.

	Evolution 1st quarter 2004	
	Enterprises	Employment
A. Total employment creation :	...	278
Expansion in existing enterprises	56	272
New enterprises	2	6
B. Total employment lost :	...	174
Reduction in existing enterprises	40	165
Closures	3	9
C. Net change (A-B)	...	104
Male	...	102
Female	...	2

Table 2.5:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2003 - March 2004, Pioneer Status Enterprises.

Product group	March 2003				March 2004			
	No. of enterprises	Employment			No. of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Informatics	39	220	94	314	40	196	67	263
Electric and Electronic products	34	210	107	317	37	215	117	332
Light engineering	42	534	81	615	43	690	91	781
Support to jewellery	5	23	33	56	4	21	60	81
Support to printing and publishing	16	151	66	217	15	157	60	217
Other support services	62	439	326	765	62	443	282	725
Plastic and rubber products	27	445	54	499	26	445	57	502
Other	31	405	198	603	31	396	160	556
TOTAL	256	2,427	959	3,386	258	2,563	894	3,457