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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This issue of Quarterly Merchandise Trade Statistics highlights key indicators for Quarter 1 of 2016.

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) 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**

### **2016 Q1 (Tables 1and 1b)**

The total imports for the first quarter of 2016 were valued at SR3254.7 million, a decrease of 5.3% compared to the same period of 2015. Comparing the figure for 2016 to that of 2015, the total value of Domestic Exports decreased from SR999.2 million to 859.9 million reflecting a decrease of 13.9%. An increase of 1.5% was recorded in the value of Re-exports, from 551.2 million in 2015 to SR559.3 million in 2016.

The net effect was a trade deficit valued at SR 1,835.4 million or a 5.3% decrease compared to 2015.

### **Imports (Tables 2a and 2b)**

During the first quarter of 2016, imports decreased in monetary value by SR180.4 million which was 5.3% below quarter one of 2015.

### **Value of imports by major sections, January - March 2016/2015**

In 2016 Food and Live Animals accounted for 27% of imports valued of SR865.7 million. This was 10.6% more than in 2015. 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 46% of imports in this category. Imports of Cereals and Cereal Preparations and Meat and Meat Preparations accounted for 13% and 16% respectively.

Imports of Beverages and Tobacco accounted for 2% of the total import bill in 2016 being 18% higher than in 2015. The imports of Tobacco and Tobacco Manufactures decreased by 63% whereas the imports of Beverages increased by 21% compared to 2015.

Imports of Mineral Fuels were valued at SR 493.0 million and this was 12% lower than in 2015.

Imports of Chemicals for 2016 were valued at SR 183.6 million and this was 17% lower than in 2015. Of this value, SR 66.9 million represents the imports of Medical and Pharmaceutical products, which was 34% lower than in 2015.

Manufactured Goods accounted for 21% of total import bills in 2016. This represented an increase of 2% compared to 2015.

Manufactures of Metals accounted for 34% of the manufactured goods. Non-metallic Mineral Manufactures was (19%), Textile Fabrics (2%), Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories (24%) and Wood Manufactures (21%). The import of Textile Manufactures was 14% lower than in the same period of 2015. The import of Manufactures of Metal and Wood Manufactures were 3% and 1% higher than in the same period of 2015.

Imports of Machinery and Transport accounted for 28% of the total import bills for 2016 and this was 16% lower than in 2015. The imports of road vehicles accounted for SR205.5 million which is an increase of 75% compared to 2015.

#### **Domestic Exports (Table 4)**

In 2016 domestic exports attained a value of SR 859.9 million. This was 13.9% lower than in 2015. The value of exports of canned tuna decreased by 12% from SR 925.3 million in 2015 to SR 806.3 million in 2016. The exports of fresh and frozen fish decreased by 17.8% compared to 2015. Exports of fish meal were valued at SR17.3 million in 2016 representing a decrease of 48.1%. Exports of sea cucumber were valued at SR11.2 which is an increase of 58.1% compared to 2015.

#### **Re-exports (Table 5)**

The value of re-exports for 2016 stood at SR 559.4 million, representing an increase of 1.5% compared to 2015. Of this, SR 385.3 million were re-exports of petroleum products to ships and aircraft. Other re-exports were valued at SR 174 million, representing an increase of 463.6% compared to 2015.

#### **Trade with Selected Economic Communities (Table 6)**

Table 6 highlights trade with key Economic Communities of interest. In quarter 1 of 2016 57.5% of our imports from the Economic Communities, namely, the European Union (EU), 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 these communities, imports from the EU was the highest with a value of SR 940.8 million accounting for 28.9% of total imports.

In the case of domestic exports, 94.6% was towards the Economic Communities with exports to the EU topping the list with a value of SR 802.9 million which accounted for 93.4% of total exports.

During the first quarter of 2016, Seychelles registered a positive Balance of Trade<sup>1</sup> with several EU member states.

