#### PRODUCER PRICE INDEX - MANUFACTURING (PPI-M) 4th Quarter 2018

(Base year: 2013 = 100)

#### 1. Introduction

The Producer Price Index of the Manufacturing sector (PPI-M) measures pure price changes in the effective prices received by producers for that part of their output, which is sold on the domestic market (in Mauritian rupees) and therefore excludes Export Oriented Enterprises.

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) presents a series of monthly PPI-M for the period January 2018 to December 2018 and quarterly indices from the first quarter of 2017 to the fourth quarter of 2018. The weights for the PPI-M have been derived from the results of the 2013 Census of Economic Activities. To facilitate analysis, chain-linked indices with base year 2013 for the period January 2009 to December 2018 are given in tables 4(a), 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d).

Indices prior to January 2018 are posted on Statistics Mauritius website in the historical series of manufacturing statistics:

http://statsmauritius.govmu.org/English/StatsbySubj/Pages/Manufacturing.aspx

The methodology used for the computation of PPI-M is annexed.

#### 2. Changes during fourth quarter 2018

#### 2.1 **Manufacturing Sector**

The Producer Price Index for the manufacturing sector registered an increase of 0.2 point (+0.2%) from 109.1 in September 2018 to 109.3 in December 2018. The main reason for the net increase was higher prices of "Leather and related products" (+9.1%) and "Printing and reproduction of recorded media" (+3.3%), partly offset by decreases in the prices of "Chemicals and chemical products" (-0.5%) and "Food products and beverages" (-0.1%).

On a monthly basis, the PPI-M increased by 0.1 point (+0.1%) in October 2018, decreased by 0.1 point (-0.1%) in November 2018 and increased by 0.2 point (+0.2%) in December 2018 (Table 1a).

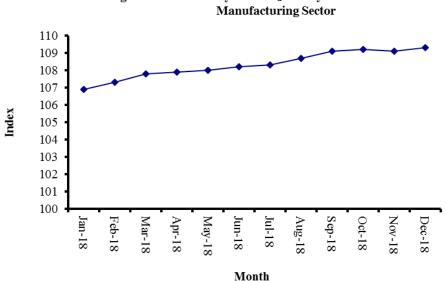


Fig 1: Overall monthly indices: January 2018 - December 2018

#### 2.2 Manufacture of Food Products and Beverages

The Producer Price Index for "Food products and beverages", which accounts for 55.2% of the total weight, registered a net decrease of 0.1 point (-0.1%) from 109.2 in September 2018 to 109.1 in December 2018. This decrease was mainly attributable to lower prices of "Vegetable and animal oils and fats" (-4.1%) and "Distilled potable alcoholic beverages" (-1.4%), partly mitigated by increase in prices of "Malt liquors and malt including non alcoholic beer" (+1.4%).

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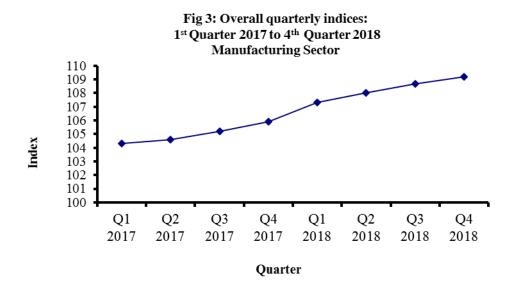
Fig 2: Monthly indices: January 2018 - December 2018

Food Products and Reverages

On a monthly basis, the index for this activity group increased by 0.1 point (+0.1 %) in October 2018, decreased by 0.1 point (-0.1%) in November and December 2018 (Table 1b).

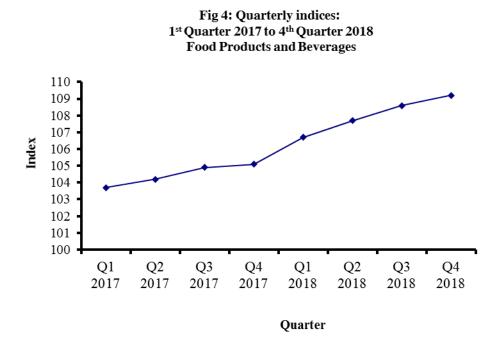
#### 3. Change in quarterly PPI-M

## 3.1 Manufacturing Sector



The average PPI-M for the fourth quarter of 2018 stood at 109.2, i.e an increase of 0.5 point (+0.5%) from 108.7 in the third quarter of 2018 (Table 2a). Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017, the average PPI-M for the fourth quarter of 2018 increased by 3.3 points (+3.1%), mainly explained by higher prices of "Food products and beverages" (+3.9%).

#### 3.2 Manufacture of Food Products and Beverages



Compared to the previous quarter, the index for "Food products and beverages" increased by 0.6 point (+0.6%) in the fourth quarter of 2018. The index for "Food products" increased by 0.3 point (+0.3%), mainly explained by higher prices of "Animal feed" (+1.8%) and "Other food products n.e.c" (+1.6%) of which "tea" (+11.1%). The index for "Beverages" increased by 1.1 points (+0.9%), partly offset by lower prices of "Vegetable and animal oils and fats" (-2.3%).

