

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) 1st Quarter 2022

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 2022.

It also includes provisional figures on EOE imports and exports for the first quarter of 2022 as well as figures for the years 2020 and 2021. Table 1 shows the main indicators of the EOE sector for the period 2013 to 2021.

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 2022

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2021, employment in EOE decreased by 120 (-0.3%) from 35,024 to 34,904. Male employment dropped by 140 from 18,753 to 18,613 while female employment increased by 20 from 16,271 to 16,291 (Table 2).

The number of Mauritians employed in the EOE sector increased by 294 (+1.5%) (+108 males and +186 females) from 19,908 to 20,202 and the number of foreign workers decreased by 414 (-2.7%) (-248 males and -166 females) from 15,116 at the end of December 2021 to 14,702 at the end of March 2022 (Table 2).

The decrease of 120 in employment in the EOE sector during the first quarter of 2022 is the net result of 857 jobs lost and 737 jobs created. The job losses were due to some contraction of workforce whilst jobs created were due to expansion in existing enterprises.

2.2 Evolution of employment from March 2021 to March 2022

From March 2021 to March 2022, total employment in EOE decreased by 1,603 (-4.4%) from 36,507 to 34,904. The number of Mauritian workers increased by 807 (+222 males and +585 females). Employment of foreign workers decreased by 2,410 (-1,679 males and -731 females) (Tables 2 and 5).

Job losses occurred mainly in enterprises engaged in the manufacture of “Wearing apparel” with a decrease of 1,611 jobs (Table 4).

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 2020 are final, those for 2021 and first quarter 2022 are provisional and subject to revision as and when the MRA - Customs Department submits latest amendments to Statistics Mauritius.

3.1 Exports and Imports – 1st Quarter 2022

3.1.1 Exports (f.o.b)

Provisional figures show that EOE exports during the first quarter of 2022 amounted to R 10,932 million, that is, R 519 million (-4.5%) lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2021 (Table 6). That was mainly the result of decreases observed in exports of “Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles” (-R 161 million or -11.1%) and “Fish & fish preparations” (-R 107 million or -4.2%).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, EOE exports increased by R 1,550 million (+16.5%).

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

South Africa, United Kingdom (UK), France and United States of America (USA) remain the principal EOE markets, together accounting for R 5,937 million (54.3%) 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 2022	Change on	
		Q4 2021	Q1 2021
South Africa	1,775	-236	+212
United Kingdom	1,460	+63	+47
France	1,370	+135	+376
USA	1,332	+131	+415

Compared to the previous quarter, EOE exports to our main markets showed increases as follows: France (+10.9%), USA (+10.9%) and United Kingdom (+4.5%). However, a decrease of 11.7% in exports towards South Africa was observed.

When compared to the first quarter of 2021, increases of 45.3%, 37.8%, 13.6% and 3.3% were noted for USA, France, South Africa and United Kingdom respectively.

Further details are given in Table 9.

3.1.2 Imports (c.i.f)

EOE imports during the first quarter of 2022 were estimated at R 7,483 million, representing a decrease of R 284 million (-3.7%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. This decrease is mainly due to lower imports of raw material by R 301 million (-4.1%) (Table 6).

Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, imports increased by R 2,115 million (+39.4%), mainly due to increases in imports of “Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones” by R 753 million (+187.8%), “Cotton” by R 353 million (+120.5%), “Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares” by R 174 million (+183.2%) and “Textile yarn and fabrics” by R 156 million (+15.8%).

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 3,449 million in the first quarter of 2022 and its ratio to total exports worked out to 31.5 % compared to 42.8 % in the corresponding quarter of 2021 (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 5 million in the first quarter of 2022 compared to R 36 million in the first quarter of 2021. 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, 2013 - 2021

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 ¹
1. No of enterprises as at December	309	300	284	282	280	263	239	235	233
- New	2	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
- Closures	23	17	17	4	2	17	24	4	2
2. Employment as at December	53,663	54,813	53,601	52,602	52,172	49,866	44,160	36,736	35,024
- Net change	-920	+1,150	-1,212	-999	-430	-2,306	-5,706	-7,424	-1,712
- Growth rate (%)	-1.7	+2.1	-2.2	-1.9	-0.8	-4.4	-11.4	-16.8	-4.7
3. Exports (f.o.b, R million) (excluding sales to Freeport)	46,778	49,069	48,487	44,422	43,027	43,311	42,319	37,289	42,657
4. Imports (c.i.f, R million):	29,340	28,596	27,312	25,638	27,094	25,929	24,645	19,629	25,673
- Raw materials	27,850	27,001	25,835	24,254	25,891	24,596	23,641	18,786	24,684
- Machinery & spare parts	1,490	1,595	1,477	1,384	1,203	1,333	1,004	843	989
5. Net exports (R million)	17,438	20,473	21,175	18,784	15,933	17,382	17,674	17,660	16,984
6. Net exports to Exports (%)	37.3	41.7	43.7	42.3	37.0	40.1	41.8	47.4	39.8
7. Value added at basic prices (R million)	20,328	20,704	20,968	20,125	19,867	19,607	18,698	15,985	17,704
- Share in Manufacturing (%)	39.3	38.9	39.0	37.3	36.8	35.9	34.3	34.7	32.1
- Share in Gross value added (%)	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3
8. Annual Real Growth rate of Value added (%)	-3.0	+2.5	-3.1	-5.1	+0.3	-4.5	-5.6	-21.3	+5.4
9. Investment (R million)	1,930	2,700	1,140	1,254	1,091	1,104	739	724	703
- of which Machinery	1,101	1,686	636	750	745	770	625	610	543