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<sup>1</sup> Balance of Trade is calculated as value of (Exports + Re-exports) less Imports

## SUMMARY OF EXTERNAL TRADE 1996 - 2016

**Table 1a**

**Thousand Rupees**

Year/Quarter	Imports (c.i.f)	Domestic Exports (f.o.b.)	Re-exports (f.o.b.)	Balance of trade (1)
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
2015	13,195,845	3,284,319	2,234,614	-7,676,912
<b>2013(3)</b>				
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
<b>2014(3)</b>				
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
<b>2015(3)</b>				
Q1	3,435,152	999,168	551,295	-1,884,689
Q2	3,569,335	775,444	473,389	-2,320,502
Q3	2,873,224	756,958	556,289	-1,559,977
Q4	3,318,134	752,749	653,640	-1,911,745
<b>2016(3)</b>				
Q1	3,254,740	859,990	559,366	-1,835,384

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 (excluding insurance and international freight charges)

(3) Figures for 2013 to 2016 are provisional

## BALANCE OF TRADE 2015 - 2016

Table 1b

	Jan - Mar 2015 (1)	Jan - Mar 2016 (1)	% Change 2016/2015
	(SR million)	(SR million)	
Imports	3,435.2	3,254.7	-5.3%
Exports	999.2	860.0	-13.9%
Re - Exports	551.3	559.4	1.5%
To Ships & Aircrafts	520.4	385.3	-26.0%
Other	30.9	174.0	463.6%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes:

(1) Figures for 2015 and 2016 are provisional

VALUE OF IMPORTS BY HS SECTION AND DIVISION 2015 - 2016

Table 2a

Thousand Rupees

HS Section and Division (1)	2015(3)	QUARTERS				
		2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,195,845</b>	<b>3,435,152</b>	<b>3,569,335</b>	<b>2,873,224</b>	<b>3,318,134</b>	<b>3,254,740</b>
<b>0</b>						
<b><u>Live animal products, live trees and plants, Vegetable products and fruits</u></b>	<b>2,076,079</b>	<b>547,018</b>	<b>479,530</b>	<b>574,083</b>	<b>475,447</b>	<b>605,610</b>
01 Live animals	3,614	1,025	241	1,347	1,000	1,632
02 Meat and edible meat offal	236,218	58,259	52,788	62,120	63,050	73,336
03 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,297,155	349,576	286,024	379,463	282,092	370,624
04 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	241,445	64,264	70,716	56,111	50,354	64,840
05 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included	1,857	318	1,088	38	412	362
06 Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like; cut flower and ornamental foliage	2,805	924	702	291	886	883
07 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	147,220	38,848	31,794	35,324	41,255	49,516
08 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	114,445	28,469	27,489	29,845	28,641	36,787
09 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	31,320	5,333	8,688	9,543	7,756	7,629
<b>1</b>						
<b><u>Cereals, milling products, Animal or vegetable fats and oils, preparations of meat fish and pastrycooks products</u></b>	<b>624,874</b>	<b>165,714</b>	<b>155,163</b>	<b>149,209</b>	<b>154,789</b>	<b>191,808</b>
10 Cereals	96,471	27,375	27,227	20,778	21,092	30,346
11 Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; insulin; wheat gluten	56,152	14,962	15,049	11,776	14,366	13,336
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	9,489	2,885	2,594	2,542	1,467	1,308
13 Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	329	17	114	50	149	23
14 Vegetable plaiting materials; Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included	619	15	6	10	588	54
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	190,079	50,542	47,414	50,826	41,298	68,824
16 Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	76,352	20,997	15,001	19,113	21,242	26,094
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery	47,357	11,175	13,750	10,675	11,757	11,051
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	40,339	9,456	9,019	8,445	13,419	12,927
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	107,687	28,292	24,991	24,993	29,411	27,844

	HS Section and Division (1)	QUARTERS					2016 Q1
		2015(3)	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Preparation of Vegetables, Beverages, Spirits, Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substances, mineral products organic and inorganic chemicals or components</u></b>	<b><u>3,062,866</u></b>	<b><u>728,467</u></b>	<b><u>880,951</u></b>	<b><u>690,054</u></b>	<b><u>763,394</u></b>	<b><u>660,763</u></b>
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruits nuts or other parts of plants.	141,000	31,953	44,764	31,709	32,574	33,611
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations.	104,675	26,757	24,435	25,406	28,077	21,872
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar.	284,587	60,701	64,804	59,019	100,064	73,212
23	Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder.	51,340	12,051	11,040	11,902	16,347	13,664
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.	13,442	1,996	4,310	948	6,187	745
25	Salts; sulphur; earth and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement.	81,904	22,356	18,265	21,869	19,414	15,809
26	Ores, slag and ash.	147	22	125	0	0	101
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes.	2,345,457	562,428	699,726	532,150	551,153	493,049
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes.	25,806	7,469	9,418	3,571	5,348	5,543
29	Organic chemicals.	14,508	2,733	4,064	3,481	4,231	3,158
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Products of the chemical or allied industries N.E.S. Plastics and articles thereof</u></b>	<b><u>817,829</u></b>	<b><u>198,556</u></b>	<b><u>214,748</u></b>	<b><u>191,009</u></b>	<b><u>213,516</u></b>	<b><u>198,013</u></b>
30	Pharmaceutical products.	107,490	25,322	31,931	28,572	21,665	20,199
31	Fertilisers.	6,564	1,242	1,035	1,561	2,725	878
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes; pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks.	105,030	27,959	27,205	21,931	27,934	28,602
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations.	128,535	34,250	27,815	29,414	37,056	28,114
34	Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental preparations with a basis of plaster.	111,478	23,525	32,797	29,853	25,302	28,780
35	Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes.	13,545	3,984	2,498	4,284	2,779	3,716
36	Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations.	7,244	2,960	2,522	713	1,048	691
37	Photographic or cinematographic goods.	3,518	216	327	966	2,009	744
38	Miscellaneous chemical products.	64,604	15,444	17,715	13,663	17,783	16,513
39	Plastics and articles thereof.	269,822	63,653	70,902	60,052	75,215	69,777