When compared to the fourth quarter of 2017, the index for "Food products and beverages" increased by 4.1 points (+3.9%) mainly due to higher prices of "Grain mill products" (+16.0%), "Malt liquors and malt including non alcoholic beer" (+4.6%), "Distilled potable alcoholic beverages" (+3.4%) and "Processing and preserving of meat" (+3.3%), partly offset by lower prices of "Vegetable and animal oils and fats" (-2.3%).

#### 4. Yearly Index

The average yearly index for the manufacturing sector as a whole was 108.3 in 2018, i.e. 3.3 points (+3.1%) higher than the figure of 105.0 in 2017. The index for the manufacture of food products and beverages was 108.1 in 2018 compared to 104.5 in 2017, i.e. an increase of 3.6

points (+3.4%). The index for the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products stood at 110.1 in 2018, higher by 3.5 points (3.3%) compared to 106.6 in 2017.

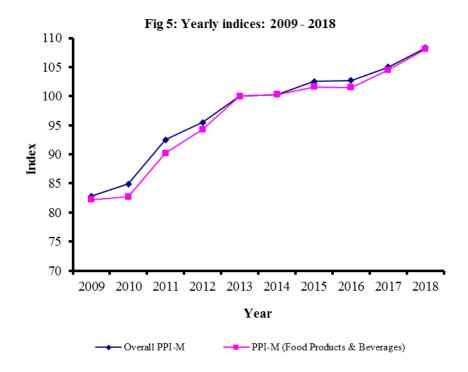


Figure 5 shows that the yearly index for the manufacturing sector as a whole increased slightly in 2010 and that for manufacture of food products and beverages remained nearly unchanged for the same period. A steady rise is then noted from 2010 to 2013. In the year 2014 the indices remained nearly constant and then picked up slightly in 2015 which remained nearly unaltered in 2016 and then rose in 2017 and 2018.

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Table 1(a) - Monthly indices of the Manufacturing Sector by industry group, Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

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NSIC	Industry group	Weight	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Sep 18 to Oct 18	Oct 18 to Nov 18	Nov 18 to Dec 18	
10-33	Total manufacturing	1000	106.9 <sup>1</sup>	107.3 1	107.8 <sup>1</sup>	107.9 <sup>1</sup>	108.0 <sup>1</sup>	108.2 1	108.3 <sup>1</sup>	108.7 <sup>1</sup>	109.1 <sup>1</sup>	109.2	109.1	109.3	0.1	-0.1	0.2	
10/11	Food products and beverages	552	106.1 <sup>1</sup>	106.7 1	107.3 1	107.4 1	107.7 1	107.9 <sup>1</sup>	108.1 1	108.6 <sup>1</sup>	109.2 1	109.3	109.2	109.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
13	Textiles	6	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
14	Wearing apparel	34	119.2	119.2	119.2	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
15	Leather and related products	3	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	124.8	124.8	124.8	124.8	136.1	0.0	0.0	9.1	
16/17	Wood and products of wood & cork; articles of straw and plaiting materials/ Paper and paper products	16	106.3	108.3	108.4	108.4	108.4	108.5	108.5	108.5	108.9	108.9	108.9	108.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	28	93.8	92.0	98.0	93.3	91.7	91.2	89.5	88.2	90.0	88.9	89.7	93.0	-1.2	0.9	3.7	51
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	107.4	109.0	109.0	109.3	110.1	110.1	111.1	111.2	111.2	111.1	110.6	110.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	
22	Rubber and plastic products	31	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	110.5	110.5	110.5	111.1	111.1	111.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	
23	Other non-metallic mineral products	52	114.7	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
24	Basic metals	11	96.0	97.1	97.1	97.4	99.3	100.2	101.2	102.4	102.7	102.8	102.5	102.2	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	
25	Fabricated metal products	76	108.4	108.8	108.4	108.4	107.3	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.8	108.2	108.2	108.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	
27	Electrical equipment	2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
28	Machinery and equipment, n.e.c	9	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
29	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi- trailers	5	119.7	125.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	125.4	128.9	128.9	128.9	128.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	
30	Other transport equipment	16	105.7	96.1	97.2	100.7	102.1	106.7	103.8	110.4	109.8	109.2	103.7	109.6	-0.5	-5.0	5.7	
31	Furniture	65	110.2	110.6	110.6	110.6	110.6	110.6	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
32	Other products	25	98.5	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	

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Table 1(b) - Monthly indices for Manufacture of Food Products & Beverages by industry group, Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

