



UNITED NATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS  
STATISTICS DIVISION

**Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics  
Second meeting  
New York, 3-6 November 2009**

## **Agenda**

### **Tuesday, 3 November 2009**

#### **Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30**

9:00 – 9:30

1. Registration

9:30 – 10:30

2. Opening statement by Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD
3. Objectives and organization of the meeting
4. Administrative matters
5. Adoption of agenda

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

6. Status of the revision process
7. The results of the second stage of the world wide consultation on IMTS2010
8. Introduction to IMTS2010

#### **Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00**

14:00 – 15:30

9. Chapter I Scope and time of recording
  - (a) General guideline

(b) Goods to be included

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

9. (cont.)

(c) Goods to be excluded

(d) Goods for exclusion but to be separately recorded

(e) Time of recording

**Wednesday, 4 November 2009**

**Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30**

9:00 – 10:30

10. Chapter II Trade system

11. Chapter III Commodity Classifications

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

12. Chapter IV Valuation

13. Chapter V Quantity measurement

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14. Chapter VI Partner country

15. Chapter VII Mode of transport

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

16. Chapter VIII Data compilation strategies

(a) Customs records

**Thursday, 5 November 2009**

**Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30**

9:00 – 10:30

16. (cont.)

- (b) Non customs sources of data
- (c) Institutional arrangements

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

17. Chapter IX Data quality and metadata

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- 18. Chapter X Dissemination
- 19. Chapter XI Supplementary topics
- 20. Annex A - F

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00

21. IMTS2010 implementation and the EG-IMTS work programme

- (a) Revision of *IMTS Compilers Manual* and the related research agenda
- (b) Revision of *Statistical Territories of the World for Use in IMTS*

**Friday, 6 November 2009**

**Morning session: 9:00 – 12:30**

9:00 – 10:30

21. (cont.)

- (c) Technical assistance activities
- (d) Cooperation with the BOP/SITS and SNA compilers

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 12:30

22. EG-IMTS work programme for 2010-2012

**Afternoon session: 14:00 – 17:00**

14:00 – 15:30

- 23. Evaluation of the meeting
- 24. Conclusion of the meeting