	HS Section and Division (1)	2015(3)	QUARTERS				
			2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
4	<b><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></b>	<b><u>636,074</u></b>	<b><u>170,209</u></b>	<b><u>153,867</u></b>	<b><u>143,720</u></b>	<b><u>168,278</u></b>	<b><u>175,646</u></b>
40	Rubber and articles thereof.	90,849	20,748	21,243	28,215	20,643	26,532
41	Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather.	43	9	6	12	15	3
42	Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut).	23,742	6,169	5,366	4,816	7,392	4,771
43	Furskins and artificial fur, manufactures thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal.	237,811	65,492	67,458	48,576	56,285	63,716
45	Cork and articles of cork	97	35	18	11	32	61
46	Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork.	6,805	919	1,546	1,548	2,793	1,525
47	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous celluloisic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard.	711	175	185	133	217	13
48	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paper board.	217,651	61,935	45,324	49,738	60,654	64,839
49	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans.	58,366	14,726	12,720	10,673	20,246	14,186
5	<b><u>Textiles and textile articles</u></b>	<b><u>102,530</u></b>	<b><u>15,337</u></b>	<b><u>46,090</u></b>	<b><u>10,448</u></b>	<b><u>30,654</u></b>	<b><u>13,120</u></b>
50	Silk	1,474	450	612	156	255	69
51	Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric	377	0	6	16	355	6
52	Cotton	5,515	1,708	592	1,246	1,969	1,578
53	Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn woven fabrics of paper yarn.	279	41	104	0	135	55
54	Man-made filaments.	3,888	1,817	477	813	781	667
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,777	1,016	1,913	1,354	1,494	875
56	Wadding felt and nonwovens; special yarn ; twine, cordage, rope and cable and articles thereof.	62,999	5,937	36,453	3,059	17,549	5,760
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings.	11,849	1,820	2,859	2,024	5,146	2,352
58	Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery.	3,038	1,223	236	542	1,038	302
59	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use.	7,333	1,325	2,838	1,237	1,932	1,455



	HS Section and Division (1)	QUARTERS					2016 Q1
		2015(3)	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Knitted or crocheted, articles of apparel, miscellaneous manufactured articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or sim or similar materials</u></b>	<b><u>391,954</u></b>	<b><u>92,610</u></b>	<b><u>109,076</u></b>	<b><u>87,070</u></b>	<b><u>103,197</u></b>	<b><u>83,597</u></b>
60	Knitted or crocheted fabrics.	471	239	82	71	80	186
61	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.	67,816	16,240	21,694	13,862	16,021	10,992
62	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.	43,945	7,148	12,890	11,045	12,862	10,652
63	Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags.	77,906	18,368	19,267	16,134	24,138	13,678
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like ; parts of such articles.	42,144	9,056	10,468	9,511	13,109	11,460
65	Headgear and parts thereof.	7,448	2,261	1,361	2,226	1,600	1,927
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof.	7,745	1,709	1,420	2,641	1,975	1,624
67	Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair.	1,636	233	366	369	667	190
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials.	52,588	13,647	13,710	12,243	12,987	12,616
69	Ceramic products.	90,253	23,709	27,818	18,968	19,758	20,272
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Glass and glassware, pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, metals and articles thereof, base metals and articles thereof</u></b>	<b><u>820,766</u></b>	<b><u>241,312</u></b>	<b><u>202,255</u></b>	<b><u>179,787</u></b>	<b><u>197,413</u></b>	<b><u>253,641</u></b>
70	Glass and glassware.	63,866	12,665	16,292	18,965	15,944	18,577
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin.	23,538	8,643	4,503	2,328	8,063	9,287
72	Iron and steel.	304,482	108,798	64,371	68,143	63,169	93,967
73	Articles of iron or steel.	325,249	90,043	83,271	66,682	85,252	96,823
74	Copper and articles thereof	22,045	3,678	6,922	6,310	5,135	3,911
75	Nickel and articles thereof.	89	14	14	11	50	3
76	Aluminium and articles thereof.	80,728	17,352	26,563	17,214	19,599	31,006
77	(Reserved for possible future use in the Harmonized System).						0
78	Lead and articles thereof.	229	74	48	95	13	0
79	Zinc and articles thereof.	541	46	269	39	187	66
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Tin other base metals and articles thereof, cutlery, Machinery and mechanical appliances</u></b>	<b><u>4,025,568</u></b>	<b><u>1,098,750</u></b>	<b><u>1,146,910</u></b>	<b><u>731,527</u></b>	<b><u>1,048,382</u></b>	<b><u>925,110</u></b>
80	Tin and articles thereof	66	0	66	0	0	5
81	Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof.	0	0	0	0	0	0
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks of base metals; parts thereof of base metal.	43,393	9,670	10,775	10,501	12,448	9,837
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal.	226,765	73,360	53,410	48,099	51,896	63,797