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NSIC	Industry group	Weight	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	1
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10-11	Total food products & beverages	552	106.1 <sup>1</sup>	106.7 1	107.3 1	107.4 <sup>1</sup>	107.7 <sup>1</sup>	107.9 <sup>1</sup>	108.1 <sup>1</sup>	108.6 <sup>1</sup>	109.2 1	109.3	109.2	109.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
101-108	Food products	374	99.6	100.5	101.3 <sup>1</sup>	101.5 1	102.0 <sup>1</sup>	102.3 1	102.5	102.7	103.1	103.2	103.2	103.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	
1010	Processing and preserving of meat	97	106.9	106.9	106.9 1	106.9 1	107.3 1	108.3 1	109.7	110.1	110.4	110.4	110.4	110.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1020	Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans & molluscs	3	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1030	Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables	10	110.8	110.8	110.8	110.8	110.8	110.8	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1040	Vegetable and animal oils and fats	30	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6	85.3	84.0	0.0	-2.6	-1.5	
1050	Dairy products	16	109.2	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1061	Grain mill products	54	72.1	75.6	80.0	81.4	82.7	83.1	81.1	81.3	81.1	81.5	81.6	81.0	0.5	0.1	-0.7	
1071	Bakery products	72	110.8	112.9	113.7	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.0	114.1	114.2	114.2	114.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	
10711/ 10712	Bread/Pastries and cakes	69	110.3	112.5	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
10713	Biscuits and other dry bakery products	3	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1074	Macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products	11	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1075	Prepared meals and dishes	2	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1079	Other food products n.e.c	34	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	113.4	113.4	113.8	113.8	113.9	114.3	116.2	116.2	0.4	1.7	0.0	
10791	Tea	5	93.7	93.7	93.7	93.7	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.8	107.6	120.0	120.0	2.7	11.5	0.0	
10793/ 10799	Spices, sauces, condiments and other food products n.e.c	29	115.2	115.2	115.1	115.1	115.1	115.1	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1080	Animal feed	45	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3	89.3	89.3	91.9	91.9	91.8	91.8	0.0	-0.1	0.0	
110	Beverages	178	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 1	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	120.9 <sup>1</sup>	122.0 <sup>1</sup>	122.1	121.9	122.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1	
1101	Distilled potable alcoholic beverages	65	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	131.2	133.5	133.5	132.3	131.6	0.0	-0.9	-0.5	
1102	Wines	13	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	128.8	132.2	133.7	133.7	133.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	
1103	Malt liquors and malt including non alcoholic beer	73	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.8	114.8	0.0	0.5	0.9	
1104	Soft drinks, mineral waters and other bottled waters	27	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0	113.0	113.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

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Table 1(c) - Monthly indices for Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products & Rubber and Plastic Products by industry group, Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

		ght	18	18	-18	18	-18	18	18	.18	18	18	18	18	Percei	ntage chang	e from
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	81-lut	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Sep 18 to Oct 18	Oct 18 to Nov 18	Nov 18 to Dec 18
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	107.4	109.0	109.0	109.3	110.1	110.1	111.1	111.2	111.2	111.1	110.6	110.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
2011	Basic chemicals	9	113.2	114.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	114.5	116.9	117.2	117.2	117.2	113.7	113.7	0.0	-3.0	0.0
2012	Manufacture of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds	8	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics	26	110.2	113.5	113.5	113.5	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
2022	Soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations	26	108.4	108.9	108.9	109.9	109.9	109.9	111.7	111.7	111.7	111.5	111.5	111.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0
	Rubber and plastic products	31	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	111.8	110.5	110.5	110.5	111.1	111.1	111.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
	Rubber tyres and tubes, retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres	5	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
2220	Plastic products	26	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.2	112.2	112.9	112.9	112.9	0.6	0.0	0.0

Table 2(a) - Quarterly & yearly indices of the Manufacturing sector by industry group, 1st Quarter 2017 - 4th Quarter 2018

		ht			2017					2018		
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average
10-33	Total manufacturing	1000	104.3	104.6	105.2	105.9	105.0	107.3 1	108.0 1	108.7 1	109.2	108.3
10/11	Food products and beverages	552	103.7	104.2	104.9	105.1	104.5	106.7 1	107.7 1	108.6	109.2	108.1
13	Textiles	6	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2
14	Wearing apparel	34	118.9	118.9	118.9	119.0	118.9	119.2	120.8	120.8	120.8	120.4
15	Leather and related products	3	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	121.8	128.6	120.4
16/17	Wood and products of wood & cork; articles of straw and plaiting materials/ Paper and paper products	16	102.8	103.2	105.0	107.0	104.5	107.7	108.4	108.6	108.9	108.4
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	28	94.0	93.0	93.0	91.8	93.0	94.6	92.0	89.2	90.5	91.6
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	106.7	106.5	106.3	107.0	106.6	108.5	109.8	111.2	110.8	110.1
22	Rubber and plastic products	31	109.4	109.7	111.5	111.8	110.6	111.8	111.8	110.5	111.1	111.3
23	Other non-metallic mineral products	52	102.8	102.8	102.8	110.7	104.8	114.8	114.8	116.2	116.8	115.7
24	Basic metals	11	88.6	89.7	91.9	95.1	91.3	96.7	99.0	102.1	102.5	100.1
25	Fabricated metal products	76	106.6	106.7	106.7	107.2	106.8	108.5	107.7	107.6	108.2	108.0
27	Electrical equipment	2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2
28	Machinery and equipment, n.e.c	9	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4	88.4
29	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	5	102.6	102.6	119.3	119.7	111.1	123.5	125.4	126.6	128.9	126.1
30	Other transport equipment	16	102.4	103.2	102.7	104.3	103.2	99.6	103.2	108.0	107.5	104.6
31	Furniture	65	108.8	108.8	109.3	110.2	109.3	110.5	110.6	110.7	110.7	110.6
32	Other products	25	95.5	95.6	96.1	96.6	96.0	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7

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Table 2(b)- Quarterly & yearly indices for the Manufacturing of Food Products & Beverages by industry group, 1st Quarter 2017 - 4th Quarter 2018

