

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) **1st Quarter 2015**

1. Introduction

This issue of “Economic and Social Indicators” (ESI) presents the results of the Quarterly Survey of Employment among Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE), conducted by Statistics Mauritius at the end of March 2015.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the 1st quarter of 2015 as well as revised figures for the years 2013 and 2014. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2007 to 2014.

EOE consist of enterprises formerly holding an EPZ certificate as well as enterprises manufacturing goods for export and holding a registration certificate issued by the Board of Investment.

2. Enterprises

The number of export-oriented enterprises decreased from 311 at the end of December 2014 to 304 at the end of March 2015, following the closure of seven enterprises.

3. Employment

3.1 Employment – 1st Quarter 2015

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, employment in EOE decreased by 460 (-0.8%) from 54,877 to 54,417. Male employment increased by 11 to reach 25,346, but female employment decreased by 471 from 29,542 to 29,071 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector went down by 532 (-1.7%) from 31,998 to 31,466 while the number of foreign workers increased by 72 (+0.3%) from 22,879 at the end of December 2014 to 22,951 at the end of March 2015 (Tables 2 and 5).

The decrease of 460 in employment during the first quarter of 2015 is the result of 1,360 job losses (1,158 due to reduction in existing enterprises and 202 due to closures) and creation of 900 new jobs due to expansion of existing enterprises.

Highest number of job losses occurred in the sub sector “Wearing apparel” with a decrease of 568 jobs while jobs were created mainly in “Food” with 192 additional jobs.

3.2 Evolution of employment from March 2014 to March 2015

From March 2014 to March 2015, total employment decreased by 841 (-1.5%) from 55,258 to 54,417. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 1,464 (-533 males and -931 females). However, employment of foreign workers increased by 623 (+571 males and +52 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job creation occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the production of “Food”, with an increase of 265 jobs and in “Leather products and footwear”, with an increase of 71 jobs, while jobs were lost mainly in enterprises engaged in the production of “Pullovers”, with a decrease of 611 jobs and in “Other garments” with a decrease of 306 jobs.

Details of changes in employment by product group are given in tables 3, 4 and 5.

4. Exports and Imports

Statistics on imports and exports 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 Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) - Customs Department. Thus, while figures for 2013 are final, those for 2014 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

4.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2015

4.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the 1st quarter of 2015 amounted to R 11,202 million, that is, R 947 million (-7.8%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2014 (Table 6).

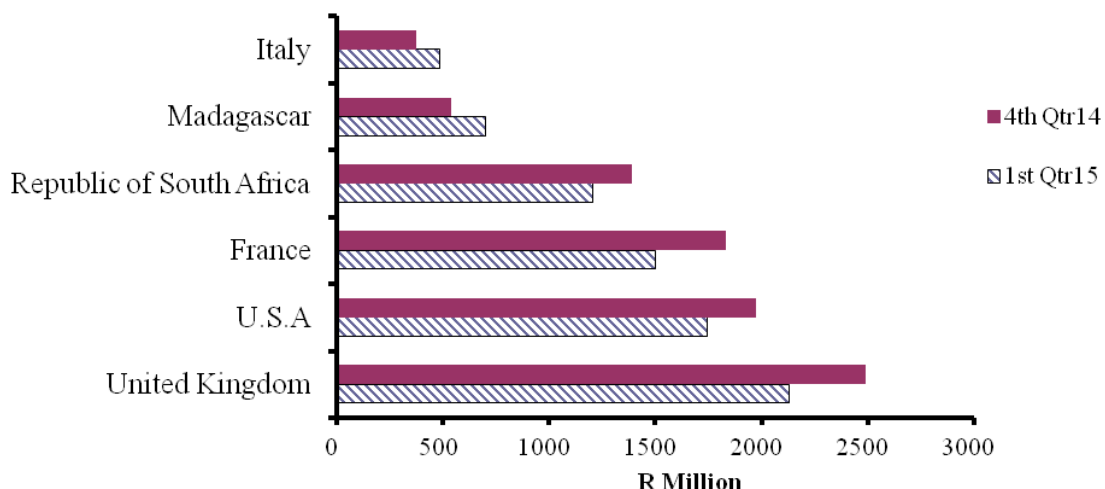
That was mainly the result of decreases in the exports of “Articles of apparel and clothing” of R 787 million (-13.1%) and “Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones” of R 178 million (-17.4%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014, EOE exports decreased by R 160 million (-1.4%).

