

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) 1st Quarter 2017

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 2017.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the 1st quarter of 2017 as well as figures for the years 2015 and 2016. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2008 to 2016.

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. Employment

2.1 Employment – 1st Quarter 2017

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, employment in EOE decreased by 357 (-0.7%) from 52,311 to 51,954. Male employment decreased by 88 from 25,642 to 25,554 and female employment decreased by 269 from 26,669 to 26,400 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector went up by 11 from 29,493 to 29,504 whereas the number of foreign workers decreased by 368 (-1.6%) from 22,818 at the end of December 2016 to 22,450 at the end of March 2017 (Table 2).

The decrease of 357 in employment during the first quarter of 2017 is the net result of 1,094 job losses and creation of 737 new jobs in existing enterprises.

2.2 Evolution of employment from March 2016 to March 2017

From March 2016 to March 2017, total employment in EOE decreased by 772 (-1.5%) from 52,726 to 51,954. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 471 (-304 males and -167 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 301 (+506 males and -807 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of “Wearing Apparel” with decrease of 345 jobs. On the other hand, new jobs were created mainly in “Food” with an increase of 108 jobs.

Details of employment by product group and sex are given in Table 3 whereas changes in employment by product group are given in Table 4.

3. 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 2015 are final, those for 2016 and 1st quarter 2017 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

3.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2017

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the 1st quarter of 2017 amounted to R 9,397 million, that is, R 1,801 million (-16.1%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of decreases of R 1,166 million (-21.6%) in the exports of “Articles of apparel and clothing” and R 585 million (-20.7%) in “Fish and fish preparations”, partly offset by an increase of R 122 million (+17.2%) in “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles”.

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016, EOE exports decreased by R 1,131 million (-10.7%).

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

United Kingdom (UK), France and United States of America (USA) and the republic of South Africa remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,096 million (54.2%) of total EOE exports. Italy, Madagascar, Spain and Netherlands are among the other main destinations of EOE exports (Table 9). The table below highlights the changes in our main EOE exports markets.

EOE exports by main country of destination

Country of destination	Exports (R million) Q1 2017	Change on	
		Q4 2016	Q1 2016
United Kingdom	1,480	-432	-428
France	1,411	-240	-85
USA	1,196	-348	-407
South Africa	1,009	-221	-333
Italy	590	-195	-235
Madagascar	483	-4	-84
Spain	483	-77	181
Netherland	461	-200	115

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to all our main markets showed decreases: United Kingdom (-22.6%), France (-14.5%), USA (-22.5%), South Africa (-18.0%), Italy (-24.8%), Madagascar (-0.8%), Spain (-13.8%) and Netherlands (-30.3%).

When compared to the first quarter of 2016, decreases were observed for: United Kingdom (-22.4%), France (-5.7%), USA (-25.4%), South Africa (-24.8%), Italy (-28.5%) and Madagascar (-14.8%). On the other hand, increases were noted for Spain (+59.9%) and Netherlands (+33.2%).

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the 1st quarter of 2017 were estimated at R 5,778 million, representing a decrease of R 349 million (-5.7%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 (Table 8). This decrease is mainly due to lower imports of raw materials by R 401 million (-6.9%) and partly offset by higher imports of machinery by R 52 million (+16.7%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016, imports decreased by R 645 million (-10.0%), mainly due to falls in imports of “Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones” by R 258 million (-33.0%) and “Textile yarn and fabrics” by R 226 million (-17.3 %), partly offset by an increase in imports of “Fish and fish preparations” of R 203 million (+14.8%). Details on EOE imports by section are given in Table 8.

3.1.3 Net exports

Net exports, i.e. exports minus imports, amounted to R 3,619 million in the first quarter of 2017 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 38.5% compared to 39.0% in the corresponding quarter of 2016 (Table 6).

It is to be noted that the above exports and imports figures do not include transactions of the EOE with the Freeport. EOE sales to the Freeport, considered as local sales, were valued at R 61 million in the first quarter of 2017 compared to R 91 million in the first quarter of 2016. These sales are included in exports of Freeport, as and when the goods leave the country.