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NSIC	Industry group	Weight	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average
10-11	Total food products & beverages	552	103.7	104.2	104.9	105.1	104.5	106.7 <sup>1</sup>	107.7 <sup>1</sup>	108.6 1	109.2	108.1
101-108	Food products	374	99.6	99.6	99.1	99.2	99.4	100.4	101.9 <sup>1</sup>	102.8	103.1	102.1
1010	Processing and preserving of meat	97	105.2	106.0	106.1	106.9	106.1	106.9 <sup>1</sup>	107.5 1	110.1	110.4	108.7
1020	Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans & molluscs	3	110.0	110.0	112.4	112.4	111.2	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.4
1030	Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables	10	109.7	110.0	110.6	110.8	110.3	110.8	110.8	112.0	112.0	111.4
1040	Vegetable and animal oils and fats	30	90.1	89.3	87.6	87.6	88.7	87.6	87.6	87.6	85.6	87.1
1050	Dairy products	16	108.1	108.6	108.6	109.2	108.6	109.4	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5
1061	Grain mill products	54	74.7	72.6	69.8	70.2	71.8	75.9	82.4	81.2	81.4	80.2
1071	Bakery products	72	112.1	111.6	110.7	110.7	111.3	112.5	114.0	114.0	114.2	113.7
10711/ 10712	Bread/Pastries and cakes	69	111.7	111.2	110.3	110.3	110.9	112.0	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.0
10713	Biscuits and other dry bakery products	3	119.8	119.8	119.8	119.8	119.8	120.8	120.1	120.1	120.1	120.3
1074	Macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products	11	100.5	103.9	105.5	105.5	103.9	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5	105.5
1075	Prepared meals and dishes	2	114.9	118.4	121.2	121.7	119.1	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.7
1079	Other food products n.e.c	34	109.9	110.6	111.7	111.6	111.0	111.8	112.9	113.8	115.6	113.5
10791	Tea	5	82.2	84.4	93.7	93.7	88.5	93.7	100.6	104.3	115.9	103.6
10793/ 10799	Spices, sauces, condiments and other food products n.e.c	29	115.0	115.4	115.0	114.9	115.1	115.1	115.1	115.5	115.5	115.3
1080	Animal feed	45	89.3	89.3	89.3	88.0	89.0	88.3	88.3	90.2	91.8	89.7
110	Beverages	178	112.2	113.9	117.3	117.3	115.2	119.8 <sup>1</sup>	119.8 1	120.9 1	122.0	120.6
1101	Distilled potable alcoholic beverages	65	116.2	120.2	128.2	128.2	123.2	128.2	128.2	131.0	132.5	130.0
1102	Wines	13	125.3	126.5	128.8	128.8	127.4	128.8	128.8	129.9	133.7	130.3
1103	Malt liquors and malt including non alcoholic beer	73	107.8	108.2	109.0	109.0	108.5	113.2	113.2	113.2	114.0	113.4
1104	Soft drinks, mineral waters and other bottled waters	27	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0 1	113.0	113.0

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 $Table\ 2(c)\ -\ Quarterly\ \&\ yearly\ indices\ for\ the\ Manufacture\ of\ Chemicals\ and\ Chemical\ Products\ \&\ Rubber\ and\ Plastic\ products,\ by\ industry\ group,\ 1st\ Quarter\ 2017-\ 4th\ Quarter\ 2018$ 

		ght			2017					2018		
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Year Average
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	106.7	106.5	106.3	107.0	106.6	108.5	109.8	111.2	110.8	110.1
2011	Basic chemicals	9	107.0	107.4	107.4	111.3	108.3	114.1	114.5	117.1	114.9	115.2
2012	Manufacture of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds	8	93.9	90.6	89.0	89.0	90.6	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0
2022	Paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics	26	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.2	112.4	114.9	115.6	115.6	114.6
2023	Soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations	26	107.3	107.4	107.5	108.1	107.6	108.7	109.9	111.7	111.5	110.5
22	Rubber and plastic products	31	109.4	109.7	111.5	111.8	110.6	111.8	111.8	110.5	111.1	111.3
2211	Rubber tyres and tubes, retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres	5	104.9	104.9	108.4	110.2	107.1	110.2	110.2	101.9	101.9	106.1
2220	Plastic products	26	110.2	110.6	112.1	112.1	111.3	112.1	112.1	112.2	112.9	112.3

Table 3(a) - Quarterly percentage change of the Manufacturing Sector by industry group, 1st Quarter 2017 - 4th Quarter 2018

