Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) 1st Quarter 2019

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 2019.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the first quarter of 2019 as well as figures for the years 2017 and 2018. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2010 to 2018.

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 ex-Board of Investment.

2. Employment

2.1 Employment – 1st Quarter 2019

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2018, employment in EOE decreased by 1,167 (-2.3%) from 49,866 to 48,699. Male employment decreased by 300 from 26,190 to 25,890 and female employment decreased by 867 from 23,676 to 22,809 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector went down by 546 (-2.0%) from 27,257 to 26,711 and the number of foreign workers decreased by 621 (-2.7%) from 22,609 at the end of December 2018 to 21,988 at the end of March 2019 (Table 2).

The decrease of 1,167 in employment in the EOE sector during the first quarter of 2019 is the net result of 469 jobs created due to expansion in existing enterprises and 1,636 jobs lost. The job losses were due to the contraction of workforce and closure of enterprises.

2.2 Evolution of employment from March 2018 to March 2019

From March 2018 to March 2019, total employment in EOE decreased by 2,439 (-4.8%) from 51,138 to 48,699. The number of Mauritian workers decreased by 1,683 (-518 males and -1,165 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 756 (+534 males and -1,290 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of "Wearing apparel" with a decrease of 2,649 jobs. On the other hand, jobs were created mainly in "Textile yarn and fabrics" with an increase of 141 jobs.

Details of employment by product group and sex are given in Table 3 and changes in employment by product group 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 2017 are final, those for 2018 and first quarter 2019 are subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

3.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2019

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the first quarter of 2019 amounted to R 10,215 million, that is, R 471 million (-4.4%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2018 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of a decrease of R 695 million (-14.3%) in the exports of "Articles of apparel and clothing"

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2018, EOE exports increased by R 362 million (+3.7%).

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

United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), France and South Africa remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,382 million (52.7%) of total EOE exports (Table 9). The table below highlights the changes in our main EOE exports markets.

EOE exports by main country of destination

(R million)

Country of destination	Exports Q1 2019	Change on			
Country of destination	Exports Q1 2019	Q 4 2018	Q1 2018		
United Kingdom	1,707	+144	+15		
USA	1,359	+11	+149		
France	1,161	+3	-112		
South Africa	1,155	-417	+2		

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed increases as follows: United Kingdom (+9.2%), USA (+0.8%), France (+0.2%). A decrease of 26.5% in exports to South Africa is recorded.

When compared to the first quarter of 2018, increases were noted for USA (+12.3%), United Kingdom (+0.9) and South Africa (+0.2%). On the other hand, exports to France showed a decrease of 8.8%.

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the first quarter of 2019 were estimated at R 6,328 million, representing a decrease of R 271 million (-4.1%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2018 (Table 8). This decrease is mainly due to lower imports of raw materials by R 317 million (-5.0%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2018, imports increased by R 417 million (+7.1%), mainly due to an increase in imports of "Cotton" by R 243 million (+56.1%). 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 3,887 million in the first quarter of 2019 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 38.1% compared to 40.0% in the corresponding quarter of 2018 (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 34 million in the first quarter of 2019 compared to R 46 million in the first quarter of 2018. 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, 2010 - 2018

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 1
1. No of enterprises as at December	370	352	330	309	300	284	282	280	263
- New	7	15	1	2	8	1	2	-	-
- Closures	48	33	23	23	17	17	4	2	17
2. Employment as at December	55,826	55,646	54,583	53,663	54,813	53,601	52,602	52,172	49,866
- Net change	-2,738	-180	-1,063	-920	+1,150	-1,212	-999	-430	-2,306
- Growth rate (%)	-4.7	-0.3	-1.9	-1.7	+2.1	+2.2	-1.9	-0.8	-4.4
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million)	41,622	43,100	45,606	46,778	49,069	48,487	44,422	43,027	43,518
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million):	23,007	27,025	26,665	29,340	28,596	27,312	25,638	27,094	26,044
- Raw materials	22,081	25,994	25,435	27,850	27,001	25,835	24,254	25,891	24,711
- Machinery & spare parts	926	1,031	1,230	1,490	1,595	1,477	1,384	1,203	1,333
5. Net exports (R million)	18,615	16,075	18,941	17,438	20,473	21,175	18,784	15,933	17,474
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	44.7	37.3	41.5	37.3	41.7	43.7	42.3	37.0	40.2
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)	17,359	18,088	19,157	20,328	20,704	20,968	20,125	19,867	19,607
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	39.8	39.5	40.0	39.3	38.9	39.0	37.3	36.8	35.9
- Share in Gross value added (%)	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.6
8. Annual Real Growth rate of Value added (%)	+6.4	+6.1	+1.4	-3.0	+2.5	-3.1	-5.1	0.3	-4.5
9. Investment (R million)	913	1,140	1,066	1,930	2,700	1,140	1,254	1,291	1,101
- of which Machinery	795	986	988	1,101	1,686	636	750	745	760