Details on EOE exports by section are given in Table 7.

The United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA) and France remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,382 million (48.0%) of total EOE exports. The Republic of South Africa, Madagascar and Italy are among the other main destinations of EOE exports.

Fig 1: EOE Exports by country of destination



Compared to the previous quarter, main changes in exports were as follows:

Exports went up for:

- Italy by R 114 million (+30.6%);
- Madagascar by R 163 million (+30.3%)

Exports went down for:

- United Kingdom by R 361 million (-14.5%);
- France by R 330 million (-18.0%); and
- USA by R 227 million (11.5%).

Further details are given in Table 9.

4.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the 1st quarter of 2015 were estimated at R 6,327 million, representing a decrease of R 946 million (-13.0%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2014 (Table 8). This decrease is due to lower imports of raw materials by R 877 million (-12.7%), and machinery and transport equipment by R 69 million (-18.4%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014, imports decreased by R 325 million (-4.9%), mainly due to drops in imports of “Machinery specialized for particular industries” by R 175 million (-47.7%) and “Fish and fish preparations” by R 87 million (-7.1%).

Details on EOE imports by section are given in Table 8.

4.1.3 Net exports

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to R 4,875 million in the first quarter of 2015 and its ratio to total exports worked out to around 44% compared to 41% in the corresponding quarter of 2014 (Table 6).

It is to be noted that the above external trade figures do not include transactions of the EOE with the Freeport. EOE sales to the Freeport are considered as local sales and were valued at R 80 million in the first quarter of 2015 compared to R 89 million in the first quarter of 2014. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

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Table 1:- Main economic indicators¹ : 2007 - 2014, EOE Sector

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014²</u>
1. No of enterprises as at December	404	412	413	372	356	337	317	311
- New	18	43	36	7	15	1	2	8
- Closures	55	35	35	48	31	20	22	14
2. Employment as at December	67,314	62,276	58,566	55,828	55,650	54,597	53,678	54,877
- Net change	-2,352	-5,038	-3,710	-2,738	-178	-1,053	-919	+1199
- Growth rate (%)	3.6	-7.5	-6.0	-4.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.7	2.2
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million)	37,840	35,080	35,972	41,622	43,100	45,606	46,778	49,296
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million)	21,036	20,172	17,332	23,007	27,025	26,665	29,340	28,590
- Raw materials	(18,269)	(19,016)	(16,539)	(22,081)	(25,994)	(25,435)	(27,850)	(26,995)
- Machinery & spare parts	(2,767)	(1,156)	(793)	(926)	(1,031)	(1,230)	(1,490)	(1,595)
5. Net exports (R million)	16,804	14,908	18,640	18,615	16,075	18,941	17,438	20,706
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	44.4	42.5	51.8	44.7	37.3	41.5	37.3	42.0
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)	17,755	17,573	17,176	17,155	17,754	18,834	20,011	20,395
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	44.5	39.2	38.2	38.0	36.8	37.3	36.4	36.1
- Share in GDP (%)	8.1	7.2	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.0
8. Annual Growth rate of Value added (%)	11.2	1.7	-0.4	+6.4	+6.1	+1.4	-3.0	+0.8
9. Investment (R million)	4,450	2,194	1,131	913	1,140	1,066	1,930	2,700
- of which Machinery	(2,726)	(1,118)	(740)	(795)	(986)	(891)	(1,101)	(1,686)

¹ Industrial classifications used are according to the National Standard Industrial Classification (NSIC) Revision 2 based on the UN International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) of all economic activities, Rev. 4 of 2008.