		ht	Percer	ntage changes	from previous	quarter	Percentage	changes from previou		g quarter of
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	4th Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	1st Qr 18 to 2nd Qr 18	2nd Qr 18 to 3rd Qr 18	3rd Qr 18 to 4th Qr 18	1st Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	2nd Qr 17 to 2nd Qr 18	3rd Qr 17 to 3rd Qr 18	4th Qr 17 to 4th Qr 18
10-33	Total manufacturing	1000	+ 1.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.9	+ 3.3	+ 3.3	+ 3.1
10/11	Food products and beverages	552	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.9	+ 3.4	+ 3.5	+ 3.9
13	Textiles	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Wearing apparel	34	+ 0.2	+ 1.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	+ 1.6	+ 1.5
15	Leather and related products	3	0.0	0.0	+ 5.4	+ 5.6	0.0	0.0	+ 5.4	+ 11.2
16/17	Wood and products of wood & cork; articles of straw and plaiting materials/ Paper and paper products	16	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.8	+ 5.0	+ 3.4	+ 1.8
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	28	+ 3.1	- 2.7	- 3.0	+ 1.5	+ 0.6	- 1.1	- 4.1	- 1.4
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	+ 1.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	- 0.4	+ 1.7	+ 3.1	+ 4.6	+ 3.6
22	Rubber and plastic products	31	0.0	0.0	- 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.2	+ 1.9	- 0.9	- 0.6
23	Other non-metallic mineral products	52	+ 3.7	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 11.7	+ 11.7	+ 13.0	+ 5.5
24	Basic metals	11	+ 1.7	+ 2.4	+ 3.1	+ 0.4	+ 9.1	+ 10.4	+ 11.1	+ 7.8
25	Fabricated metal products	76	+ 1.2	- 0.7	- 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
27	Electrical equipment	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
28	Machinery and equipment, n.e.c	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
29	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	5	+ 3.2	+ 1.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.8	+ 20.4	+ 22.2	+ 6.1	+ 7.7
30	Other transport equipment	16	- 4.5	+ 3.6	+ 4.7	- 0.5	- 2.7	0.0	+ 5.2	+ 3.1
31	Furniture	65	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 1.6	+ 1.7	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
32	Other products	25	+ 2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	+ 3.4	+ 3.2	+ 2.7	+ 2.2

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Table 3(b) - Quarterly percentage change for Manufacture of Food Products & Beverages by industry group, 1st Quarter 2017 - 4th Quarter 2018

		ht	Percen	tage changes f	rom previous (	quarter	Percentage	changes from previous	corresponding us year	g quarter of
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	4th Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	1st Qr 18 to 2nd Qr 18	2nd Qr 18 to 3rd Qr 18	3rd Qr 18 to 4th Qr 18	1st Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	2nd Qr 17 to 2nd Qr 18	3rd Qr 17 to 3rd Qr 18	4th Qr 17 to 4th Qr 18
10-11	Total food products & beverages	552	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.9	+ 3.4	+ 3.5	+ 3.9
101-108	Food products	374	+ 1.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.3	+ 3.7	+ 3.9
1010	Processing and preserving of meat	97	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.6	+ 1.4	+ 3.8	+ 3.3
1020	Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans & molluscs	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	+ 2.2	+ 2.2	0.0	0.0
1030	Processing and preserving of fruits and vegetables	10	0.0	0.0	+ 1.1	0.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.1
1040	Vegetable and animal oils and fats	30	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.3	- 2.8	- 1.9	0.0	- 2.3
1050	Dairy products	16	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	0.0	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
1061	Grain mill products	54	+ 8.1	+ 8.6	-1.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	+ 13.5	+ 16.3	+ 16.0
1071	Bakery products	72	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.2	+ 3.0	+ 3.2
10711/ 10712	Bread/Pastries and cakes	69	+ 1.5	+ 1.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.9	+ 2.7	+ 2.7
10713	Biscuits and other dry bakery products	3	+ 0.8	- 0.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
1074	Macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products	11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	+ 5.0	+ 1.5	0.0	0.0
1075	Prepared meals and dishes	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	+ 5.9	+ 2.8	+ 0.4	0.0
1079	Other food products n.e.c	34	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.7	+ 2.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.6
10791	Tea	5	0.0	+ 7.4	+ 3.7	+ 11.1	+ 14.0	+ 19.2	+ 11.3	+ 23.7
10793/ 10799	Spices, sauces, condiments and other food products n.e.c	29	+ 0.2	0.0	+ 0.3	0.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
1080	Animal feed	45	+ 0.3	0.0	+ 2.2	+ 1.8	- 1.1	- 1.1	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
110	Beverages	178	+ 2.1	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.9	+ 6.8	+ 5.2	+ 3.1	+ 4.0
1101	Distilled potable alcoholic beverages	65	0.0	0.0	+ 2.2	+ 1.1	+ 10.3	+ 6.7	+ 2.2	+ 3.4
1102	Wines	13	0.0	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.9	+ 2.8	+ 1.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
1103	Malt liquors and malt including non alcoholic beer	73	+ 3.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 5.0	+ 4.6	+ 3.9	+ 4.6
1104	Soft drinks, mineral waters and other bottled waters	27	+ 4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	+ 4.5	+ 4.5	+ 4.5	+ 4.5

 $Table\ 3(c)\ -\ Quarterly\ percentage\ change\ for\ Manufacture\ of\ Chemicals\ and\ Chemical\ Products\ \&\ Rubber\ and\ Plastic\ Products\ by\ industry\ group,\ 1st\ Quarter\ 2017\ -\ 4th\ Quarter\ 2018$ 

