

External Trade Statistics – First Quarter 2022 experienced a rise in Total Merchandise Trade

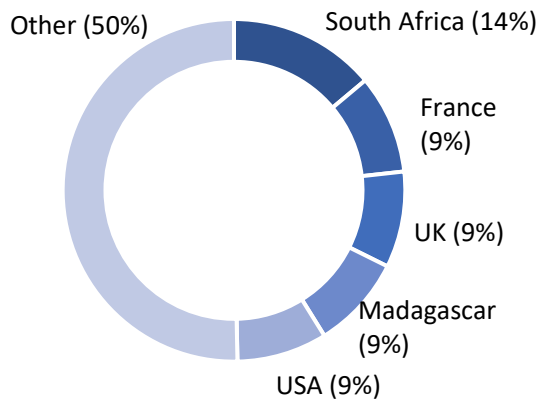
Total exports for the first quarter of 2022 including domestic exports, re-exports and excluding ships' stores and bunkers amounted to MUR 17.6 billion, 18% more compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021. Domestic exports amounting to MUR 13.0 billion, accounted for 73% of total exports in the first quarter of 2022. When comparing to the corresponding quarter of 2021, domestic exports show an increase of 11%.

Mauritius Exports to the World

In the first quarter of 2022, the main export destinations remained the Europe representing 40% of our total exports to the world, followed by Africa with a share of 34% of our total exports to the world. It can be noted that South Africa has ranked first in our total exports of goods with an export value of MUR 2.4 billion, representing 14% of our total exports to the world. This was mainly attributed to an increase in the value of textile and clothing products. The other destinations include France (9%), UK (9%), Madagascar (9%), USA (9%) and Spain (5%) amongst others. Our main product of exports include textile and garments, processed tuna and sugar amongst others.

In 1st Quarter 2022, South Africa ranked first and accounted for 14% of our Total Exports to the World

**Top 5 Export Markets
1st Quarter 2022**



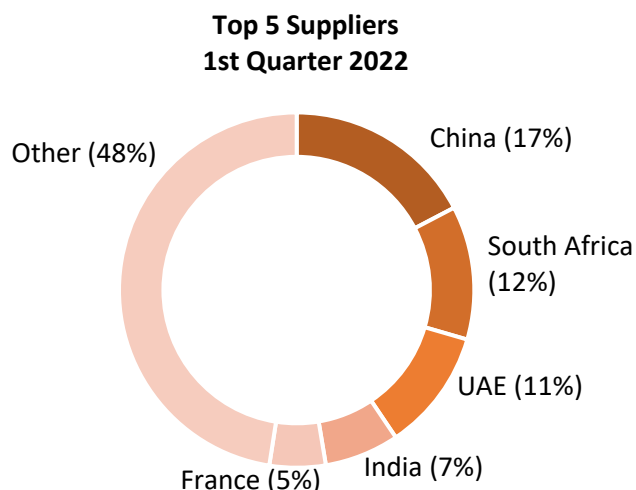
**Main Exports to the World
1st Quarter 2022**

Product Category	Value (MUR Million)	Share over Total Export
Articles of Apparel and clothing accessories	4,262	24%
Fish & Fish Preparations	2,977	17%
Cane Sugar	1,682	10%
Textile yarns and fabrics	1,424	8%
Chemicals and related products	1,004	6%
Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones	974	6%
Medical instruments and appliances	389	2%
Other	4,966	28%

Mauritius Imports from the World

Total imports for the first quarter 2022 amounted to MUR 61.9 billion, showing an increase of 40% when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021. Our top suppliers are China (17%), South Africa (12%), UAE (11%), India (7%) and France (5%) amongst others.

Petroleum products remained our main product of imports from the world. It is worth noting that UAE has been our main supplier of petroleum products for the last few years. Other commodities imported include motor vehicles, telecommunications equipment, fish and fish preparation, textile yarns and fabrics amongst others.



Main Imports from the World 1st Quarter 2022

Product Category	Value (MUR Million)	Share over Total Imports
<i>Refined petroleum products</i>	9,981	16%
<i>Motor vehicles</i>	3,645	6%
<i>Telecommunications equipment</i>	2,610	4%
<i>Fish and fish preparations</i>	2,503	4%
<i>Textile yarn and fabrics</i>	1,868	3%
<i>Iron and steel</i>	1,796	3%
<i>Medicinal and pharmaceutical products</i>	1,765	3%

Based on recent past trends and information from various sources, Statistics Mauritius has forecasted total exports for 2022 at around MUR 100 billion and imports at MUR 270 billion (which include imports of one-off item). A trade deficit for 2022 is forecasted at around MUR 170 billion, 28% higher as compared to around MUR 133 billion in 2021.

The full report of the External Trade Statistics for the first quarter 2022 can be accessed [here](#).