² Revised

Table 2:- Employment by size and sex: March 2014¹ - March 2015, EOE Sector

Category	Enterprise			Employment (end of period)								
	Number as at			March 2014			December 2014			March 2015		
	Mar.14	Dec. 14	Mar.15	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	69	73	68	119	121	240	120	144	264	115	126	241
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	247	238	236	25,132	29,582	54,714	25,181	29,176	54,357	25,194	28,716	53,910
Outworkers	–	–	–	57	247	304	34	222	256	37	229	266
TOTAL	316	311	304	25,308	29,950	55,258	25,335	29,542	54,877	25,346	29,071	54,417
<i>of which, expatriates</i>	–	–	–	13,232	9,096	22,328	13,594	9,285	22,879	13,803	9,148	22,951

¹ As from March 2014 figures have been revised

Table 3:- Employment by product group and sex: March 2014¹ - March 2015, EOE Sector

Product group	March 2014				March 2015			
	No of Enterprises	Employment			No of Enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
1. Food	24	1,954	3,358	5,312	24	2,079	3,498	5,577
2. Flowers	9	57	78	135	7	49	61	110
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	27	4,097	876	4,973	26	4,170	789	4,959
4. Wearing apparel:	119	15,358	20,910	36,268	112	15,295	20,056	35,351
Pullovers	(18)	(1,737)	(1,733)	(3,470)	(17)	(1,462)	(1,397)	(2,859)
Other garments	(101)	(13,621)	(19,177)	(32,798)	(95)	(13,833)	(18,659)	(32,492)
5. Leather products and footwear	4	131	395	526	5	159	438	597
6. Wood and paper products	12	455	471	926	12	414	458	872
7. Optical goods	2	168	228	396	2	179	228	407
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	271	345	616	5	261	329	590
9. Electric and electronic products	6	77	165	242	6	76	151	227
10. Jewellery and related articles	17	442	819	1,261	16	457	835	1,292
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	17	220	237	2	20	227	247
12. Other	89	2,281	2,085	4,366	87	2,187	2,001	4,188
TOTAL	316	25,308	29,950	55,258	304	25,346	29,071	54,417

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Table 4:- Net change in employment by product group: March 2014¹ - March 2015, EOE Sector

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar.14	Dec. 14	Mar.15	Dec. 14 to Mar. 15	Mar. 14 to Mar. 15
1. Food	5,312	5,385	5,577	192	265
2. Flowers	135	119	110	-9	-25
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	4,973	5,031	4,959	-72	-14
4. Wearing apparel:	36,268	35,919	35,351	-568	-917
Pullovers	(3,470)	(3,002)	(2,859)	(-143)	(-611)
Other garments	(32,798)	(32,917)	(32,492)	(-425)	(-306)
5. Leather products and footwear	526	582	597	15	71
6. Wood and paper products	926	860	872	12	-54
7. Optical goods	396	399	407	8	11
8. Electronic watches and clocks	616	593	590	-3	-26
9. Electric and electronic products	242	234	227	-7	-15
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,261	1,255	1,292	37	31
11. Toys and carnival articles	237	246	247	1	10
12. Other	4,366	4,254	4,188	-66	-178
TOTAL	55,258	54,877	54,417	-460	-841

¹ As from March 2014 figures have been revised

Table 5:- Expatriate employment by product group and sex : March 2014¹ - March 2015, EOE Sector

Product group	March 2014			March 2015		
	Employment			Employment		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1. Food	558	1,275	1,833	596	1,325	1,921
2. Flowers	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,582	52	2,634	2,704	8	2,712
4. Wearing apparel:	9,630	7,731	17,361	10,034	7,781	17,815
Pullovers	(1,038)	(144)	(1,182)	(997)	(115)	(1,112)
Other garments	(8,592)	(7,587)	(16,179)	(9,037)	(7,666)	(16,703)
5. Leather products and footwear	13	0	13	26	0	26
6. Wood and paper products	12	0	12	1	0	1
7. Optical goods	40	1	41	48	1	49
8. Electronic watches and clocks	54	0	54	53	0	53
9. Electric and electronic products	13	1	14	10	1	11
10. Jewellery and related articles	53	5	58	51	3	54
11. Toys and carnival articles	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Other	277	31	308	280	29	309
TOTAL	13,232	9,096	22,328	13,803	9,148	22,951

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Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2013 - 1st Quarter 2015