	HS Section and Division (1)	2015(3)	QUARTERS				
			2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.	1,263,070	482,526	253,483	230,324	296,737	288,179
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.	954,045	169,185	397,312	189,744	197,805	183,202
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	4,267	412	762	677	2,417	638
87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof.	543,985	117,277	118,576	126,490	181,642	205,519
88	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof.	194,662	108,848	27,964	24,723	33,128	22,482
89	Ships, boats and floating structures.	795,315	137,473	284,563	100,969	272,309	151,453
9	<b><u>Commodities and other transactions not classified elsewhere</u></b>	<b><u>637,305</u></b>	<b><u>177,180</u></b>	<b><u>180,745</u></b>	<b><u>116,317</u></b>	<b><u>163,063</u></b>	<b><u>147,433</u></b>
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof.	203,950	75,505	56,350	36,499	35,596	46,680
91	Clocks and watches and parts and accessories thereof.	10,319	1,222	1,406	1,815	5,875	2,815
92	Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles.	3,129	889	730	443	1,067	912
93	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	554	36	448	46	24	103
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.	316,165	80,153	94,694	57,292	84,026	78,997
95	Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof.	64,312	11,050	11,606	12,078	29,578	10,800
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	25,287	5,951	6,637	6,212	6,486	5,179
97	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.	13,588	2,373	8,874	1,931	411	1,948
98	(Reserved for special use by Contraction Parties)						
99	Miscellaneous importations (including 93 arms, ammunitions; parts and accessories thereof)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Notes:

(1) Harmonized System

(2) Includes imports cleared provisionally pending final documentation

(3) Figures for 2015 and 2016 are provisional

**VALUE OF IMPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS, JANUARY - MARCH 2016/2015**

**Table 2b**

	Q1 2015 (1)		Q1 2016 (1)		% Change 16/15
	SR million	%	SR million	%	
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>3,435.2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,254.7</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Food & Live Animals	782.6	22%	865.7	20%	11%
Beverages & Tobacco	62.7	2%	74.0	2%	18%
Mineral Fuels	562.4	27%	493.0	20%	-12%
Chemicals	220.6	5%	183.6	6%	-17%
Manufactured Goods	672.9	16%	684.6	19%	2%
Machinery & Transport	1,089.1	26%	915.3	32%	-16%
Others	44.8	1%	38.5	1%	-14%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note: (1) Figures are provisional