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Table 2 - Employment by size of enterprise and sex, EOE Sector, March 2021 - March 2022

Category	Number of enterprises as at			Employment								
				March 2021			December 2021			March 2022		
	March 21	December 21	March 22	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Enterprises with less than 10 employees	57	58	59	95	63	158	88	55	143	87	61	148
Enterprises with 10 or more employees	178	175	174	19,947	16,199	36,146	18,634	16,022	34,656	18,495	16,054	34,549
Outworkers	Napp	Napp	Napp	28	175	203	31	194	225	31	176	207
TOTAL	235	233	233	20,070	16,437	36,507	18,753	16,271	35,024	18,613	16,291	34,904
<i>Mauritian</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>7,976</i>	<i>11,419</i>	<i>19,395</i>	<i>8,090</i>	<i>11,818</i>	<i>19,908</i>	<i>8,198</i>	<i>12,004</i>	<i>20,202</i>
<i>Foreign workers (Expatriates)</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>Napp</i>	<i>12,094</i>	<i>5,018</i>	<i>17,112</i>	<i>10,663</i>	<i>4,453</i>	<i>15,116</i>	<i>10,415</i>	<i>4,287</i>	<i>14,702</i>

Napp - Not Applicable

Table 3 - Employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2021 - March 2022

Product group	March 2021				March 2022			
	Number of enterprises	Employment			Number of enterprises	Employment		
		Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	17	1,871	3,132	5,003	16	1,718	2,871	4,589
2. Flowers	2	16	22	38	2	21	26	47
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	22	2,566	404	2,970	21	2,104	344	2,448
4. Wearing apparel:	83	12,031	8,839	20,870	83	10,842	8,417	19,259
<i>Pullovers</i>	12	421	211	632	12	417	199	616
<i>Other garments</i>	71	11,610	8,628	20,238	71	10,425	8,218	18,643
5. Leather products and footwear	5	134	379	513	5	139	431	570
6. Wood and paper products	10	239	214	453	10	234	252	486
7. Optical goods	2	185	173	358	2	184	208	392
8. Electronic watches and clocks	4	230	255	485	4	252	301	553
9. Electric and electronic products	5	54	101	155	5	56	119	175
10. Jewellery and related articles	12	362	561	923	12	352	575	927
11. Toys and carnival articles	2	13	153	166	2	15	148	163
12. Other products	71	2,369	2,204	4,573	71	2,696	2,599	5,295
TOTAL	235	20,070	16,437	36,507	233	18,613	16,291	34,904

Table 4 - Net change in employment by product group, EOE Sector, March 2021 - March 2022

Product group	Employment			Net change from	
	Mar 21	Dec 21	Mar 22	Dec. 21 to Mar. 22	Mar. 21 to Mar. 22
1. Food	5,003	4,811	4,589	-222	-414
2. Flowers	38	38	47	9	9
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	2,970	2,450	2,448	-2	-522
4. Wearing apparel:	20,870	19,641	19,259	-382	-1,611
<i>Pullovers</i>	632	609	616	7	-16
<i>Other garments</i>	20,238	19,032	18,643	-389	-1,595
5. Leather products and footwear	513	522	570	48	57
6. Wood and paper products	453	475	486	11	33
7. Optical goods	358	365	392	27	34
8. Electronic watches and clocks	485	535	553	18	68
9. Electric and electronic products	155	162	175	13	20
10. Jewellery and related articles	923	919	927	8	4
11. Toys and carnival articles	166	162	163	1	-3
12. Other products	4,573	4,944	5,295	351	722
TOTAL	36,507	35,024	34,904	-120	-1,603

Table 5 - Expatriate employment by product group and sex, EOE Sector, March 2021 - March 2022

Product group	Employment					
	March 2021			March 2022		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
1. Food	560	1,263	1,823	448	1,052	1,500
2. Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Textile yarn and fabrics	1,819	18	1,837	1,502	10	1,512
4. Wearing apparel:	9,067	3,684	12,751	7,937	3,157	11,094
<i>Pullovers</i>	272	2	274	256	2	258
<i>Other garments</i>	8,795	3,682	12,477	7,681	3,155	10,836
5. Leather products and footwear	35	2	37	39	8	47
6. Wood and paper products	12	-	12	11	-	11
7. Optical goods	80	-	80	71	-	71
8. Electronic watches and clocks	45	3	48	39	1	40
9. Electric and electronic products	9	-	9	13	-	13
10. Jewellery and related articles	56	3	59	49	3	52
11. Toys and carnival articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Other	411	45	456	306	56	362
TOTAL	12,094	5,018	17,112	10,415	4,287	14,702

Table 6 - Net EOE Exports, 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

Value: R Million

Item	2020	2021 ¹	2021 ¹				2022 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
A. Total exports (f.o.b)	37,289	42,657	9,382	10,401	11,423	11,451	10,932
B. Total imports (c.i.f):	19,629	25,673	5,368	5,849	6,689	7,767	7,483
<i>Raw materials</i>	18,786	24,684	5,153	5,683	6,434	7,414	7,113
<i>Machinery</i>	843	989	215	166	255	353	370
Net Exports (A - B)	17,660	16,984	4,014	4,552	4,734	3,684	3,449
Net Exports as % of Total Exports	47.4	39.8	42.8	43.8	41.4	32.2	31.5

¹ Revised ² Provisional

Table 7 - EOE exports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

Value (F.o.b): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2020	2021 ¹	2021 ¹				2022 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	37,289	42,657	9,382	10,401	11,423	11,451	10,932
0 - Food and live animals	11,156	12,454	3,136	3,165	2,940	3,214	3,081
of which :							
Live animals other than fish	1,248	1,916	431	526	438	521	535
Fish & fish preparations	9,330	9,955	2,578	2,454	2,375	2,548	2,441
Cereals and cereal preparations	55	59	9	12	20	18	13
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	131	200	22	116	26	36	26
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	463	499	73	126	194	105	169
Medicaments (including Veterinary medicaments)	156	155	16	36	90	14	69
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6,562	8,549	1,487	2,224	2,306	2,532	2,318
of which :							
Paper, paperboard and articles	55	65	10	19	19	17	13
Textile yarn, fabrics, made up articles	4,119	5,122	1,034	1,413	1,225	1,450	1,289
Glass	3	6	2	4	-	-	-
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	2,179	3,138	388	722	1,008	1,019	973
Iron and steel	1	5	1	-	4	-	-
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	371	320	71	74	78	97	123
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	18,389	20,464	4,533	4,659	5,838	5,434	5,182
of which :							
Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	278	308	61	62	98	87	97
Articles of apparel and clothing	14,503	15,045	3,573	3,381	4,237	3,854	3,783
Optical goods	188	336	83	94	63	96	73
Watches and clocks	756	1,289	218	326	376	369	376
Printed matter	95	104	19	22	25	38	27
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	437	537	110	106	160	162	135
Toys, games and sporting goods	159	222	32	47	86	57	34
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	422	650	100	131	193	226	194
Other sections	217	171	60	37	41	33	33

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

Table 8 - EOE imports of selected commodities by SITC section, 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

Value (C.i.f): R Million

SITC Section/Description	2020	2021 ¹	2021 ¹				2022 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	19,629	25,673	5,368	5,849	6,689	7,767	7,483
0 - Food and live animals	5,761	6,249	1,708	1,458	1,353	1,730	1,675
of which :							
Meat and meat preparations	83	16	4	-	7	5	10
Fish & fish preparations	5,159	5,792	1,615	1,371	1,229	1,577	1,612
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1,577	2,248	443	504	434	868	898
of which :							
Cotton	1,190	1,549	293	350	292	614	646
Synthetic fibres suitable for spinning	65	154	33	45	39	38	33
Wool and other animal hair	185	374	87	57	62	168	170
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related products	3	4	-	-	1	2	1
5 - Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	1,241	2,002	450	422	491	639	509
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7,528	10,903	1,885	2,576	3,277	3,166	2,989
of which :							
Leather	215	238	47	48	70	73	62
Paper, paperboard and articles	237	266	61	52	80	72	89
Textile yarn and fabrics	3,567	5,148	987	1,228	1,547	1,387	1,143
Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	1,885	3,475	401	879	1,105	1,090	1,154
Iron and steel	477	398	85	40	159	114	148
Non-ferrous metals	186	235	34	52	74	75	78
7 - Machinery & transport equipment	843	989	215	166	255	353	370
of which :							
Machinery specialized for particular industries	342	388	69	74	102	142	174
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,130	2,674	514	615	758	787	933
of which :							
Optical goods, watches & clocks	572	750	132	188	204	225	241
Printed matter	123	151	29	44	39	38	37
Articles, n.e.s. of plastics	386	407	93	102	108	103	115
Jewellery, goldsmiths & silversmiths wares	385	554	95	98	186	175	269
Other sections	546	604	153	108	120	222	108

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Table 9 - EOE exports by country of destination, 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

Value (F.o.b): R Million

Country of destination	2020	2021 ¹	2021 ¹				2022 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Exports	37,289	42,657	9,382	10,401	11,423	11,451	10,932
Europe:	20,140	21,556	5,408	5,123	5,510	5,516	5,553
Austria	44	43	9	15	12	7	12
Belgium	775	750	216	152	192	190	126
France	3,891	4,801	994	1,115	1,457	1,235	1,370
Germany	863	953	250	216	256	231	283
Italy	3,344	2,548	813	497	679	559	613
Netherlands	2,453	2,679	710	621	570	778	511
Portugal	193	285	90	105	67	23	38
Spain	1,646	2,006	433	546	433	594	599
Switzerland	681	941	186	241	270	244	259
United Kingdom	5,004	5,341	1,413	1,303	1,228	1,397	1,460
Other	1,246	1,209	294	312	346	258	282
Asia:	3,702	4,419	593	1,203	1,286	1,337	891
China	158	268	62	74	74	58	44
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	40	66	9	20	20	18	15
India	649	782	129	227	209	217	161
Japan	151	151	18	61	41	31	15
Sri Lanka	1	14	-	-	11	3	-
Vietnam	1,688	2,587	209	678	828	872	549
Other	1,015	551	166	143	103	138	107
Africa:	8,538	11,848	2,368	2,773	3,400	3,307	2,982
Madagascar	2,287	3,452	636	767	946	1,103	1,003
Reunion	212	240	41	63	61	75	50
Seychelles	65	83	23	24	23	13	20
South Africa	5,573	7,627	1,563	1,789	2,265	2,011	1,775
Other	401	446	105	130	105	105	134
America:	4,797	4,644	972	1,254	1,165	1,253	1,456
Canada	195	168	41	47	46	35	91
Panama	48	9	1	4	2	2	4
U.S.A	4,418	4,333	917	1,105	1,109	1,201	1,332
Other	136	134	13	98	8	15	29
Oceania:	113	190	40	48	63	39	50
Australia	95	172	34	44	60	34	45
New Zealand	18	17	6	4	2	5	5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Revised ² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

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Table 10 - EOE imports by country of origin, 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

Value (C.i.f) : R Million

Country of origin	2020	2021 ¹	2021 ¹				2022 ²
			1st Qr	2nd Qr	3rd Qr	4th Qr	1st Qr
Total EOE Imports	19,629	25,673	5,368	5,849	6,689	7,767	7,483
Europe:	8,947	11,210	2,117	2,711	2,880	3,501	3,347
Belgium	1,600	3,185	364	781	1,055	985	1,111
France	2,842	3,579	840	840	861	1,037	734
Germany	259	260	49	69	53	90	127
Italy	996	1,150	241	243	306	359	412
Netherlands	37	31	8	9	11	4	6
Spain	1,947	1,612	367	417	227	601	443
Sweden	3	9	-	8	-	1	-
Switzerland	297	438	82	134	111	111	138
United Kingdom	157	221	33	54	61	72	78
Other	809	725	133	156	195	241	298
Asia:	6,890	9,256	1,980	1,994	2,588	2,694	2,478
China	2,295	2,665	515	514	687	950	741
Hong Kong (S.A.R) ³	363	270	47	76	63	85	80
India	1,950	3,526	776	825	1,076	849	653
Indonesia	863	759	208	129	255	167	216
Japan	51	68	15	14	15	24	56
Korea, Republic of	341	288	75	84	48	81	31
Malaysia	127	191	27	30	77	56	70
Pakistan	55	120	15	15	46	44	14
Singapore	71	82	22	13	23	25	26
Thailand	437	550	132	127	120	171	167
Other	337	737	148	167	178	242	424
Africa:	3,361	4,550	1,147	1,041	1,080	1,281	1,453
Burkina Faso	14	58	-	-	24	33	-
Madagascar	160	212	37	39	84	51	45
Seychelles	1,863	2,634	783	603	653	595	665
South Africa	575	570	115	119	150	186	103
Zambia	110	150	61	40	-	50	105
Other	639	926	151	240	169	366	535
America:	272	420	103	82	107	128	131
Brazil	15	17	11	2	1	3	9
U.S.A	196	232	57	44	75	56	67
Canada	11	5	2	-	2	2	2
Other	50	166	33	36	29	67	53
Oceania:	160	238	20	21	34	163	75
Australia	85	165	6	9	6	143	35
Other	75	73	14	12	28	20	40

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