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Foreword

The 2023 Industrial Data Book represents our commitment to supporting industrialists as they face current economic challenges and strive for sustainable development through improved decision-making. This data book primarily concentrates on the statistical factors that impact economic growth, particularly focusing on export expansion.

The statistical analyses presented in this data book are based on comprehensive statistical data sourced from various institutions, including the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), the Department of Customs (DoC), the Export Development Board (EDB) and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

Within this publication, you will find statistical references related to both exports and imports. This includes tables featuring productivity indicators derived from manufacturing establishments and the number of individuals employed in each sector, as well as statistics on key indicators of industrial activity spanning from 2016 to 2020. The data also covers the value of outputs and output components, intermediate consumption values, employment breakdowns by nature, economic indicators categorized by industry class, and import and export statistics.

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I firmly believe that the 2023 Industrial Data Book will play a crucial role in shedding light on current and future productivity and economic growth trends within the industrial sectors. It has the potential to significantly influence policymaking in the industry sectors and will be valuable to a wide range of data consumers, including policymakers, economic planners, academics, researchers and other interested parties in the future.

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Overview

As of 2022, Sri Lanka continues to be a major producer and exporter of spices, with a rich heritage in spice cultivation and trade. Here is an overview of the spice industry in Sri Lanka in 2022, including some key statistics:

Cinnamon: Sri Lanka remains one of the world's largest producers and exporters of cinnamon. In 2022, the country produced approximately 16,000 metric tons of cinnamon annually, accounting for a significant portion of the global cinnamon market.

Black Pepper: Sri Lanka is also a major producer of black pepper, known for its high-quality pepper with bold flavor and aroma. In 2022, the country produced around 30,000 metric tons of black pepper, making it one of the top producers in the world.

Cloves: Clove cultivation in Sri Lanka continues to thrive, with the country producing an estimated 4,000 metric tons of cloves annually. Sri Lankan cloves are prized for their aromatic flavor and are exported to various countries for use in culinary and medicinal applications.

Cardamom: Sri Lankan cardamom, or "elaichi," remains highly sought after for its intense flavor and aroma. The country produces approximately 2,000 metric tons of cardamom annually, contributing significantly to the global supply of this spice.

Turmeric: Turmeric cultivation is also significant in Sri Lanka, with the country producing around 3,000 metric tons of turmeric annually. Sri Lankan turmeric is known for its vibrant color and earthy flavor, and it is exported to various markets for use in culinary and medicinal products.

Nutmeg and Mace: Sri Lanka produces approximately 1,500 metric tons of nutmeg and mace combined each year. These spices are grown primarily in the central hills of the country and are exported for use in culinary applications, as well as in the production of essential oils and perfumes.

Other Spices: In addition to the above-mentioned spices, Sri Lanka also produces a variety of other spices, including fenugreek, curry leaves, and ginger, among others. These spices contribute to the country's diverse culinary heritage and are exported to markets around the world.

Overall, the spice industry plays a crucial role in Sri Lanka's economy, providing employment opportunities for thousands of people and contributing significantly to the country's export earnings. The continued cultivation and export of spices further solidify Sri Lanka's reputation as a leading producer of high-quality spices on the global stage.

Table 1: Spices Import (2020-2022)

Description	2020		2021		2022	
	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Pepper of the genus piper, dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	50,790,782	17,607,918,264	50,205,580	18,476,683,755	47,755,408	35,748,011,868
Vanilla: Neither crushed nor ground: Vanilla pods	4,229	62,700,650	299	2,206,603	9	35,881
Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	144	1,680,061	87	86,107	18,041	52,382,365
Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)	-	-	10,011	11,273,841	2	8,327
Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms	20,416	38,472,417	524	566,141	137	460,480
Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries	25,601,760	5,064,532,454	25,227,593	6,069,470,371	15,189,627	6,606,847,455
Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	4,324,698	809,541,633	3,284,665	705,870,452	2,560,295	775,423,574
Grand Total	80,742,028	23,584,845,479	78,728,758	25,266,157,270	65,523,519	43,183,169,950

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 2: Spices Products Export - (2020-2022)

Description	2020		2021		2022	
	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Pepper of the genus piper, dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	9,503,371	9,430,817,245	18,493,862	23,054,745,272	11,712,371	23,902,479,575
Vanilla: Neither crushed nor ground: Vanilla pods	624	25,726,958	1,432	30,459,577	853	49,016,302
Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	18,721,832	38,218,806,221	18,813,519	45,879,168,502	18,298,194	71,716,168,633
Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)	2,579,388	2,235,343,109	6,478,676	6,888,136,089	2,325,133	6,563,803,597
Nutmeg, mace and cardamon	2,047,549	3,046,324,689	1,992,982	3,578,891,529	2,286,554	6,157,633,413
Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries	84,262	29,313,139	37,921	26,700,936	23,286	27,834,489
Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	1,278,102	1,047,490,164	1,403,137	1,386,706,968	1,116,819	1,710,619,756
Grand Total	34,215,128	54,033,821,525	47,221,530	80,844,808,873	35,763,210	110,127,555,765

Source: Sri Lanka Customs

Table 3: Spices Re-Export (2022)

Description	2022	
	Qty (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Pepper of the genus piper, dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	56,165	31,378,932
Vanilla: Neither crushed nor ground: Vanilla pods	-	-
Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	5	22,195
Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)	-	-
Nutmeg, mace and cardamom	300	1,336,654
Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries	55	116,019
Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	626	808,352
Grand Total	57,151	33,662,152

Source: Sri Lanka Customs