**VALUE OF IMPORTS (cif) BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, 2014-2016**

**Table 3**

Thousand Rupees / % of total

Country	2014		2015(1)		2016 (1)	
	Jan - Dec		Jan - Mar		Jan - Mar	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,554,560</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,424,317</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,254,740</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Australia	92,098	0.6%	22,021	0.6%	37,286	1.1%
Austria	19,550	0.1%	8,416	0.2%	3,359	0.1%
Belgium	134,103	0.9%	20,807	0.6%	23,993	0.7%
Brazil	176,677	1.2%	23,128	0.7%	39,791	1.2%
Canada	198,408	1.4%	4,234	0.1%	5,193	0.2%
China	593,155	4.1%	103,330	3.0%	130,321	4.0%
Denmark	34,750	0.2%	8,121	0.2%	14,970	0.5%
Egypt	72,595	0.5%	22,300	0.7%	26,350	0.8%
France	1,294,091	8.9%	389,908	11.4%	220,427	6.8%
Germany	183,086	1.3%	133,305	3.9%	47,539	1.5%
Hong Kong	75,841	0.5%	13,074	0.4%	10,136	0.3%
India	531,275	3.7%	120,900	3.5%	170,988	5.3%
Indonesia	88,387	0.6%	15,660	0.5%	16,582	0.5%
Ireland	46,967	0.3%	7,252	0.2%	11,626	0.4%
Israel	33,410	0.2%	1,841	0.1%	1,615	0.0%
Italy	365,191	2.5%	95,748	2.8%	79,412	2.4%
Japan	125,152	0.9%	43,778	1.3%	68,461	2.1%
Kenya	41,629	0.3%	6,834	0.2%	10,653	0.3%
Korea (South)	280,142	1.9%	82,549	2.4%	75,026	2.3%
Madagascar	30,563	0.2%	47,280	1.4%	8,747	0.3%
Malaysia	182,271	1.3%	35,576	1.0%	48,096	1.5%
Mauritius	546,332	3.8%	140,905	4.1%	123,583	3.8%
Netherlands	262,491	1.8%	46,952	1.4%	71,322	2.2%
New Zealand	72,446	0.5%	12,484	0.4%	11,838	0.4%
Pakistan	69,644	0.5%	12,828	0.4%	12,436	0.4%
Qatar	5,943	0.0%	32	0.0%	71	0.0%
Reunion	12,589	0.1%	5,522	0.2%	500	0.0%
Russian Fed.	5,973	0.0%	970	0.0%	886	0.0%
Saudi Arabia	12,146	0.1%	1,903	0.1%	1,348	0.0%
Singapore	444,039	3.1%	132,258	3.9%	110,609	3.4%
South Africa	898,693	6.2%	178,103	5.2%	271,439	8.3%
Spain	1,148,047	7.9%	308,948	9.0%	265,110	8.1%
Sri Lanka	60,359	0.4%	13,706	0.4%	18,953	0.6%
Swaziland	6,219	0.0%	41	0.0%	89	0.0%
Sweden	59,074	0.4%	12,333	0.4%	22,483	0.7%
Switzerland	56,136	0.4%	9,038	0.3%	19,657	0.6%
Taiwan	109,776	0.8%	5,569	0.2%	9,230	0.3%
Thailand	178,131	1.2%	43,301	1.3%	40,331	1.2%
Tunisia	43,329	0.3%	25,450	0.7%	45,850	1.4%
UAE	4,643,741	31.9%	821,234	24.0%	854,656	26.3%
UK	725,365	5.0%	151,490	4.4%	150,807	4.6%
USA	208,214	1.4%	93,024	2.7%	48,626	1.5%
Yemen PDR	7,679	0.1%	4,284	0.1%	4	0.0%
Others	378,854	2.6%	197,877	5.8%	124,340	3.8%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note: Figures are provisional

## MAJOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS: QUANTITY &amp; VALUE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, 2015 - 2016

