

# **DISSEMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS (IMTS) IN BOTSWANA**

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## Introduction

- IMTS Dissemination done mainly through production of statistical reports posted on [www.cso.gov.bw](http://www.cso.gov.bw)
- Also done through availing data in various formats to various users

- **IMTS Reports**

- Three main Reports published by CSO

- ✓ External Trade Monthly Digest

- ✓ External Trade Quarterly Digest

- ✓ External Trade Annual Report

## ✓ **External Trade Monthly Digest**

- ❖ Released on 25<sup>th</sup> of second month after reference period
- ❖ Carries monthly data for the most recent three years
- ❖ Carries data on total trade, principal commodity groups, direction of trade & most traded commodities

## ✓ **External Trade Quarterly Digest**

- ❖ Released three months after the reference period
- ❖ Carries summaries of IMTS for total trade, principal imports/exports and direction of trade for most recent five quarters
- ❖ Carries data for the four digit HS for both imports and exports
- ❖ Also carries data on SITC, BEC and ISIC

## ✓ **External Trade Annual Report**

- ❖ To be released nine months after the reference period but not always possible due to staff constraints
- ❖ Carries data for variables contained in both the Monthly & Quarterly Digest but on annual basis
- ❖ Carries data for the most recent two years

✓ **Other CSO Reports that carry summaries of IMTS**

- ❖ Statistics Update published quarterly
- ❖ Botswana in Figures published yearly
- ❖ Botswana Statistical Year Book

*Thank you*