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Table 1 - Main economic indicators, EOE Sector, 2008 - 2016

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 ¹
1. No of enterprises as at December	412	411	370	352	330	309	300	284	280
- New	43	36	7	15	1	2	8	1	-
- Closures	35	37	48	33	23	23	17	17	4
2. Employment as at December	62,276	58,564	55,826	55,646	54,583	53,663	54,813	53,601	52,311
- Net change	-5,038	-3,712	-2,738	-180	-1,063	-920	+1,150	-1,212	-1,290
- Growth rate (%)	-7.5	-6.0	-4.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.7	+2.1	+2.2	-2.4
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million)	35,080	35,972	41,622	43,100	45,606	46,778	49,069	48,487	44,597
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million):	20,172	17,332	23,007	27,025	26,665	29,340	28,596	27,312	25,681
- Raw materials	19,016	16,539	22,081	25,994	25,435	27,850	27,001	25,835	24,298
- Machinery & spare parts	1,156	793	926	1,031	1,230	1,490	1,595	1,477	1,383
5. Net exports (R million)	14,908	18,640	18,615	16,075	18,941	17,438	20,473	21,175	18,916
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	42.5	51.8	44.7	37.3	41.5	37.3	41.7	43.7	42.4
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)	17,593	17,225	17,359	18,088	19,157	20,328	20,704	20,858	20,154
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	40.4	39.6	39.8	39.5	40.0	39.3	38.9	39.0	37.5
- Share in Gross value added (%)	7.0	6.6	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.2
8. Annual Real Growth rate of Value added (%)	+1.7	-0.4	+6.4	+6.1	+1.4	-3.0	+2.5	-3.1	-5.1
9. Investment (R million)	2,194	1,131	913	1,140	1,066	1,930	2,700	1,140	1,254
- of which Machinery	1,118	740	795	986	988	1,101	1,686	636	750

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Table 2 - Employment by size of enterprise and sex, EOE Sector, March 2016 - March 2017

Category	Number of enterprises as at			Employment								
				March 2016			December 2016			March 2017		
	March 16	December 16	March 17	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	58	60	59	103	130	233	112	131	243	107	117	224
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	223	220	221	25,220	27,018	52,238	25,530	26,538	52,068	25,412	26,075	51,487
Outworkers	N.A	N.A	N.A	29	226	255	34	200	234	35	208	243
TOTAL	281	280	280	25,352	27,374	52,726	25,642	26,669	52,311	25,554	26,400	51,954
<i>Mauritian</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>11,256</i>	<i>18,719</i>	<i>29,975</i>	<i>11,067</i>	<i>18,426</i>	<i>29,493</i>	<i>10,952</i>	<i>18,552</i>	<i>29,504</i>
<i>Foreign workers (Expatriates)</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>N.A</i>	<i>14,096</i>	<i>8,655</i>	<i>22,751</i>	<i>14,575</i>	<i>8,243</i>	<i>22,818</i>	<i>14,602</i>	<i>7,848</i>	<i>22,450</i>

N.A - Not applicable

Table 3 - Employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2016 - March 2017

Product group	March 2016				March 2017			
	Number of enterprises	Employment			Number of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	22	1,997	3,266	5,263	22	2,079	3,292	5,371
2. Flowers	6	53	59	112	6	44	54	98
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	24	3,198	562	3,760	24	3,080	501	3,581
4. Wearing apparel:	106	16,460	19,124	35,584	106	16,818	18,421	35,239
<i>Pullovers</i>	16	1,387	1,063	2,450	16	1,291	951	2,242
<i>Other garments</i>	90	15,073	18,061	33,134	90	15,527	17,470	32,997
5. Leather products and footwear	5	159	427	586	5	158	447	605
6. Wood and paper products	10	318	304	622	10	306	283	589
7. Optical goods	2	172	232	404	2	185	212	397
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	230	303	533	5	214	260	474
9. Electric and electronic products	6	84	148	232	5	73	129	202
10. Jewellery and related articles	14	436	689	1,125	14	447	633	1,080
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	20	239	259	2	21	236	257
12. Other products	79	2,225	2,021	4,246	79	2,129	1,932	4,061
TOTAL	281	25,352	27,374	52,726	280	25,554	26,400	51,954

Table 4 - Net change in employment by product group, EOE Sector, March 2016 - March 2017

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar. 16	Dec. 16	Mar. 17	Dec. 16 to Mar. 17	Mar. 16 to Mar. 17
1. Food	5,263	5,323	5,371	48	108
2. Flowers	112	98	98	0	-14
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,760	3,620	3,581	-39	-179
4. Wearing apparel:	35,584	35,566	35,239	-327	-345
<i>Pullovers</i>	2,450	2,371	2,242	-129	-208
<i>Other garments</i>	33,134	33,195	32,997	-198	-137
5. Leather products and footwear	586	585	605	20	19
6. Wood and paper products	622	608	589	-19	-33
7. Optical goods	404	399	397	-2	-7
8. Electronic watches and clocks	533	525	474	-51	-59
9. Electric and electronic products	232	194	202	8	-30
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,125	1,067	1,080	13	-45
11. Toys and carnival articles	259	261	257	-4	-2
12. Other products	4,246	4,065	4,061	-4	-185
TOTAL	52,726	52,311	51,954	-357	-772