Table 4a

Thousand Rupees

	YEAR	Q U A R T E R S				
	2015(1)	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1 (1)
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>						
Value (R'000 - fob)	3,284,319	999,168	775,444	756,958	752,749	859,990
of which:						
<b>FRESH &amp; FROZEN FISH</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	1,164	200	249	316	400	554
Value (R'000)	31,026	10,646	4,075	4,650	11,655	8,750
of which:						
Sri Lanka	19,044	1,457	2,261	4,648	10,678	6,836
Reunion	1,044	924	0	0	120	0
UK	1,937	1,809	0	0	128	0
Russian Federation	5,723	5,723	0	0	0	0
Others	3,278	733	1,813	3	728	1,915
<b>OTHER FISH</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	226	35	95	71	26	29
Value (R'000)	13,834	1,950	4,731	5,483	1,670	1,855
of which:						
France	12,256	1,816	3,542	5,244	1,654	1,517
Sri Lanka	573	134	440	0	0	0
Russian Federation	591	0	591	0	0	0
Others	413	0	158	239	15	339
<b>CANNED TUNA</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	30,750	9,009	7,061	7,316	7,364	8,829
Value (R'000)	3,032,100	925,367	715,717	702,597	688,419	806,266
of which:						
France	1,232,478	532,605	210,797	262,537	226,539	336,865
Italy	476,909	101,863	174,085	101,958	99,004	140,844
UK	1,103,403	232,484	280,303	281,944	308,672	209,074
Others	219,310	58,415	50,533	56,158	54,203	119,483
<b>FISH OIL AND FATS</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	885	171	178	342	195	209
Value (R'000)	40,641	10,809	7,797	10,613	11,422	8,747
Switzerland	28,181	9,827	5,110	3,749	9,495	5,701
Iceland	11,658	554	2,686	6,491	1,927	990
Others	801	428	0	373	0	2,056
<b>FISH MEAL(ANIMAL FEED)</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	6,283	2,021	1,381	1,681	1,201	1,281
Value (R'000)	96,297	33,476	21,534	24,488	16,800	17,384
of which:						
Australia	9,221	3,618	1,567	2,900	1,136	2,283
Ghana	1,615	1,615	0	0	0	0
Japan	37,512	16,925	6,704	11,957	1,926	2,893
Sri Lanka	31,312	6,893	7,764	8,241	8,413	6,872
Others	16,636	4,424	5,498	1,389	5,324	5,337
<b>SEA CUCUMBER</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	65	9	23	6	27	16
Value (R'000)	45,706	7,106	17,261	4,409	16,930	11,237
Hong Kong	45,706	7,106	17,261	4,409	16,930	10,960
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	277
<b>MEDICAMENTS &amp; MEDICAL APPLIANCES</b>						
Quantity (tonnes)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Value (R'000)	3,961	3,918	0	43	0	0
of which:						
Belgium	3,699	3,699	0	0	0	0
Singapore	208	208	0	0	0	0
USA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	53	11	0	43	0	0
<b>OTHER EXPORTS</b>	20,756	5,896	4,330	4,676	5,855	5,751

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note: (1) Figures are provisional

**VALUE OF EXPORTS (FOB) BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, 2014 - 2016**

**Table 4b**

Thousand Rupees / % of total

Country	2014 (1) Jan - Dec		2015(1) Jan - Mar		2016 (1) Jan - Mar	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,300,657</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>999,168</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>859,990</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Australia	10,375	0.2%	3,621	0.4%	2,283	0.3%
Bahrain	74	0.0%	0	0.0%	764	0.1%
Belgium	23,718	0.6%	4,128	0.4%	377	0.0%
China	936	0.0%	0	0.0%	28	0.0%
Cyprus	4,071	0.1%	1,139	0.1%	874	0.0%
Denmark	99,987	2.3%	29,544	3.0%	20,292	2.4%
Egypt	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Finland	29,625	0.7%	4,248	0.4%	7,249	0.8%
France	1,633,343	38.0%	534,420	53.5%	338,392	39.3%
Germany	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	64,003	7.4%
Ghana	19,187	0.4%	1,615	0.2%	0	0.0%
Hong Kong	52,681	1.2%	9,654	1.0%	14,412	1.7%
Iceland	7,855	0.2%	554	0.1%	990	0.1%
India	308	0.0%	14	0.0%	0	0.0%
Italy	779,561	18.1%	101,863	10.2%	140,844	16.4%
Japan	35,906	0.8%	16,925	1.7%	2,893	0.3%
Kazakstan	4,006	0.1%	1,211	0.1%	970	0.1%
Kenya	945	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Latvia	9,100	0.2%	0	0.0%	3,030	0.4%
Libya	3,581	0.1%	3,560	0.4%	0	0.0%
Madagascar	8,133	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Malta	3,829	0.1%	1,123	0.1%	916	0.1%
Mauritius	1,682	0.0%	829	0.1%	2,225	0.3%
Netherlands	76,146	1.8%	14,933	1.5%	17,814	2.1%
Reunion	6,705	0.2%	2,009	0.2%	0	0.0%
Russia	8,194	0.2%	6,378	0.6%	924	0.1%
Singapore	961	0.0%	208	0.0%	277	0.0%
South Africa	363	0.0%	1,617	0.2%	80	0.0%
Sri Lanka	25,531	0.6%	8,484	0.8%	13,707	1.6%
Switzerland	30,676	0.7%	9,827	1.0%	5,701	0.7%
Taiwan	4,296	0.1%	4,424	0.4%	2,719	0.3%
Thailand	40	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Turkey	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UAE	5,069	0.1%	2,289	0.2%	230	0.0%
UK	1,403,274	32.6%	234,304	23.4%	209,099	24.3%
USA	1,013	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Vietnam	1,468	0.0%	185	0.0%	0	0.0%
Others	8,011	0.2%	62	0.0%	8,184	1.0%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note : (1) Figures provisional

VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS, 2014 - 2016

Table 5

Thousand Rupees

	YEARS		QUARTERS				
	2014(1)	2015(1)	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,577,804</b>	<b>2,234,614</b>	<b>551,295</b>	<b>473,389</b>	<b>556,289</b>	<b>653,640</b>	<b>559,366</b>
Petroleum products	2,423,516	1,875,735	520,416	431,846	450,552	472,922	385,340
Other re- exports	154,288	358,879	30,879	41,543	105,738	180,718	174,026

Source: National Bureau of Statistics

Note: (1) Figures provisional

TRADE WITH SELECTED ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES, 2014 - 2016

Table 6

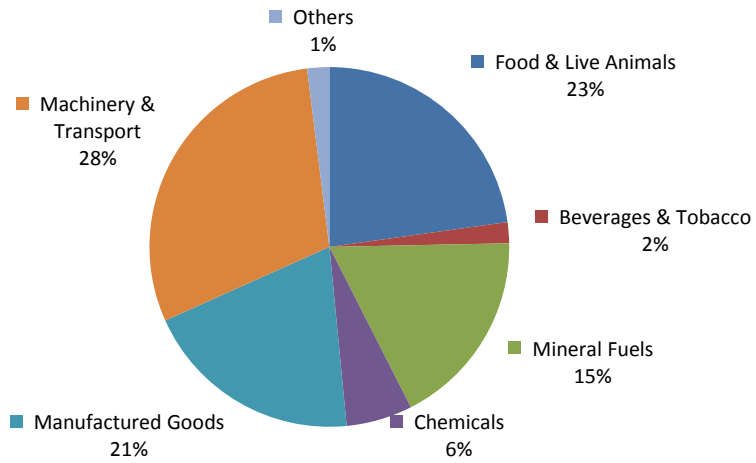
Thousand Rupees

	IMPORTS			DOMESTIC EXPORTS		
	2014 Jan - Dec	2015(1) Jan - Mar	2016(1) Jan-Mar	2014 Jan - Dec	2015(1) Jan - Mar	2016(1) Jan - Mar
EU	4,334,634	1,213,541	940,783	4,065,459	925,702	802,891
IOC	589,484	193,708	132,831	16,521	2,838	2,225
COMESA	701,939	240,508	171,687	14,341	4,388	2,225
SADC	1,490,743	378,767	404,599	10,182	2,446	2,305
ASEAN	924,077	228,390	222,639	2,469	404	3,960
<b>ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOTAL</b>	<b>8,040,862</b>	<b>2,254,913</b>	<b>1,872,538</b>	<b>4,108,972</b>	<b>935,778</b>	<b>813,606</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>14,554,560</b>	<b>3,424,317</b>	<b>3,254,740</b>	<b>4,300,657</b>	<b>999,168</b>	<b>859,990</b>
	<i>Percentage Share of Total Imports</i>			<i>Percentage Share of Total Exports</i>		
EU	29.8%	35.4%	28.9%	94.5%	92.6%	93.4%
IOC	4.1%	5.7%	4.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
COMESA	4.8%	7.0%	5.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
SADC	10.2%	11.1%	12.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
ASEAN	6.3%	6.7%	6.8%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%
<b>ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOTAL</b>	<b>55.2%</b>	<b>65.9%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

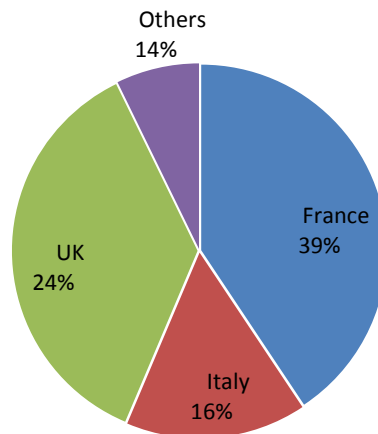
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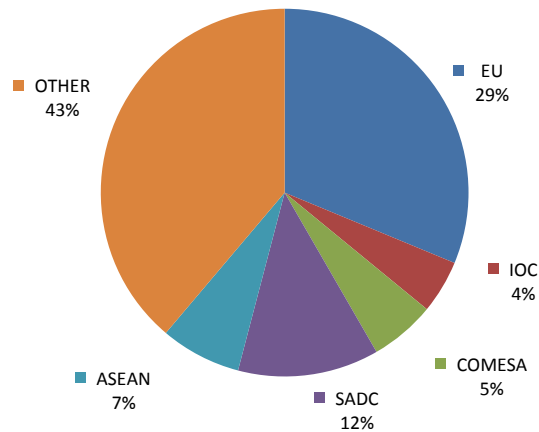
**Chart 1: Imports by Major Section  
January - March 2016**