		ıt	Percenta	age changes f	rom previous	quarter	Percentage of	changes from previo	correspondin us year	g quarter of
NSIC	Industry group	Weight	4th Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	1st Qr 18 to 2nd Qr 18	2nd Qr 18 to 3rd Qr 18	3rd Qr 18 to 4th Qr 18	1st Qr 17 to 1st Qr 18	2nd Qr 17 to 2nd Qr 18	3rd Qr 17 to 3rd Qr 18	4th Qr 17 to 4th Qr 18
20	Chemicals and chemical products	69	+ 1.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	- 0.4	+ 1.7	+ 3.1	+ 4.6	+ 3.6
2011	Basic chemicals	9	+ 2.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	- 1.9	+ 6.6	+ 6.6	+ 9.0	+ 3.2
2012	Manufacture of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	- 5.2	- 1.8	0.0	0.0
2022	Paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics	26	+ 2.0	+ 2.2	+ 0.6	0.0	+ 2.0	+ 4.3	+ 4.9	+ 4.9
2023	Soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations	26	+ 0.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.6	- 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.3	+ 3.9	+ 3.1
22	Rubber and plastic products	31	0.0	0.0	- 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.2	+ 1.9	- 0.9	- 0.6
2211	Rubber tyres and tubes, retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres	5	0.0	0.0	- 7.5	0.0	+ 5.1	+ 5.1	- 6.0	- 7.5
2220	Plastic products	26	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.7	+ 1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7

Table 4(a) - Comparative monthly and quarterly indices of the Manufacturing Sector, January 2009 - December 2018

									Dasc periou.	rear 2015=100
Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	85.7	83.2	89.1	94.6	98.6	100.1	101.6	101.6	104.3	106.9 <sup>1</sup>
February	83.3	83.3	91.9	94.3	99.9	100.1	101.5	101.5	104.1	107.3 1
March	83.4	83.4	91.5	93.9	100.0	100.3	102.0	102.0	104.4	107.8 1
Average 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	84.1	83.3	90.8	94.3	99.5	100.2	101.7	101.7	104.3	107.3 <sup>1</sup>
April	82.7	84.1	91.5	94.4	100.0	100.4	101.9	101.9	104.3	107.9 <sup>1</sup>
May	82.0	84.8	91.7	94.5	99.9	100.4	101.9	102.1	104.3	108.0 1
June	81.8	85.3	92.3	94.9	99.8	100.6	102.1	102.2	105.1	108.2 1
Average 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	82.2	84.7	91.8	94.6	99.9	100.5	102.0	102.1	104.6	108.0 <sup>1</sup>
July	82.3	85.3	92.6	95.4	100.1	100.6	102.3	102.8	105.1	108.3 1
August	82.3	85.4	92.9	95.5	100.1	100.3	103.1	102.8	105.2	108.7 1
September	82.2	85.2	93.0	95.6	100.0	100.3	103.3	103.0	105.3	109.1 1
Average 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	82.3	85.3	92.8	95.5	100.1	100.4	102.9	102.9	105.2	108.7 <sup>1</sup>
October	82.6	85.4	94.1	96.9	100.1	100.4	103.4	103.7	105.4	109.2
November	82.7	86.6	94.6	97.8	100.9	100.3	103.5	104.3	106.2	109.1
December	82.7	87.1	94.9	97.8	100.5	100.0	103.5	104.3	106.1	109.3
Average 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	82.7	86.4	94.5	97.5	100.5	100.2	103.5	104.1	105.9	109.2
Yearly average	82.8	84.9	92.5	95.5	100.0	100.3	102.5	102.7	105.0	108.3
Annual change (%)	- 3.5	+ 2.5	+ 9.0	+ 3.2	+ 4.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.2	+ 3.1

<sup>1</sup> Revised

Table 4(b) - Comparative monthly and quarterly indices for Manufacture of Food Products & Beverages, January 2009 - December 2018

									Dusc perious	1 ear 2015-100
Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	86.2	81.5	85.5	93.5	97.4	100.5	100.5	100.6	103.8	106.1
February	82.6	81.7	90.0	92.4	99.7	100.0	100.3	100.4	103.6	106.7 <sup>1</sup>
March	82.7	81.9	89.2	92.4	99.9	100.0	101.0	101.1	103.6	107.3 1
Average 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	83.8	81.7	88.2	92.8	99.0	100.2	100.6	100.7	103.7	106.7 <sup>1</sup>
April	82.8	82.0	89.4	93.1	100.0	100.0	101.0	100.1	103.6	107.4 1
May	81.8	82.5	89.4	93.3	100.1	100.1	100.9	100.2	103.8	107.7 1
June	81.4	82.7	89.5	93.8	100.1	100.4	101.2	100.5	105.1	107.9 <sup>1</sup>
Average 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	82.0	82.4	89.4	93.4	100.1	100.2	101.0	100.3	104.2	107.7 <sup>1</sup>
July	81.9	82.7	89.8	94.4	100.2	100.4	101.3	100.9	104.9	108.1
August	81.9	82.9	90.1	94.5	100.2	100.1	102.0	101.3	104.9	108.6
September	81.6	82.8	90.5	94.4	100.0	100.4	102.6	101.7	105.0	109.2 1
Average 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	81.8	82.8	90.1	94.4	100.1	100.3	102.0	101.3	104.9	108.6 <sup>1</sup>
October	81.4	82.5	92.4	95.5	99.8	100.4	102.7	102.9	105.2	109.3
November	81.3	84.1	92.9	96.9	101.5	100.5	102.9	103.9	105.2	109.2
December	81.2	84.9	93.3	96.8	101.1	99.9	102.8	103.9	104.9	109.1
Average 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	81.3	83.8	92.9	96.4	100.8	100.3	102.8	103.6	105.1	109.2
Yearly average	82.2	82.7	90.2	94.3	100.0	100.3	101.6	101.5	104.5	108.1
Annual change (%)	- 5.5	+ 0.6	+ 9.1	+ 4.5	+ 6.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3	- 0.1	+ 3.0	+ 3.4

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 $Table\ 4(c)\ -\ Comparative\ monthly\ and\ quarterly\ indices\ for\ Manufacture\ of\ Chemicals\ and\ Chemical\ Products,\ January\ 2009\ -\ December\ 2018$ 

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	80.5	86.3	90.7	93.4	99.2	100.6	100.8	100.8	106.6	107.4
February	80.5	86.7	90.8	94.0	99.2	100.6	100.8	100.8	106.8	109.0
March	80.5	86.7	90.8	94.0	99.3	100.8	100.9	100.9	106.8	109.0
Average 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	80.5	86.6	90.8	93.8	99.2	100.7	100.8	100.8	106.7	108.5
April	81.3	87.0	90.7	94.0	99.5	100.8	101.1	105.1	106.8	109.3
May	81.4	87.0	90.7	94.0	99.8	101.1	101.6	105.1	106.3	110.1
June	81.5	87.6	90.7	94.0	99.8	101.1	101.6	105.4	106.3	110.1
Average 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	81.4	87.2	90.7	94.0	99.7	101.0	101.4	105.2	106.5	109.8
July	82.4	88.1	93.2	94.4	99.8	101.2	102.2	105.7	106.3	111.1
August	82.4	88.1	93.3	94.4	100.1	100.7	104.5	105.7	106.3	111.2
September	82.5	88.1	93.3	94.4	100.1	100.7	104.5	105.7	106.3	111.2
Average 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	82.4	88.1	93.3	94.4	100.0	100.9	103.7	105.7	106.3	111.2
October	83.1	89.5	93.3	98.6	100.7	100.7	104.5	106.1	106.4	111.1
November	83.1	89.5	93.4	98.6	101.2	100.7	104.5	106.4	107.3	110.6
December	83.1	90.1	93.4	98.8	101.2	100.7	104.5	106.4	107.3	110.6
Average 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	83.1	89.7	93.4	98.7	101.0	100.7	104.5	106.3	107.0	110.8
Yearly average	81.9	87.9	92.1	95.2	100.0	100.8	102.6	104.5	106.6	110.1
Annual change (%)	- 5.9	+ 7.3	+ 4.8	+ 3.4	+ 5.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.8	+ 1.9	+ 2.0	+ 3.3

 $Table\ 4(d)\ -\ Comparative\ monthly\ and\ quarterly\ \ indices\ for\ Manufacture\ of\ Rubber\ and\ Plastic\ Products,\ January\ 2009\ -\ December\ 2018$ 

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	90.9	98.3	103.8	97.6	99.2	100.4	103.0	103.0	109.2	111.8
February	90.9	98.3	103.7	104.6	99.2	101.7	101.7	101.7	109.2	111.8
March	91.0	98.3	105.3	99.8	100.1	101.7	103.1	103.1	109.7	111.8
Average 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	90.9	98.3	104.3	100.7	99.5	101.3	102.6	102.6	109.4	111.8
April	92.1	99.3	105.5	99.8	100.2	101.7	103.1	105.8	109.7	111.8
May	92.4	99.3	105.5	99.8	100.2	101.7	104.8	105.5	109.7	111.8
June	92.5	99.5	105.5	99.8	100.2	102.9	104.8	105.5	109.7	111.8
Average 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	92.3	99.4	105.5	99.8	100.2	102.1	104.2	105.6	109.7	111.8
July	92.5	100.7	105.6	99.8	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	110.9	110.5
August	92.8	100.7	105.6	99.8	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	110.5
September	92.9	100.7	105.8	99.8	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	110.5
Average 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	92.7	100.7	105.7	99.8	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.5	110.5
October	99.6	104.2	105.5	99.5	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	111.1
November	99.8	104.2	105.5	100.0	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	111.1
December	99.7	104.2	105.5	98.9	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	111.1
Average 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	99.7	104.2	105.5	99.5	100.2	103.0	105.8	109.2	111.8	111.1
Yearly average	93.9	100.7	105.3	100.0	100.0	102.4	104.6	106.7	110.6	111.3
Annual change (%)	+ 7.9	+ 7.2	+ 4.6	- 5.0	+ 0.0	+ 2.4	+ 2.1	+ 2.0	+ 3.7	+ 0.6

# **Producer Price Index – Manufacturing (PPI-M)**

# Methodology for the computation of the PPI-M

#### 1. Definition

The Producer Price Index (PPI-M) measures changes in the effective prices received by producers in the manufacturing sector for that part of their output, which is sold on the domestic market. It reflects the price trends of a fixed basket of goods representative of the output of Non Export Oriented Enterprises (Non EOE).

The concepts and definitions of the PPI-M largely follow the guidelines provided in the "IMF Producer Price Index Manual Theory and Practice".

## 2. Scope

The PPI-M covers both large and small manufacturing establishments falling within divisions 10 to 33 of the National Standard Industrial Classification Rev.2 (NSIC Rev.2), which is an adapted version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Rev.4. The establishments are classified under 24 divisions, 71 groups, 137 classes and 240 sub-classes.