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Table 2 - Employment by size of enterprise and sex, EOE Sector, March 2018 - March 2019

	Nl	6		Employment									
Category	Numb	er of enterprise	s as at	I	March 2018			ecember 20	018	March 2019			
	March 18	December 18	March 19	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	60	55	52	111	110	221	95	89	184	91	86	177	
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	215	208	206	25,738	24,960	50,698	26,075	23,407	49,482	25,777	22,548	48,325	
Outworkers	N.A	N.A	N.A	25	194	219	20	180	200	22	175	197	
TOTAL	275	263	258	25,874	25,264	51,138	26,190	23,676	49,866	25,890	22,809	48,699	
Mauritian	N.A	N.A	N.A	10,535	17,859	28,394	10,207	17,050	27,257	10,017	16,694	26,711	
Foreign workers (Expatriates)	N.A	N.A	N.A	15,339	7,405	22,744	15,983	6,626	22,609	15,873	6,115	21,988	

Table 3 - Employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2018 - March 2019

		Marcl	n 2018		March 2019				
Product group	Number of		Employment		Number of		Employment		
	enterprises	Male	Female	Both sexes	enterprises	Male	Female	Both sexes	
1. Food	22	2,095	3,321	5,416	21	2,043	3,353	5,396	
2. Flowers	4	36	38	74	2	31	40	71	
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	23	3,003	461	3,464	24	3,138	467	3,605	
4. Wearing apparel:	104	17,058	17,138	34,196	95	16,971	14,576	31,547	
Pullovers	15	1,029	717	1,746	13	809	601	1,410	
Other garments	89	16,029	16,421	32,450	82	16,162	13,975	30,137	
5. Leather products and footwear	5	181	519	700	5	237	418	655	
6. Wood and paper products	10	285	280	565	10	265	309	574	
7. Optical goods	2	198	201	399	2	211	190	401	
8. Electronic watches and clocks	5	230	293	523	5	247	332	579	
9. Electric and electronic products	5	65	117	182	5	63	116	179	
10. Jewellery and related articles	14	416	605	1,021	13	412	610	1,022	
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	19	220	239	2	15	208	223	
12. Other products	79	2,288	2,071	4,359	74	2,257	2,190	4,447	
TOTAL	275	25,874	25,264	51,138	258	25,890	22,809	48,699	

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Table 4 - Net change in employment by product group, EOE Sector, March 2018 - March 2019

		Employment		Net cha	nge from
Product group	Mar. 18	Dec. 18	Mar. 19	Dec. 18 to Mar. 19	Mar. 18 to Mar. 19
1. Food	5,416	5,283	5,396	113	-20
2. Flowers	74	70	71	1	-3
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	3,464	3,670	3,605	-65	141
4. Wearing apparel:	34,196	32,832	31,547	-1,285	-2,649
Pullovers	1,746	1,854	1,410	-444	-336
Other garments	32,450	30,978	30,137	-841	-2,313
5. Leather products and footwear	700	662	655	-7	-45
6. Wood and paper products	565	573	574	1	9
7. Optical goods	399	401	401	0	2
8. Electronic watches and clocks	523	560	579	19	56
9. Electric and electronic products	182	179	179	0	-3
10. Jewellery and related articles	1,021	997	1,022	25	1
11. Toys and carnival articles	239	222	223	1	-16
12. Other products	4,359	4,417	4,447	30	88
TOTAL	51,138	49,866	48,699	-1,167	-2,439

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Table 5 - Expatriate employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2018 - March 2019