**Chart 2: Exports of Canned Tuna by Destination  
January - March 2016**

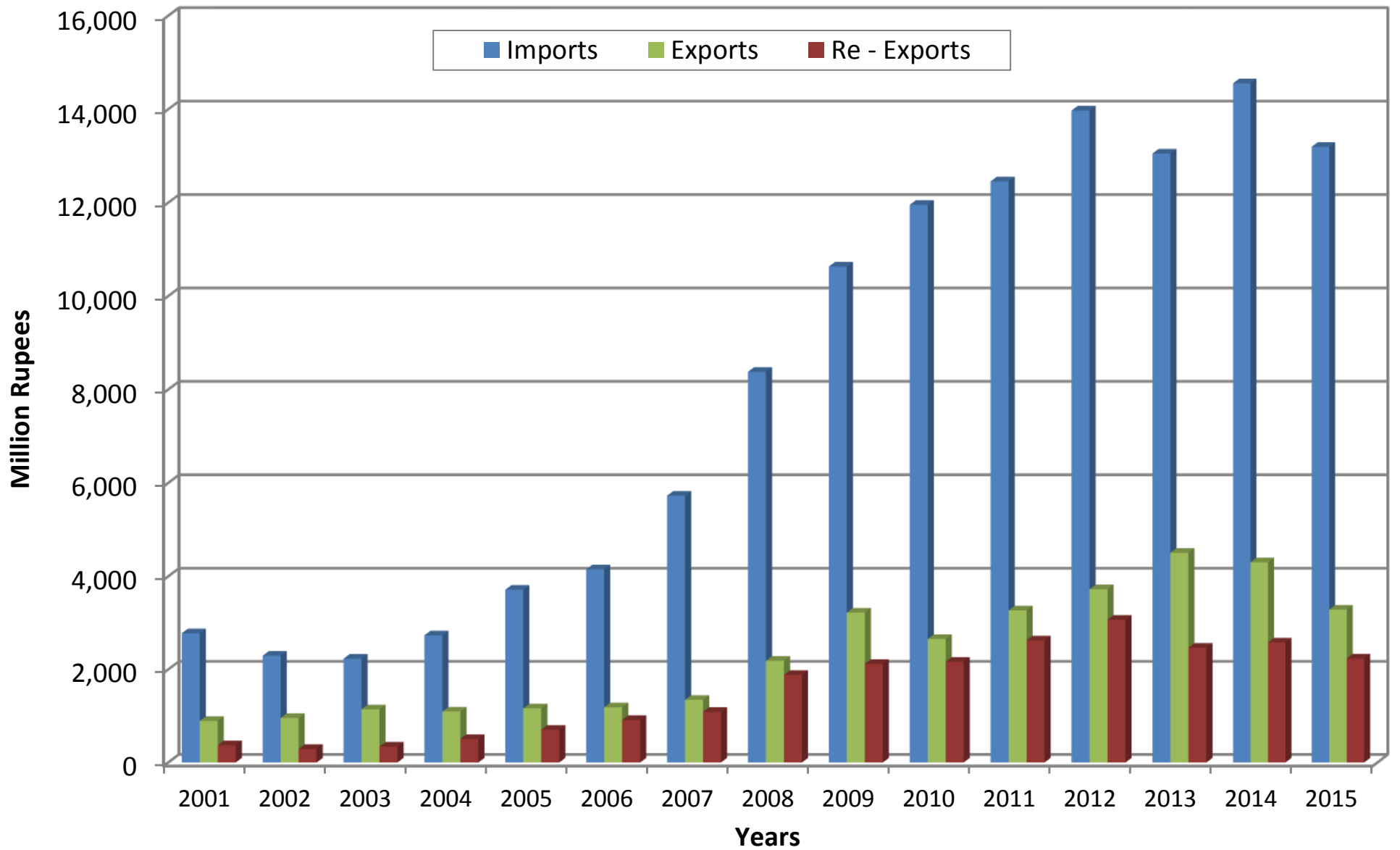


**Chart 3: Imports from Selected Economic Communities  
January - March 2016**





**Chart 4: Balance of Trade 2001 - 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 consists 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 also uses non-customs data from selected traders for complete coverage.

#### 5. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Merchandise Trade Bulletin with data for quarter 2 of 2016 will be released on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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