Table 5 - Expatriate employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2016 - March 2017

Product group	Employment					
	March 2016			March 2017		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	541	1,224	1,765	592	1,207	1,799
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,154	28	2,182	2,091	15	2,106
4. Wearing apparel:	10,908	7,361	18,269	11,324	6,570	17,894
<i>Pullovers</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>1,063</i>	<i>963</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>1,016</i>
<i>Other garments</i>	<i>9,908</i>	<i>7,298</i>	<i>17,206</i>	<i>10,361</i>	<i>6,517</i>	<i>16,878</i>
5. Leather products and footwear	22	-	22	22	-	22
6. Wood and paper products	2	-	2	2	-	2
7. Optical goods	49	-	49	65	-	65
8. Electronic watches and clocks	45	-	45	47	1	48
9. Electric and electronic products	15	1	16	10	1	11
10. Jewellery and related articles	60	3	63	64	4	68
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	300	38	338	385	50	435
TOTAL	14,096	8,655	22,751	14,602	7,848	22,450

Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

Value: R Million

Item	2015	2016 ¹	2016 ¹				2017 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	48,487	44,597	10,528	11,693	11,178	11,198	9,397
B. Total imports (c.i.f):	27,312	25,681	6,423	6,846	6,285	6,127	5,778
<i>Raw materials</i>	25,835	24,298	5,979	6,565	5,938	5,816	5,415
<i>Machinery</i>	1,477	1,383	444	281	347	311	363
Net Exports (A - B)	21,175	18,916	4,105	4,847	4,893	5,071	3,619
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	43.7	42.4	39.0	41.5	43.8	45.3	38.5

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Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

Value (F.o.b): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2015	2016 ¹	2016 ¹				2017 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	48,487	44,597	10,528	11,693	11,178	11,198	9,397
0 - Food and live animals	10,993	11,624	2,588	3,040	2,811	3,185	2,584
of which :							
Live animals other than fish	656	676	177	180	162	157	166
Fish & fish preparations	9,549	10,211	2,270	2,656	2,458	2,827	2,242
Cereals and cereal preparations	197	192	45	38	39	70	55
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	176	302	58	118	94	32	35
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	373	341	63	100	77	101	67
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	184	172	25	60	28	59	23
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,675	5,741	1,460	1,699	1,289	1,293	1,380
of which :							
Paper, paperboard and articles	52	58	18	14	14	12	12
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up article	3,060	2,908	735	834	630	709	831
Glass	96	1	-	-	-	1	-
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	4,108	2,541	651	795	581	514	483
Iron and steel	194	25	13	4	5	3	-
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	507	280	56	59	106	59	52
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	28,420	25,857	6,210	6,586	6,736	6,325	5,091
of which :							
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	375	313	73	79	81	80	54
Articles of apparel and clothing	23,706	21,552	5,055	5,339	5,762	5,396	4,230
Optical goods	256	226	81	50	38	57	68
Watches and clocks	674	673	166	184	178	145	166
Printed matter	106	131	37	25	33	36	28
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	639	550	142	148	128	132	146
Toys, games and sporting goods	215	185	47	48	47	43	47
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	1,476	1,203	377	439	226	161	142
Other sections	343	452	93	91	65	203	188

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Table 8 - EOE imports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

Value (C.i.f): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2015	2016 ¹	2016 ¹				2017 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	27,312	25,681	6,423	6,846	6,285	6,127	5,778
0 - Food and live animals	5,858	7,237	1,471	2,217	1,770	1,779	1,679
of which :							
Meat and meat preparations	407	315	64	88	53	110	75
Fish & fish preparations	5,302	6,719	1,369	2,081	1,664	1,605	1,572
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,571	2,117	628	413	493	583	474
of which :							
Cotton	1,778	1,216	309	216	275	416	300
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	154	141	45	24	56	16	36
Wool and other animal hair	331	391	206	100	45	40	56
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	7	5	1	1	3	-	-
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,431	1,443	374	386	377	306	367
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12,828	10,226	2,748	2,641	2,545	2,292	2,116
of which :							
Leather	499	345	96	86	89	74	85
Paper, paperboard and articles	435	471	109	137	109	116	102
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,948	5,331	1,310	1,435	1,373	1,213	1,084
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	3,762	2,453	781	598	619	455	523
Iron and steel	761	459	127	101	125	106	60
Non-ferrous metals	176	159	43	36	31	49	29
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,477	1,383	444	281	347	311	363
of which :							
Machinery specialized for particular industries	931	811	282	138	217	174	215
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,407	2,276	564	635	519	558	527
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	482	494	136	141	112	105	126
Printed matter	227	211	51	59	45	56	45
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	373	388	93	106	85	104	70
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	444	365	96	99	82	88	134
Other sections	733	994	193	272	231	298	252