			Emplo	yment				
Product group		March 2018			March 2019			
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes		
1. Food	638	1,270	1,908	591	1,412	2,003		
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,108	5	2,113	2,197	26	2,223		
4. Wearing apparel:	11,989	6,088	18,077	12,376	4,626	17,002		
Pullovers	711	56	767	577	72	649		
Other garments	11,278	6,032	17,310	11,799	4,554	16,353		
5. Leather products and footwear	33	2	35	36	2	38		
6. Wood and paper products	1	1	2	1	1	2		
7. Optical goods	78	-	78	91	-	91		
8. Electronic watches and clocks	52	1	53	63	2	65		
9. Electric and electronic products	15	1	16	15	1	16		
10. Jewellery and related articles	67	4	71	62	4	66		
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-		
12. Other	358	33	391	441	41	482		
TOTAL	15,339	7,405	22,744	15,873	6,115	21,988		

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Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2017 - 1st Quarter 2019

Value: R Million

Itom	2017	2018		2018 1					
Item	2017	2018	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr		
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	43,027	43,518	9,853	11,354	11,625	10,686	10,215		
B. Total imports (c.i.f):	27,094	26,044	5,911	6,867	6,667	6,599	6,328		
Raw materials	25,891	24,711	5,567	6,435	6,346	6,363	6,046		
Machinery	1,203	1,333	344	432	321	236	282		
Net Exports (A - B)	15,933	17,474	3,942	4,487	4,958	4,087	3,887		
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	37.0	40.2	40.0	39.5	42.6	38.2	38.1		

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Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2017 - $1^{\rm st}$ Quarter 2019

Value (F.o.b): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2017	2018 1		201	.8 ¹		2019 1
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Total EOE Exports	43,027	43,518	9,853	11,354	11,625	10,686	10,215
0 - Food and live animals	12,349	12,212	3,100	3,351	2,980	2,781	3,052
of which:							
Live animals other than fish	685	631	165	85	143	238	199
Fish & fish preparations	10,918	10,656	2,756	3,032	2,621	2,247	2,696
Cereals and cereal preparations	249	423	67	101	131	124	41
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	142	130	30	26	41	33	27
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	349	362	78	81	86	117	88
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	165	157	41	35	27	54	53
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5,722	6,406	1,212	1,621	1,888	1,685	1,797
of which:							
Paper, paperboard and articles	56	45	8	10	14	13	20
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	3,210	3,233	686	896	871	780	924
Glass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	2,257	2,915	477	654	928	856	806
Iron and steel	-	7	-	5	2	-	-
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	222	203	40	69	49	45	44
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	23,502	23,911	5,233	6,124	6,569	5,985	5,194
of which:							
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	272	306	59	78	83	86	68
Articles of apparel and clothing	19,646	19,758	4,326	5,069	5,509	4,854	4,159
Optical goods	260	267	68	93	28	78	86
Watches and clocks	776	834	192	218	211	213	194
Printed matter	115	135	23	28	32	52	40
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	598	668	125	129	236	178	180
Toys, games and sporting goods	190	169	36	48	41	44	30
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	598	576	140	160	128	148	128
Other sections	741	295	160	82	12	41	12

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SITC Section/Description	2017	2018 1		201	8 ¹		2019 1
STTC Section/Description	2017	2018	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	27,094	26,044	<u>5,911</u>	6,867	<u>6,667</u>	6,599	6,328
0 - Food and live animals	8,801	6,821	1,507	1,917	1,586	1,811	1,683
of which:							
Meat and meat preparations	373	348	67	100	92	89	57
Fish & fish preparations	8,169	6,113	1,374	1,680	1,424	1,635	1,494
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,324	2,507	664	495	708	640	908
of which:							
Cotton	1,632	1,575	433	274	445	423	676
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	151	148	25	42	55	26	32
Wool and other animal hair	219	451	127	87	121	116	144
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	4	3	1	-	1	1	1
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,521	1,588	310	365	394	519	447
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10,017	11,022	2,381	2,844	3,001	2,796	2,443
of which:							
Leather	372	319	76	97	75	71	71
Paper, paperboard and articles	354	302	82	80	72	68	68
Textile yarn and fabrics	5,456	5,410	1,118	1,454	1,549	1,289	1,093
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	2,371	3,283	749	804	826	904	813
Iron and steel	283	427	79	79	136	133	122
Non-ferrous metals	181	188	40	40	61	47	51
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	1,203	1,333	344	432	321	236	282
of which:							
Machinery specialized for particular industries	624	692	166	268	147	111	134
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,141	2,095	467	583	527	518	487
of which:							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	536	570	125	152	151	142	178
Printed matter	194	188	37	55	43	53	48
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	333	396	76	120	93	107	103
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	351	280	90	71	76	43	48
Other sections	1,083	677	237	231	129	80	77