Value : R Million

	2013 ¹	2014 ²	2014 ²				2015 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	46,778	49,296	11,362	13,092	12,693	12,149	11,202
B. Total imports (c.i.f)	29,340	28,590	6,652	6,948	7,717	7,273	6,327
<i>Raw materials</i>	<i>(27,850)</i>	<i>(26,995)</i>	<i>(6,184)</i>	<i>(6,564)</i>	<i>(7,349)</i>	<i>(6,898)</i>	<i>(6,021)</i>
<i>Machinery</i>	<i>(1,490)</i>	<i>(1,595)</i>	<i>(468)</i>	<i>(384)</i>	<i>(368)</i>	<i>(375)</i>	<i>(306)</i>
Net Exports (A - B)	17,438	20,706	4,710	6,144	4,976	4,876	4,875
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	37	42	41	47	39	40	44

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by section, 2013 - 1st Quarter 2015

Value (F.o.b): R Million

SITC section/description	2013 ¹	2014 ²	2014 ²				2015 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	46,778	49,296	11,362	13,092	12,693	12,149	11,202
0 - Food and live animals	12,374	12,563	3,092	3,440	3,292	2,739	2,666
of which :							
Live animals other than fish	511	701	164	215	131	191	182
Fish & fish preparations	11,618	11,100	2,773	3,007	2,973	2,347	2,303
Cereals and cereal preparations	182	219	51	68	52	48	34
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	184	157	41	40	40	36	36
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	333	415	65	93	170	87	56
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	152	165	32	39	62	32	20
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5,947	7,174	1,536	1,911	1,799	1,928	1,781
of which :							
Paper, paperboard and articles	90	63	15	16	16	16	15
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	2,748	2,976	692	812	781	691	739
Glass	139	216	37	34	43	102	96
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	2,606	3,554	717	947	865	1,025	847
Iron and steel	258	223	55	61	55	52	58
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	305	285	84	77	60	64	296
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	27,470	28,370	6,487	7,442	7,240	7,201	6,304
of which :							
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	383	399	89	102	102	106	85
Articles of apparel and clothing	22,474	23,695	5,413	6,230	6,038	6,014	5,227
Optical goods	223	254	77	65	45	67	85
Watches and clocks	729	736	167	202	193	174	184
Printed matter	142	135	31	28	37	39	22
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	506	533	113	135	124	161	150
Toys, games and sporting goods	180	187	38	39	55	55	46
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	1,608	1,440	342	400	366	332	303
Other sections	165	332	57	89	92	94	63

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 8 - EOE imports of selected commodities by section, 2013 - 1st Quarter 2015

SITC section/description	2013 ¹	2014 ²	2014 ²				2015 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	29,340	28,590	6,652	6,948	7,717	7,273	6,327
0 - Food and live animals	8,326	7,166	1,341	1,610	2,331	1,884	1,292
Meat and meat preparations	277	382	84	89	80	129	105
Fish & fish preparations	7,939	6,637	1,226	1,484	2,225	1,702	1,139
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,414	2,296	700	527	472	597	561
of which :							
Cotton	1,374	1,353	432	244	304	373	382
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	249	170	23	53	47	47	23
Wool and other animal hair	445	414	137	139	40	98	96
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	7	4	2	-	1	1	1
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,487	1,554	392	345	394	423	313
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12,042	12,583	2,980	3,158	3,283	3,162	3,104
of which :							
Leather	562	599	114	169	172	144	131
Paper, paperboard and articles	392	365	86	110	81	88	114
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,950	5,936	1,328	1,651	1,413	1,544	1,285
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	2,965	3,633	966	689	1,052	926	1,049
Iron and steel	765	559	111	170	146	132	153
Non-ferrous metals	219	169	62	39	31	37	43
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,490	1,595	468	384	368	375	306
Machinery specialized for particular industries	949	1,049	367	251	195	236	192
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,077	2,734	619	736	685	694	569
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	553	483	96	133	133	121	112
Printed matter	233	233	51	72	57	53	52
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	388	402	96	100	99	107	76
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	1,015	592	161	124	135	172	129
Other sections	497	658	150	188	183	137	181