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Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

Value (F.o.b): R Million

Country of destination	2015	2016 ¹	2016 ¹				2017 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	48,487	44,597	10,528	11,693	11,178	11,198	9,397
Europe:	25,358	24,915	5,721	6,682	5,978	6,534	5,413
Austria	153	25	20	1	3	1	8
Belgium	1,249	916	175	265	254	222	168
France	6,704	6,561	1,496	1,909	1,505	1,651	1,411
Germany	394	566	85	165	158	158	171
Italy	2,229	2,727	825	684	433	785	590
Netherlands	1,944	2,074	346	549	518	661	461
Portugal	232	467	109	130	88	140	145
Spain	1,704	2,035	302	550	623	560	483
Switzerland	916	867	233	226	228	180	195
United Kingdom	8,750	7,528	1,908	1,858	1,850	1,912	1,480
Other	1,083	1,149	222	345	318	264	301
Asia:	4,862	3,937	942	1,145	890	959	823
China	268	287	54	81	92	60	68
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	114	139	26	40	39	34	27
India	115	128	28	54	29	17	23
Japan	427	403	67	94	95	147	99
Sri Lanka	24	11	4	3	2	2	2
Vietnam	2,989	1,994	516	660	434	384	361
Other	925	975	247	213	199	315	243
Africa:	9,078	7,720	2,040	1,796	1,967	1,917	1,766
Madagascar	2,416	2,184	567	608	522	487	483
Reunion	332	295	61	79	81	74	68
Seychelles	98	96	26	23	24	23	21
South Africa, Republic of	5,887	4,919	1,342	1,034	1,313	1,230	1,009
Other	345	226	44	52	27	103	185
America:	8,851	7,660	1,735	1,992	2,238	1,695	1,322
Canada	337	311	61	97	83	70	77
Panama	146	122	32	33	27	30	13
U.S.A	8,140	7,057	1,603	1,822	2,088	1,544	1,196
Other	228	170	39	40	40	51	36
Oceania:	338	365	90	78	104	93	73
Australia	324	349	85	76	99	89	70
New Zealand	14	16	5	2	5	4	3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 10 - EOE imports by country of origin, 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

Value (C.i.f): R Million

Country of origin	2015	2016 ¹	2016 ¹				2017 ¹
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	
Total EOE Imports	27,312	25,681	6,423	6,846	6,285	6,127	5,778
Europe:	9,446	9,801	2,305	2,710	2,244	2,542	2,393
Belgium	503	643	136	212	181	114	241
France	2,985	3,452	787	945	827	893	863
Germany	361	380	82	80	136	82	81
Italy	938	939	322	244	156	217	158
Netherlands	37	49	8	17	9	15	8
Spain	2,838	2,901	563	880	649	809	744
Sweden	7	3	1	-	1	1	-
Switzerland	322	356	108	94	54	100	71
United Kingdom	363	296	83	76	56	81	52
Other	1,092	782	215	162	175	230	175
Asia:	10,252	9,306	2,319	2,427	2,471	2,089	1,985
China	5,132	4,410	1,154	1,336	948	972	860
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	434	351	75	111	88	77	66
India	1,813	1,798	475	406	473	444	572
Indonesia	805	667	163	145	203	156	133
Japan	132	79	27	16	20	16	32
Korea, Republic of	160	79	9	24	25	21	24
Malaysia	209	173	41	41	39	52	40
Pakistan	250	105	35	26	31	13	9
Singapore	123	98	22	30	23	23	24
Thailand	673	634	185	128	150	171	120
Other	521	912	133	164	471	144	105
Africa:	5,112	5,285	1,371	1,302	1,316	1,296	1,141
Burkina Faso	40	62	14	38	10	-	-
Madagascar	511	236	52	88	60	36	60
Mali	4	36	-	5	31	-	-
Seychelles	1,766	2,510	611	801	539	559	646
South Africa, Republic of	439	363	63	99	99	102	98
Zambia	-	-	29	-	38	128	8
Other	2,352	1,883	602	271	539	471	329
America:	1,337	599	207	126	169	97	129
Brazil	32	36	3	11	13	9	9
U.S.A	191	138	30	35	35	38	30
Canada	1,060	409	169	76	117	47	88
Other	54	16	5	4	4	3	2
Oceania:	1,165	690	221	281	86	103	130
Australia	750	304	135	48	31	90	59
Other	415	386	86	233	55	13	71

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China