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Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2017 - 1st Quarter 2019

Value (F.o.b): R Million

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Country of Joseph at	2017	2010 1		201	8 ¹		2019 1
Country of destination	2017	2018 1	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	43,027	43,518	9,853	11,354	11,625	10,686	10,215
Europe:	25,142	24,469	5,965	6,788	6,027	5,689	5,647
Austria	20	40	10	´ 9	7	14	5
Belgium	720	816	161	235	241	179	170
France	6,329	5,402	1,273	1,617	1,354	1,158	1,161
Germany	952	1,021	268	284	234	235	285
Italy	2,645	2,783	873	713	528	669	589
Netherlands	2,125	2,552	510	725	696	621	665
Portugal	778	356	97	78	169	12	143
Spain	2,291	2,797	624	847	718	608	426
Switzerland	807	900	203	252	206	239	197
United Kingdom	7,076	6,553	1,692	1,703	1,595	1,563	1,707
Other	1,399	1,249	254	325	279	391	300
Asia:	3,570	4,089	845	990	1,110	1,144	1,212
China	312	250	59	62	68	61	51
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	156	113	25	28	39	21	31
India	163	225	36	46	60	83	81
Japan	330	297	73	97	65	62	57
Sri Lanka	5	6	1	4	_	1	-
Vietnam	1,739	2,067	356	443	594	674	598
Other	865	1,131	295	310	284	242	393
Africa:	8,027	8,715	1,705	2,006	2,637	2,367	1,897
Madagascar	2,130	2,123	403	547	593	580	534
Reunion	285	386	67	73	186	60	70
Seychelles	102	92	12	21	37	22	19
South Africa	4,940	5,684	1,153	1,257	1,702	1,572	1,155
Other	570	430	70	108	119	133	119
America:	6,119	6,137	1,312	1,540	1,827	1,458	1,429
Canada	266	261	72	73	68	48	52
Panama	66	69	14	17	13	25	10
U.S.A	5,656	5,703	1,210	1,419	1,726	1,348	1,359
Other	131	104	16	31	20	37	8
Oceania:	170	109	26	30	25	28	29
Australia	157	90	21	23	22	24	26
New Zealand	13	19	5	7	3	4	3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Note: Breakdowns may not add up to totals due to rounding

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Country of opinion	2017	2018 1		201	18 1		2019 1
Country of origin	2017	2018	1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	27,094	26,044	5,911	6,867	6,667	6,599	6,328
Europe:	12,041	12,050	2,780	3,338	2,871	3,061	2,979
Belgium	1,650	3,059	694	706	806	853	748
France	4,365	4,381	1,168	1,209	831	1,173	1,115
Germany	288	417	118	145	81	73	93
Italy	977	1,027	188	322	260	257	202
Netherlands	41	39	7	8	5	19	8
Spain	3,575	1,837	345	554	552	386	484
Sweden	4	4	1	1	1	1	5
Switzerland	308	469	85	191	95	98	111
United Kingdom	257	270	64	66	75	65	69
Other	576	547	110	136	165	136	145
Asia:	9,173	9,353	2,134	2,357	2,558	2,304	1,896
China	3,852	3,729	818	953	1,033	925	763
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ²	300	377	62	112	103	100	72
India	2,648	2,946	818	729	734	665	529
Indonesia	525	647	118	128	213	188	171
Japan	118	90	18	40	18	14	21
Korea, Republic of	135	115	16	22	40	37	20
Malaysia	218	179	39	45	47	48	52
Pakistan	231	138	40	41	36	21	19
Singapore	116	91	17	24	15	35	28
Thailand	441	593	112	146	176	159	111
Other	589	448	76	117	143	112	109
Africa:	4,716	3,474	773	719	991	991	1,210
Burkina Faso	- 1,7 10		-	-	-	-	1,210
Madagascar	267	141	31	33	46	31	48
Mali	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	2,600	1,815	534	458	401	422	387
South Africa	456	501	64	87	152	198	242
Zambia	203	135	-	5	102	28	191
Other	1,170	882	144	136	290	312	340
America:	654	609	123	253	94	139	127
Brazil	39	60	12	13	21	14	5
U.S.A	154	194	44	55	37	58	46
Canada	282	11	1	3	3	4	-
Other	179	344	66	182	33	63	75
Oceania:	511	558	101	200	153	104	117
Australia	227	293	65	72	84	72	70
Other	284	265	36	128	69	32	47

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