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## Agenda item 15: Chapter VII Mode of Transport



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## What' s new

- 1. This is a new Chapter.*
- 2. 2-digit categories of classification for the compilation and reporting of the trade data by the mode of transport is suggested.*
- 3. The classification supports international comparability.*
- 4. The classification allows maximum flexibility to countries to implement.*

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### Main messages

- 1) Para 7.1 It is recommended that countries compile and disseminate international merchandise trade statistics by mode of transport at the most detailed commodity level.
- 2) Para 7.2 Countries are encouraged to use the suggested main categories (1-digit) and the detailed (2-digit) categories
- 3) Para 7.3 The classification is not intended to limit the flexibility of countries to implement.
- 4) Para 7.4 To compile mode of transport not only as the means of transport when crossing the border, but in addition according to different criteria such as for example the predominant mode of transport.

## Results of the 2nd Round of Worldwide Consultation

- