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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of quarterly Merchandise Trade Statistics highlights key indicators for Quarter 3 of 2015.

The Classification used follows the guidelines of United Nations International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions 2010. Goods are classified under Harmonized System (HS 2007).

Imports are valued c.i.f (cost, insurance and freight) while exports and re-exports are valued f.o.b. (free on board) which excludes international freight charges and insurance costs.

The trading partner in the case of imports is the country of origin while in the case of exports it is the country of final destination.

2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

2015-Q3 (Tables 1a and 1b)

The total imports for the third quarter of 2015 were valued at SR 2,851.7 million, a decrease of 27.6% compared to the same period of 2014. Comparing the figure for 2015 to that of 2014, the total value of Domestic Exports decreased from SR 1,000.9 million to SR 757.0 million reflecting a decrease of 24.4%. A decrease of 12.8% was recorded in the value of Re-Exports, from SR 637.9 million in 2014 to SR 556.3 million in 2015.

The net effect was a trade deficit valued at SR 1,538.5 million or a 33.1% decrease compared to 2014.

Imports (Tables 2a and 2b)

During the first nine months of 2015 imports decreased in monetary value by SR 689.1 million or 6.5% below the same period of 2014.

Value of imports by major sections, January - September 2015/2014

During the first nine months of 2015, Food and Live Animals accounted for 23% of imports valued of SR 2,288.8 million. This was 7% lower than in 2014. It must be noted that these imports also include frozen tuna imported for processing by the tuna cannery. Imports of fish and crustaceans accounted for 47% of imports in this category. Imports of Cereals and Cereal Preparations and Meat and Meat Preparations accounted for 10% and 16% respectively.

Imports of Beverages and Tobacco accounted for 2% of the total import bills for the first nine months of 2015, being 7% higher than in 2014. Of this, imports of Tobacco and Tobacco Manufactures and the imports of Beverages decreased by 13% and 7% respectively compared to the same period of 2014.

Imports of Mineral Fuels for the first nine months of 2015 were valued at SR 1,762.0 million and this was 35% lower than in 2014.

Imports of Chemicals for 2015 were valued at SR 608.8 million and this was 28% higher than in 2014. Of this value, SR 254.2 million represents the imports of Medical and Pharmaceutical products, which was 50% higher than in 2014.

Manufactured Goods accounted for 19% of total import bills during the first nine months of 2015. This represented a mere

0.3% increase compared to 2014. Of the manufactured goods, 31% were Manufactures of Metals, 18% were Non-metallic Mineral Manufactures, 4% Textile Fabrics, 27% Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories and 20% wood manufactures. The import of Textile Manufactures was 101% higher than in 2014. The import of Manufactures of Metal was 24% higher than in 2014, while import of Wood Manufactures was 6% lower than for the same period of 2014.

Imports of Machinery and Transport accounted for 30% of the total import bills for 2015 and this was 13% higher than in 2014. The imports of road vehicles accounted for SR 362.3 million, a decrease of 3% compared to 2014.

Domestic Exports (Table 4)

During the first nine months of 2015 domestic exports attained a value of SR 2,531.6 million and this was 21.1% lower than in 2014. The value of exports of canned tuna decreased by 22.9% from SR 3,040.7 million in 2014 to SR 2,343.7 million in 2015. The exports of fresh and frozen fish brought in SR 19.4 million in the first nine months of 2015. Exports of fish meal was valued at SR 79.5 million in 2015 representing an increase of 17.2% compared to 2014. The value of exports of medicaments and medical appliances decreased from SR 23.3 million in 2014 to SR 4.0 million in 2015 representing a decrease of 83.0%. Exports of sea cucumber were valued at SR 28.8 million during the first nine months of 2015.

Re-exports (Table 5)

The value of re-exports for the first nine months of 2015 stood at SR 1,581.0 million, representing an increase of 14.9% compared to 2014. Of this, SR 1,402.8

million, were re-exports of petroleum products to ships and aircraft. Other re-exports were valued at SR 178.2 million, representing an increase of 88% compared to 2014.

Trade with Selected Economic Communities (Table 6)

Table 6 highlights trade with key Economic Communities of interest. The European Union (EU) tops the list followed by Southern African Development Community (SADC), Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) AND Indian Ocean Commission (IOC). Of importance, is that Seychelles registered a positive Balance of Trade with several EU member states during 2015.

4. CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

Merchandise Trade Statistics compilation follows the General Trade System. The general trade system is in use when the statistical territory coincides with the economic territory.

General Imports consist of:

- (a) Imports of foreign goods (including compensating products after outward processing which changed their origin from domestic to foreign) entering the free circulation area, premises for inward processing, industrial free zones, premises for customs warehousing or commercial free zones;
- (b) Reimports of domestic goods into free circulation area, premises for inward processing or industrial free zones, premises for customs

warehousing or commercial free zones.

Reimports are imports of domestic goods which were previously recorded as exports.

General exports consist of:

- (a) Exports of domestic goods (including compensating products after inward processing which changed their origin from foreign to domestic) from any part of the statistical territory, including free zones and customs warehouses;
- (b) Re-exports of foreign goods from any part of the statistical territory, including free zones and customs warehouses.

Re-exports are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as imports.

DATA SOURCES

The bulk of the data comes from Customs records, but the NBS uses non-customs data from producers for complete coverage.

5. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Merchandise Trade bulletin will be released on 31st March 2016.

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SUMMARY OF EXTERNAL TRADE 1995 - 2015

Table 1a

Thousand Rupees

Year/Quarter	Imports (c.i.f)	Domestic Exports (f.o.b)	Re-exports (f.o.b.)	Balance of trade (1)
1995	1,109,205	113,889	139,615	-855,700
1996	1,881,876	205,006	488,419	-1,188,450
1997	1,711,135	349,151	220,079	-1,141,905
1998	2,015,519	473,787	169,879	-1,371,853
1999	2,317,043	581,328	193,796	-1,541,919
2000	1,949,851	706,271	402,205	-841,375
2001	2,776,067	892,411	370,785	-1,512,871
2002	2,294,924	957,475	291,563	-1,045,886
2003	2,230,648	1,141,677	342,040	-746,931
2004	2,731,782	1,095,080	504,842	-1,131,860
2005	3,712,202	1,164,683	703,910	-1,843,609
2006	4,150,340	1,185,667	914,658	-2,050,014
2007	5,728,359	1,346,527	1,088,735	-3,293,098
2008	8,378,742	2,186,282	1,883,343	-4,309,117
2009	10,633,363	3,222,637	2,116,840	-5,293,886
2010	11,952,831	2,654,567	2,163,555	-7,134,709
2011	12,456,057	3,268,907	2,624,142	-6,563,007
2012	13,972,543	3,723,503	3,067,159	-7,181,882
2013	13,051,224	4,505,129	2,466,067	-6,080,028
2014	14,554,671	4,300,657	2,577,805	-7,676,209
2012				
Q1	3,473,867	1,001,391	830,363	-1,642,113
Q2	3,593,158	983,505	704,235	-1,905,418
Q3	3,405,684	807,953	706,249	-1,891,482
Q4	3,499,834	930,654	826,311	-1,742,869
2013(3)				
Q1	3,032,263	1,315,922	671,766	-1,044,575
Q2	3,023,208	1,106,956	515,773	-1,400,480
Q3	3,527,740	982,865	530,164	-2,014,711
Q4	3,468,012	1,099,386	748,365	-1,620,261
2014(3)				
Q1	3,182,588	989,677	649,444	-1,543,467
Q2	3,412,938	1,217,066	571,229	-1,624,643
Q3	3,938,921	1,000,938	637,878	-2,300,105
Q4	4,020,223	1,092,976	719,253	-2,207,994
2015(3)				
Q1	3,424,317	999,168	551,295	-1,873,854
Q2	3,569,335	775,444	473,389	-2,320,502
Q3	2,851,730	756,958	556,289	-1,538,483

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes:

(1) Domestic exports plus re - exports minus imports

(2) Valuation: imports are valued CIF, Cost, Insurance and Freight, whilst exports are valued FOB (free on board) and excludes insurance and international freight charges

(3) Figures for 2013 to 2015 are provisional.

BALANCE OF TRADE 2014 - 2015

Table 1b

	Jul - Sep 2014 (1)	Jul - Sep 2015(1)	% Change 2015/2014	Jan - Sep 2014 (1)	Jan - Sep 2015(1)	% Change 2015/2014
	SR million			SR million		
Imports	3,938.9	2,851.7	-27.6%	10,534.4	9,845.4	-6.5%
Exports	1,000.9	757.0	-24.4%	3,207.7	2,531.6	-21.1%
Re - Exports	637.9	556.3	-12.8%	1,858.6	1,581.0	-14.9%
To Ships & Aircrafts	602.1	450.6	-25.2%	1,764.0	1,402.8	-20.5%
Other	35.8	105.7	195.7%	94.6	178.2	88.3%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes (1) Figures for 2014 and 2015 are provisional.

VALUE OF IMPORTS BY HS SECTION AND DIVISION 2014 - 2015

Table 2a

Thousand Rupees

HS Section and Division (1)	YEAR		QUARTERS						
	2014(3)	2015(3)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
TOTAL	14,554,671	9,845,382	3,182,588	3,412,938	3,938,921	4,020,223	3,424,317	3,569,335	2,851,730
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Live animal products, live trees and plants,									
Vegetable products and fruits	2,409,847	1,600,631	558,944	539,883	749,336	561,684	547,018	479,530	574,083
01 Live animals	414	2,613	161	121	44	89	1,025	241	1,347
02 Meat and edible meat offal	233,812	173,168	36,605	46,736	76,136	74,335	58,259	52,788	62,120
03 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,649,790	1,015,063	415,442	368,850	531,911	333,587	349,576	286,024	379,463
04 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	250,717	191,091	48,434	59,282	70,037	72,963	64,264	70,716	56,111
05 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	1,717	1,445	102	207	636	772	318	1,088	38
06 Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like; cut flower and ornamental foliage	3,434	1,918	256	1,028	1,373	777	924	702	291
07 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	133,243	105,966	29,263	32,401	33,981	37,598	38,848	31,794	35,324
08 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	100,194	85,804	19,511	21,853	28,004	30,826	28,469	27,489	29,845
09 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	36,527	23,564	9,170	9,404	7,214	10,738	5,333	8,688	9,543
1									
Cereals, milling products, Animal or vegetable fats and oils, preparations of meat fish and pastrycooks products	591,969	470,086	142,764	133,500	149,837	165,867	165,714	155,163	149,209
10 Cereals	120,545	75,379	37,751	29,725	28,133	24,936	27,375	27,227	20,778
11 Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; insulin; wheat gluten	51,786	41,786	11,271	14,473	12,804	13,239	14,962	15,049	11,776
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	7,973	8,022	1,527	2,477	1,340	2,630	2,885	2,594	2,542
13 Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	287	180	33	54	13	187	17	114	50
14 Vegetable plaiting materials; Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	308	31	79	5	30	194	15	6	10
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	169,618	148,781	48,115	34,996	40,702	45,805	50,542	47,414	50,826
16 Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	59,684	55,111	11,813	8,690	18,474	20,707	20,997	15,001	19,113
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery	45,527	35,600	6,745	9,074	11,369	18,341	11,175	13,750	10,675
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	41,267	26,920	6,738	7,473	14,818	12,239	9,456	9,019	8,445
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	94,972	78,276	18,694	26,533	22,155	27,590	28,292	24,991	24,993

	HS Section and Division (1)	YEAR		QUARTERS						
		2014(3)	2015(3)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
2	<u>Preparation of Vegetables, Beverages, Spirits, Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substances, mineral products organic and inorganic chemicals or components</u>	<u>4,367,640</u>	<u>2,267,143</u>	<u>1,077,196</u>	<u>1,108,452</u>	<u>1,024,072</u>	<u>1,157,919</u>	<u>717,632</u>	<u>880,951</u>	<u>668,561</u>
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruits nuts or other parts of plants.	124,747	108,426	22,242	40,096	35,056	27,354	31,953	44,764	31,709
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.	87,073	76,598	16,713	17,456	22,264	30,640	26,757	24,435	25,406
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar.	287,882	184,524	45,028	76,074	77,603	89,177	60,701	64,804	59,019
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder.	52,743	34,994	13,958	12,243	14,577	11,964	12,051	11,040	11,902
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	10,438	7,254	2,800	1,191	4,326	2,121	1,996	4,310	948
25	Salts; sulphur; earth and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement.	112,006	62,490	31,553	23,274	20,126	37,053	22,356	18,265	21,869
26	Ores, slag and ash.	69	147	0	3	0	65	22	125	0
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes.	3,660,402	1,761,975	938,017	930,644	842,389	949,352	551,593	699,726	510,656
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes.	20,302	20,458	5,139	3,772	5,142	6,250	7,469	9,418	3,571
29	Organic chemicals.	11,979	10,277	1,747	3,700	2,589	3,943	2,733	4,064	3,481
3	<u>Products of the chemical or allied industries N.E.S, Plastics and articles thereof</u>	<u>985,422</u>	<u>604,313</u>	<u>143,816</u>	<u>188,792</u>	<u>423,561</u>	<u>229,253</u>	<u>198,556</u>	<u>214,748</u>	<u>191,009</u>
30	Pharmaceutical products.	84,589	85,825	17,102	17,205	29,165	21,118	25,322	31,931	28,572
31	Fertilisers.	2,405	3,838	127	886	846	547	1,242	1,035	1,561
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes; pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks.	94,018	77,095	17,401	23,033	24,516	29,068	27,959	27,205	21,931
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations.	113,515	91,479	22,883	23,943	33,769	32,920	34,250	27,815	29,414
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental preparations with a basis of plaster.	101,652	86,175	18,429	29,168	25,908	28,147	23,525	32,797	29,853
35	Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes.	15,892	10,766	4,151	3,009	4,197	4,535	3,984	2,498	4,284
36	Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations.	2,753	6,196	1,207	1,103	169	274	2,960	2,522	713
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.	1,744	1,509	346	518	386	493	216	327	966
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.	65,348	46,822	9,385	20,386	17,538	18,040	15,444	17,715	13,663
39	Plastics and articles thereof.	503,505	194,607	52,786	69,541	287,068	94,110	63,653	70,902	60,052

	HS Section and Division (1)	YEAR		QUARTERS						
		2014(3)	2015(3)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
4	<u>Rubber and articles thereof, hides, skins, leather and furskins and articles thereof, wood and articles thereof, manufactured straw, paper and paper base and articles thereof</u>	<u>671,370</u>	<u>467,796</u>	<u>165,502</u>	<u>147,781</u>	<u>169,240</u>	<u>188,847</u>	<u>170,209</u>	<u>153,867</u>	<u>143,720</u>
40	Rubber and articles thereof.	92,824	70,206	24,569	24,079	17,735	26,441	20,748	21,243	28,215
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.	29	27	4	1	1	23	9	6	12
42	Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut).	18,177	16,350	2,626	3,123	5,362	7,066	6,169	5,366	4,816
43	Furskins and artificial fur, manufactures thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal.	261,813	181,526	57,270	68,337	66,226	69,980	65,492	67,458	48,576
45	Cork and articles of cork	263	65	13	167	40	42	35	18	11
46	Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork.	5,080	4,012	362	1,194	1,921	1,603	919	1,546	1,548
47	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard.	294	493	25	180	22	67	175	185	133
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paper board.	222,226	156,997	53,693	38,751	66,301	63,481	61,935	45,324	49,738
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans.	70,666	38,120	26,940	11,949	11,632	20,144	14,726	12,720	10,673
5	<u>Textiles and textile articles</u>	<u>53,386</u>	<u>71,875</u>	<u>10,267</u>	<u>13,030</u>	<u>12,416</u>	<u>17,674</u>	<u>15,337</u>	<u>46,090</u>	<u>10,448</u>
50	Silk	1,403	1,219	138	313	337	616	450	612	156
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric	39	22	6	2	3	28	0	6	16
52	Cotton	6,515	3,546	1,286	1,186	1,637	2,406	1,708	592	1,246
53	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn woven fabrics of paper yarn.	346	144	59	36	8	242	41	104	0
54	Man-made filaments.	2,121	3,107	604	750	251	516	1,817	477	813
55	Man-made staple fibres	7,734	4,283	924	2,466	2,282	2,063	1,016	1,913	1,354
56	Wadding felt and nonwovens; special yarn ; twine, cordage, rope and cable and articles thereof.	16,860	45,450	4,290	4,674	2,716	5,179	5,937	36,453	3,059
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings.	10,672	6,703	1,942	2,610	3,231	2,889	1,820	2,859	2,024
58	Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery.	2,954	2,001	401	492	883	1,178	1,223	236	542
59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use.	4,743	5,401	615	502	1,069	2,558	1,325	2,838	1,237

	HS Section and Division (1)	YEAR		QUARTERS						
		2014(3)	2015(3)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
6	<u>Knitted or crocheted, articles of apparel, miscellaneous manufactured articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials</u>	<u>363,204</u>	<u>288,757</u>	<u>67,193</u>	<u>84,655</u>	<u>99,030</u>	<u>112,325</u>	<u>92,610</u>	<u>109,076</u>	<u>87,070</u>
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics.	282	392	36	77	57	111	239	82	71
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.	53,075	51,796	8,090	12,343	16,519	16,124	16,240	21,694	13,862
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.	38,808	31,083	7,400	7,320	10,452	13,636	7,148	12,890	11,045
63	Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags.	73,829	53,768	15,729	16,460	19,002	22,638	18,368	19,267	16,134
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like ; parts of such articles.	41,479	29,035	6,894	8,760	10,622	15,203	9,056	10,468	9,511
65	Headgear and parts thereof.	5,352	5,848	709	1,475	2,076	1,093	2,261	1,361	2,226
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof.	8,819	5,770	2,404	1,721	2,528	2,166	1,709	1,420	2,641
67	Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair.	966	969	136	106	206	518	233	366	369
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials.	62,194	39,600	10,089	19,245	17,994	14,865	13,647	13,710	12,243
69	Ceramic products.	78,400	70,496	15,706	17,149	19,574	25,971	23,709	27,818	18,968
7	<u>Glass and glassware, pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, metals and articles thereof, base metals and articles thereof</u>	<u>835,788</u>	<u>623,353</u>	<u>159,801</u>	<u>171,728</u>	<u>180,570</u>	<u>323,690</u>	<u>241,312</u>	<u>202,255</u>	<u>179,787</u>
70	Glass and glassware.	60,415	47,922	9,463	16,032	18,212	16,707	12,665	16,292	18,965
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin.	32,985	15,474	7,897	9,045	8,509	7,535	8,643	4,503	2,328
72	Iron and steel.	265,062	241,312	53,478	62,501	55,879	93,203	108,798	64,371	68,143
73	Articles of iron or steel.	372,274	239,997	69,089	63,086	70,535	169,563	90,043	83,271	66,682
74	Copper and articles thereof	25,259	16,910	3,958	5,101	9,453	6,747	3,678	6,922	6,310
75	Nickel and articles thereof.	196	38	4	114	12	65	14	14	11
76	Aluminium and articles thereof.	78,503	61,129	15,849	15,300	17,807	29,546	17,352	26,563	17,214
77	(Reserved for possible future use in the Harmonized System).									
78	Lead and articles thereof.	191	217	3	78	92	20	74	48	95
79	Zinc and articles thereof.	904	354	60	470	70	304	46	269	39
										18968.2982
8	<u>Tin other base metals and articles thereof, cutlery, Machinery and mechanical appliances</u>	<u>3,726,169</u>	<u>2,977,187</u>	<u>750,545</u>	<u>912,451</u>	<u>980,975</u>	<u>1,082,198</u>	<u>1,098,750</u>	<u>1,146,910</u>	<u>731,527</u>
80	Tin and articles thereof	5	66	5	0	0	0	0	66	0
81	Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof.	10	0	6	3	1	0	0	0	0
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks of base metals; parts thereof of base metal.	49,543	30,946	10,019	11,190	13,153	15,181	9,670	10,775	10,501
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.	198,793	174,869	58,812	42,440	44,691	52,850	73,360	53,410	48,099

	HS Section and Division (1)	YEAR		QUARTERS						
		2014(3)	2015(3)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.	1,337,222	966,333	315,387	312,165	304,485	405,186	482,526	253,483	230,324
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof, sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorder and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.	668,124	756,240	137,169	137,815	148,124	245,017	169,185	397,312	189,744
86	Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof, railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof, mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds	6,456	1,850	4,600	533	759	563	412	762	677
87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof.	560,153	362,343	102,417	134,613	135,997	187,126	117,277	118,576	126,490
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof.	287,882	161,535	19,532	49,436	190,649	28,266	108,848	27,964	24,723
89	Ships, boats and floating structures.	617,981	523,005	102,598	224,257	143,117	148,009	137,473	284,563	100,969
9	<u>Commodities and other transactions not classified elsewhere</u>	<u>549,875</u>	<u>474,242</u>	<u>106,559</u>	<u>112,666</u>	<u>149,884</u>	<u>180,766</u>	<u>177,180</u>	<u>180,745</u>	<u>116,317</u>
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof.	140,270	168,354	33,100	34,829	37,602	34,739	75,505	56,350	36,499
91	Clocks and watches and parts and accessories thereof.	10,398	4,443	2,235	1,316	3,135	3,713	1,222	1,406	1,815
92	Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles.	1,704	2,062	119	394	391	799	889	730	443
93	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	6,498	530	2	6,484	5	7	36	448	46
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings.	283,639	232,140	58,305	55,053	66,237	104,044	80,153	94,694	57,292
95	Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof.	77,893	34,734	7,772	8,365	33,442	28,314	11,050	11,606	12,078
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	24,142	18,800	4,597	5,993	6,234	7,319	5,951	6,637	6,212
97	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	5,310	13,178	426	232	2,839	1,814	2,373	8,874	1,931
98	(Reserved for special use by Contraction Parties)									
99	Miscellaneous importations (including 93 arms, ammunitions; parts and accessories thereof)	21	0	3	0	1	17	0	0	0

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes:

(1) Harmonized System

(2) Includes imports cleared provisionally pending final documentation

(3) Figures for 2014 and 2015 are provisional

VALUE OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS, JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2015/2014

Table 2b

	Q3 2014 (1)		Q3 2015 (1)		% Change	Q1 - Q3 2014 (1)		Q1 - Q3 2015 (1)		% Change
	SR million	%	SR million	%	15/14	SR million	%	SR million	%	15/14
Total Imports	3,938.9	100%	2,851.7	100%	-28%	10,534.4	100%	9,845.4	100%	-7%
Food & Live Animals	969.7	25%	792.0	28%	-18%	2,466.2	23%	2,288.8	23%	-7%
Beverages & Tobacco	81.9	2%	60.0	2%	-27%	207.0	2%	191.8	2%	-7%
Mineral Fuels	842.4	21%	510.7	18%	-39%	2,711.0	26%	1,762.0	18%	-35%
Chemicals	181.8	5%	174.5	6%	-4%	474.4	5%	608.8	6%	28%
Manufactured Goods	827.7	21%	548.9	19%	-34%	1,904.6	18%	1,909.5	19%	0%
Machinery & Transport	967.8	25%	721.0	25%	-26%	2,609.6	25%	2,946.2	30%	13%
Others	67.5	2%	44.7	2%	-34%	161.6	2%	138.3	1%	-14%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes (1) Figures for 2014 and 2015 are provisional

VALUE OF IMPORTS(cif) BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, 2013 - 2015

Table 3

Thousand Rupees / % of total

Country	2013 (1)		2014(1)		2015 (1)	
	Jan - Dec		Jan -Sep		Jan - Sep	
Total	13,051,224	100.0%	10,534,356	100.0%	9,845,382	100.0%
Australia	160,091	1.2%	61,799	0.6%	16,458	0.2%
Austria	16,757	0.1%	15,084	0.1%	70,202	0.7%
Belgium	87,855	0.7%	85,435	0.8%	72,542	0.7%
Brazil	145,340	1.1%	153,851	1.5%	58,197	0.6%
Canada	50,386	0.4%	192,130	1.8%	9,632	0.1%
China	261,979	2.0%	380,660	3.6%	427,776	4.3%
Denmark	36,704	0.3%	25,555	0.2%	29,906	0.3%
Egypt	53,577	0.4%	54,750	0.5%	53,030	0.5%
France	1,078,001	8.3%	1,005,258	9.5%	862,085	8.8%
Germany	171,803	1.3%	125,720	1.2%	228,029	2.3%
Hong Kong	120,439	0.9%	51,424	0.5%	54,191	0.6%
India	699,238	5.4%	448,179	4.3%	369,886	3.8%
Indonesia	90,475	0.7%	61,413	0.6%	44,529	0.5%
Ireland	35,756	0.3%	37,299	0.4%	21,479	0.2%
Israel	53,988	0.4%	31,213	0.3%	5,664	0.1%
Italy	521,638	4.0%	285,340	2.7%	259,538	2.6%
Japan	52,493	0.4%	82,360	0.8%	115,991	1.2%
Kenya	58,970	0.5%	33,142	0.3%	28,683	0.3%
Korea (South)	261,577	2.0%	190,689	1.8%	29,738	0.3%
Madagascar	31,751	0.2%	22,416	0.2%	62,815	0.6%
Malaysia	128,734	1.0%	123,065	1.2%	148,073	1.5%
Mauritius	466,783	3.6%	383,397	3.6%	386,946	3.9%
Netherlands	190,431	1.5%	199,357	1.9%	120,757	1.2%
New Zealand	34,049	0.3%	43,137	0.4%	35,681	0.4%
Pakistan	52,383	0.4%	46,233	0.4%	44,302	0.4%
Qatar	259	0.0%	5,938	0.1%	489	0.0%
Reunion	4,199	0.0%	11,150	0.1%	10,143	0.1%
Russian Fed.	5,057	0.0%	4,679	0.0%	6,064	0.1%
Saudi Arabia	17,913	0.1%	9,477	0.1%	23,884	0.2%
Singapore	487,612	3.7%	323,583	3.1%	372,577	3.8%
South Africa	648,067	5.0%	610,534	5.8%	737,736	7.5%
Spain	1,675,780	12.8%	854,735	8.1%	794,085	8.1%
Sri Lanka	16,756	0.1%	42,658	0.4%	51,329	0.5%
Swaziland	6,780	0.1%	3,915	0.0%	2,021	0.0%
Sweden	43,244	0.3%	41,519	0.4%	40,555	0.4%
Switzerland	49,737	0.4%	28,733	0.3%	27,665	0.3%
Taiwan	25,303	0.2%	52,597	0.5%	24,778	0.3%
Thailand	294,932	2.3%	106,906	1.0%	117,363	1.2%
Tunisia	8,244	0.1%	39,861	0.4%	69,090	0.7%
UAE	4,072,509	31.2%	3,375,782	32.0%	2,548,794	25.9%
UK	374,646	2.9%	508,288	4.8%	385,357	3.9%
USA	145,527	1.1%	151,722	1.4%	207,552	2.1%
Yemen PDR	2,292	0.0%	7,675	0.1%	4,308	0.0%
Others	311,170	2.4%	215,699	2.0%	865,461	8.8%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note : (1) Figures for 2013 to 2015 are provisional

MAJOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS: QUANTITY & VALUE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, 2014 - 2015

Table 4a

Thousand Rupees

	YEARS		Q U A R T E R S					
	2014(1)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
TOTAL EXPORTS								
Value (R'000 - fob)	4,300,657	989,677	1,217,066	1,000,938	1,092,976	999,168	775,444	756,958
of which:								
FRESH & FROZEN FISH								
Quantity (tonnes)	623	25	149	45	405	200	249	316
Value (R'000)	15,304	333	2,846	1,747	10,379	10,646	4,075	4,650
of which:								
Sri Lanka	907	174	733	0	0	1,457	2,261	4,648
Reunion	0	0	0	0	0	924	0	0
UK	0	0	0	0	0	1,809	0	0
Russian Federation	8,069	0	2,112	1,324	4,632	5,723	0	0
Others	6,328	159	0	422	5,747	733	1,813	3
OTHER FISH								
Quantity (tonnes)	117	1	44	0	71	35	95	71
Value (R'000)	11,894	695	4,104	0	7,095	2,705	4,731	5,483
of which:								
France	11,178	0	4,083	0	7,095	1,816	3,542	5,244
Sri Lanka	21	0	21	0	0	134	440	0
Russian Federation	0	0	0	0	0	652	591	0
Others	695	695	0	0	0	104	158	239
CANNED TUNA								
Quantity (tonnes)	32,352	7,725	8,986	7,664	7,977	9,009	7,061	7,316
Value (R'000)	4,051,350	947,202	1,140,636	952,814	1,010,698	925,367	715,717	702,597
of which:								
France	1,626,805	479,913	490,158	360,552	296,182	532,605	210,797	262,537
Italy	779,553	185,365	265,070	191,441	137,676	101,863	174,085	101,958
UK	1,402,294	240,866	320,088	339,723	501,617	232,484	280,303	281,944
Others	242,698	41,057	65,319	61,099	75,223	58,415	50,533	56,158
FISH OIL AND FATS								
Quantity (tonnes)	770	100	322	26	321	171	178	342
Value (R'000)	39,696	3,670	13,702	1,961	20,363	10,809	7,797	10,613
Switzerland	30,673	2,217	8,104	1,961	18,391	9,827	5,110	3,749
Iceland	7,855	1,453	4,430	0	1,972	554	2,686	6,491
Others	1,168	0	1,168	0	0	428	0	373
FISH MEAL(ANIMAL FEED)								
Quantity (tonnes)	6,883	1,582	1,841	1,681	1,780	2,021	1,381	1,681
Value (R'000)	97,302	20,460	23,580	23,785	29,477	33,476	21,534	24,488
of which:								
Australia	9,506	3,764	2,041	1,438	2,263	3,618	1,567	2,900
Ghana	19,187	5,086	4,910	4,348	4,843	1,615	0	0
Japan	35,839	2,592	9,312	10,333	13,602	16,925	6,704	11,957
Sri Lanka	24,598	8,501	7,317	3,959	4,821	6,893	7,764	8,241
Others	8,172	517	0	3,708	3,947	4,424	5,498	1,389
SEA CUCUMBER								
Quantity (tonnes)	61	14	29	9	10	9	23	6
Value (R'000)	41,019	8,070	19,825	5,714	7,411	7,106	17,261	4,409
of which:								
Hong Kong	40,691	8,070	19,825	5,386	7,411	7,106	17,261	4,409
Singapore	328	0	0	328	0	0	0	0
MEDICAMENTS & MEDICAL APPLIANCES								
Quantity (tonnes)	11	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
Value (R'000)	29,548	6,752	7,964	8,537	6,296	3,918	0	43
of which:								
Belgium	23,718	5,665	7,841	7,916	2,295	3,699	0	0
Singapore	617	19	0	598	0	208	0	0
USA	978	310	0	0	668	0	0	0
Others	4,236	757	123	23	3,333	11	0	43
OTHER EXPORTS	14,544	2,496	4,409	6,381	1,257	5,140	4,330	4,676

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note: (1) Figures for 2014 and 2015 are provisional

VALUE OF EXPORTS (FOB) BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, 2013 - 2015

Table 4b

Thousand Rupees / % of total

Country	2013		2014(1)		2015 (1)	
	Jan-Dec		Jan - Sep		Jan - Sep	
Total	4,505,129	100.0%	3,207,681	100.0%	2,531,570	100.0%
Australia	9,425	0.2%	8,112	0.3%	8,087	0.3%
Bahrain	1,244	0.0%	74	0.0%	0	0.0%
Belgium	15,057	0.3%	21,423	0.7%	4,501	0.2%
China	0	0.0%	401	0.0%	0	0.0%
Cyprus	4,535	0.1%	2,648	0.0%	3,237	0.0%
Denmark	65,691	1.5%	70,300	2.2%	53,228	2.1%
Egypt	537	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Finland	40,458	0.9%	16,466	0.5%	16,125	0.6%
France	1,963,426	43.6%	1,334,728	41.6%	1,016,540	40.2%
Germany	16,149	0.4%	5	0.0%	13,511	0.5%
Ghana	7,702	0.2%	14,344	0.4%	1,615	0.1%
Hong Kong	44,104	1.0%	42,913	1.3%	38,016	1.5%
Iceland	4,838	0.1%	5,883	0.2%	9,731	0.4%
India	1,325	0.0%	221	0.0%	381	0.0%
Italy	731,608	16.2%	641,885	20.0%	377,905	14.9%
Japan	45,740	1.0%	22,304	0.7%	35,587	1.4%
Kazakstan	3,906	0.1%	2,608	0.1%	3,131	0.1%
Kenya	0	0.0%	723	0.0%	96	0.0%
Latvia	12,242	0.3%	7,690	0.2%	4,643	0.2%
Libya	14,494	0.3%	3,581	0.1%	3,560	0.1%
Madagascar	6,026	0.1%	1,075	0.0%	12	0.0%
Malta	4,672	0.1%	1,209	0.0%	1,123	0.0%
Mauritius	7,495	0.2%	1,401	0.0%	1,333	0.1%
Netherlands	64,607	1.4%	55,171	1.7%	38,952	1.5%
Reunion	4,578	0.1%	5,358	0.2%	3,120	0.1%
Russia	54	0.0%	3,559	0.1%	7,018	0.3%
Singapore	721	0.0%	961	0.0%	208	0.0%
South Africa	2,062	0.0%	240	0.0%	2,564	0.1%
Sri Lanka	29,071	0.6%	20,710	0.6%	31,838	1.3%
Switzerland	27,406	0.6%	12,285	0.4%	18,686	0.7%
Taiwan	2,957	0.1%	1,450	0.0%	10,953	0.4%
Thailand	816	0.0%	40	0.0%	26	0.0%
Turkey	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,004	0.0%
UAE	4,716	0.1%	1,299	0.0%	3,911	0.2%
UK	1,346,796	29.9%	900,844	28.1%	796,639	31.5%
USA	3,820	0.1%	345	0.0%	0	0.0%
Vietnam	1,311	0.0%	735	0.0%	590	0.0%
Others	15,544	0.3%	4,691	0.1%	23,699	0.9%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note : (1) Figures for 2014-2015 are provisional

VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, 2013 - 2015

Table 5

Thousand Rupees

	YEARS			Q U A R T E R S						
	2013 (1)	2014(1)	2015(1)	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
Total	<u>2,466,067</u>	<u>2,577,804</u>	<u>1,580,974</u>	<u>649,444</u>	<u>571,229</u>	<u>637,878</u>	<u>719,253</u>	<u>551,295</u>	<u>473,389</u>	<u>556,289</u>
Petroleum products	2,331,464	2,423,516	1,402,813	629,323	532,516	602,116	659,561	520,416	431,846	450,552
Other re- exports	134,603	154,288	178,161	20,122	38,713	35,762	59,692	30,879	41,543	105,738

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes: (1) Figures for 2013 to 2015 are provisional

TRADE WITH SELECTED ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES, 2013 - 2015

Table 6

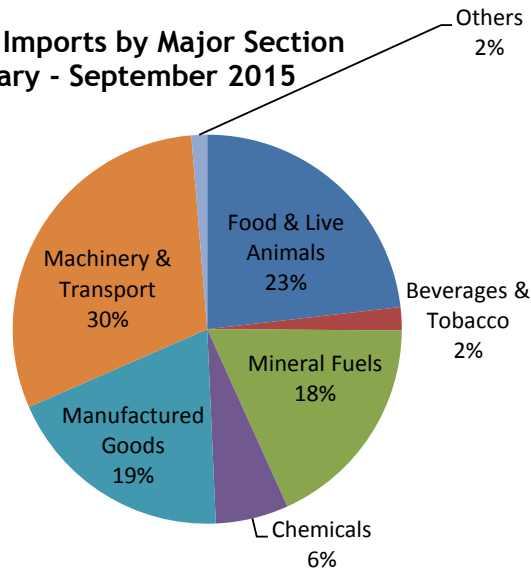
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	IMPORTS			DOMESTIC EXPORTS		
	2013 (1) Jan - Dec	2014(1) Jan - Sep	2015(1) Jan-Sep	2013 (1) Jan - Dec	2014(1) Jan - Sep	2015(1) Jan - Sep
EU	3,871,239	3,233,739	3,226,623	4,266,693	3,047,480	2,332,701
IOC	502,733	416,963	459,904	18,099	7,834	4,465
COMESA	619,469	501,117	562,851	28,552	6,779	4,999
SADC	1,155,248	1,025,296	1,207,548	15,583	2,715	3,909
ASEAN	2,444,175	639,094	709,526	8,151	1,736	836
<i>ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOTAL</i>	8,592,864	5,816,209	6,166,451	4,337,078	3,066,544	2,346,910
GRAND TOTAL	13,051,224	10,534,356	9,845,382	4,505,129	3,207,681	2,531,570
	<i>Percentage Share of Total Imports</i>			<i>Percentage Share of Total Exports</i>		
EU	29.7%	30.7%	32.8%	94.7%	95.0%	92.1%
IOC	3.9%	4.0%	4.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%
COMESA	4.7%	4.8%	5.7%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
SADC	8.9%	9.7%	12.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
ASEAN	18.7%	6.1%	7.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
<i>ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOTAL</i>	65.8%	55.2%	62.6%	96.3%	95.6%	92.7%

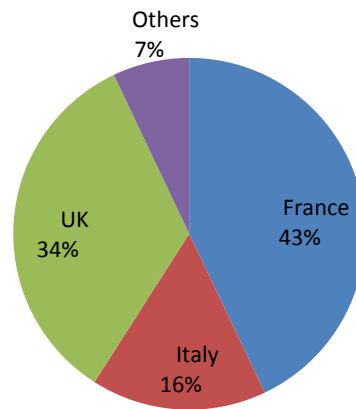
Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes: (1) Figures for 2013 - 2015 are provisional.

**Chart 1: Imports by Major Section
January - September 2015**



**Chart 2: Exports of Canned Tuna by Destination
January - September 2015**



**Chart 3: Imports from Selected Economic Communities
January - September 2015**