¹ Revised

² Provisional

Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2013 - 1st Quarter 2015

Value (F.o.b): R Million

Country of destination	2013 ¹	2014 ²	2014 ²				2015 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	46,778	49,296	11,362	13,092	12,693	12,149	11,202
Europe	28,253	28,103	6,841	7,550	6,987	6,725	5,977
Austria	279	314	67	103	83	61	33
Belgium	1,503	1,672	467	464	369	372	265
France	7,357	8,087	2,023	2,324	1,906	1,834	1,504
Germany	775	507	111	144	137	115	103
Italy	2,739	2,338	790	629	546	373	487
Netherlands	1,537	1,719	315	403	529	472	455
Portugal	166	91	12	16	35	28	31
Spain	2,259	2,019	346	684	580	409	445
Switzerland	704	763	177	188	161	237	227
United Kingdom	9,784	9,423	2,288	2,290	2,352	2,493	2,132
Other	1,150	1,170	245	305	289	331	295
Asia	2,598	4,277	876	1,260	1,083	1,058	1,110
China	96	248	44	73	77	54	55
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	126	121	35	24	29	33	35
India	232	162	49	51	26	36	26
Japan	113	845	137	282	301	125	106
Sri Lanka	29	24	7	8	5	4	11
Other	2,002	2,877	604	822	645	806	877
Africa	8,515	8,050	1,752	1,987	2,196	2,115	2,104
Madagascar	1,914	2,172	508	583	543	538	701
Reunion	349	420	97	120	99	104	71
Seychelles	232	100	30	31	19	20	25
South Africa, Republic of	5,577	5,057	1,041	1,173	1,454	1,389	1,206
Other	443	301	76	80	81	64	101
America	7,196	8,578	1,823	2,237	2,342	2,176	1,906
Canada	205	247	49	66	65	67	54
Panama	94	103	27	19	39	18	50
U.S.A	6,746	7,925	1,672	2,098	2,182	1,973	1,746
Other	151	303	75	54	56	118	56
Oceania	216	288	70	58	85	75	105
Australia	214	276	70	58	75	73	100
New Zealand	1	12	-	-	10	2	5
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 10 - EOE imports by country of origin, 2013 - 1st Quarter 2015

Country of origin	2013 ¹	2014 ²	2014 ²				2015 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	29,340	28,590	6,652	6,948	7,717	7,273	6,327
Europe	12,486	11,564	2,764	2,735	3,346	2,719	2,177
Belgium	575	603	183	127	130	163	127
France	3,917	3,921	934	1,009	943	1,035	718
Germany	408	385	93	124	104	64	109
Italy	993	927	209	286	237	195	198
Netherlands	332	198	48	52	87	11	7
Spain	4,701	3,683	867	674	1,336	806	652
Sweden	9	4	-	2	1	1	1
Switzerland	560	469	152	112	97	108	72
United Kingdom	353	338	77	119	70	72	75
Other	638	1,036	201	230	341	264	218
Asia	10,232	10,399	2,417	2,712	2,550	2,720	2,269
China	4,836	5,066	1,178	1,289	1,179	1,420	1,102
Hong Kong (S.A.R.) ³	401	419	93	125	103	98	88
India	1,891	1,796	451	472	432	441	390
Indonesia	885	740	146	195	188	211	149
Japan	125	220	127	45	30	18	23
Korea, Republic of	208	171	33	35	55	48	42
Malaysia	203	224	59	59	37	69	53
Pakistan	246	355	71	112	112	60	46
Singapore	124	162	38	27	67	30	32
Thailand	732	629	140	124	184	181	214
Other	581	617	81	229	163	144	130
Africa	3,974	3,762	719	779	1,135	1,129	1,079
Burkina Faso	5	12	-	-	12	-	6
Madagascar	268	512	88	115	178	131	54
Mali	5	59	43	8	4	4	4
Seychelles	1,429	1,079	37	187	447	408	336
South Africa, Republic of	512	492	73	131	150	138	73
Zambia	138	101	101	-	-	-	-
Other	1,617	1,507	377	338	344	448	606
America	1,310	1,480	471	291	351	367	364
Brazil	87	55	17	20	8	10	3
U.S.A	327	245	40	43	60	102	43
Other	896	1,180	414	228	283	255	318
Oceania	1,338	1,385	281	431	335	338	438
Australia	819	1,030	240	170	313	307	306
Other	519	355	41	261	22	31	132

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China