The following divisions have been excluded for reasons given in brackets:

- (a) Division 12: Manufacture of tobacco products (no longer manufactured in Mauritius)
- (b) Division 19: Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (weight in the overall index is not significant)
- (c) Division 21: Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (weight in the overall index is not significant and change of products is too dynamic)
- (d)Division 26: Manufacture of computers, electronic and optical products (weight in the overall index is not significant and change of products is too dynamic)
- (e) Division 33: Repair and installation of machinery and equipment (weight in the overall index is not significant and change of products is too dynamic)

The activities covered by the index represent around 97% of the gross output generated by the Non-EOE manufacturing sector during year 2013.

#### 3. Frame

A list of all large establishments (engaging 10 or more persons) falling under the scope of the PPI-M was obtained from the 2013 Census of Economic Activities (CEA 2013). For small establishments (engaging less than 10 persons), the list of respondents at the CEA 2013 was used.

# 4. Selection of establishments (producers)

A sample of 126 large establishments was selected from the list of large manufacturing establishments. Those establishments were the most important ones in terms of Gross Output (GO) in their respective 5-digit sub-class.

Small establishments selected for price collection were those engaged in the manufacture of wearing apparel, fabricated metal products and furniture as these activities were the most important ones performed by small manufacturing establishments.

Output of the selected establishments represented around 60% of the total GO generated by all establishments falling within the scope of the PPI-M.

## 5. Selection of products to be priced

Some 400 products have been selected for pricing. These are the most important ones in terms of contribution to the gross output or turnover of the selected establishments.

#### 6. Price collection

Prices collected refer to the prices received by producers for the sale of their products on the local market. The prices exclude all taxes on products, namely excise duty and value added tax (VAT).

As from July 2013, prices are collected on a monthly basis and provisional monthly indices are compiled. The overall PPI-M on a monthly basis is published according to SDDS requirements.

For revised monthly and quarterly indices at division level and in some specific cases at even lower level, the selected establishments are visited on a quarterly basis and prices of the selected products are collected for each month of the reference quarter.

## 7. Updating of weights

## 7.1 Historical background

Statistics Mauritius first published a Producers Price Index limited to the "Manufacturing of food products, beverages and tobacco" in March 1994 with 1993 as base period (1993 = 100). The index was revised in June 2002 to cover all relevant industry groups of the former Non-EPZ manufacturing sector, based on the results of the 1997 Census of Economic Activities. The base period was 1998. The base year was subsequently revised to 2003 and 2007, based on the results of the 2002 and 2007 rounds of the Census of Economic Activities.

The current basket of goods has been updated based on the results of the 2013 Census of Economic Activities and the index is computed with year 2013 as base period.

#### 8. Index calculation

The PPI-M is computed according to the Laspeyres Formula.

The formula used is given below

$$I_{c} = \frac{\sum W_{i} * (\frac{P_{ci}}{P_{oi}})}{\sum W_{i}} * 100$$

Where Ic = Index for current month

Wi = Weight associated with product i

Pci = Price of product i for the current month

Poi = Price for product i for the base period (2013)

The PPI-M is calculated at the 5-digit sub-class level of the NSIC Rev.2 by the above formula. The lowest level indices are determined as a geometric average of the price relatives of the basic observations. Indices at the division level (2-digit code) are then derived as a weighted average of the indices of the products falling within each division. Finally, the overall index is obtained as a weighted average of the division indices.

#### 9. Uses of PPI

- (a) The PPI is a leading indicator of the future status of inflation. Movement of PPI is usually indicative of a similar change of part of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). PPI can also be used in the economic analysis of inflation transmission process.
- (b) It provides specific price deflators for the computation of national accounts at constant prices in order to measure real growth
- (c) It is helpful in the formulation of contract agreement. It can be used as an escalation clause to protect buyers and sellers against inflation or deflation.
- (d) PPI is also used in econometric models, in forecasting and in inventory accounting.

## 10. Missing prices

In case of temporarily missing prices for products, the change in the prices are assumed to be following the same trend as the average price in the 5-digit sub-class or of a higher level.

#### 11. Treatment of product permanently disappeared

Products may disappear permanently for various reasons. The products may disappear from the market because new products have been introduced or the establishments from which the price has been collected have stopped selling the product. When a product disappears permanently, a replacement product of a similar nature will be included in the index.

## 12. Treatment of quality change

The index is a measure of only "PURE" price changes and should as far as possible measure the price changes of the same products. Hence, the products must not be affected by quality change. If the change is due to quality, an estimate of the proportion of the change attributed to the quality element is made and adjustment done accordingly.

## 13. Reliability of the PPI-M

The statistical accuracy of the PPI-M depends heavily on the quality of information provided by the selected establishments (respondents). This office places great emphasis on the need for reporting effective selling prices, i.e. prices after discounts and other price deductions rather than the list or catalogue prices.

Standard editing procedures are used to validate the accuracy and reliability of the data. Collected prices are validated during the field work and inconsistencies discussed with the respondents and corrected.

Further computer checks are made at office level when compiling the indices. Comparison is also made with the CPI and with the import/export price indices. Systematic analyzes of the source data are made in the context of weight and base year revisions that occur every five years.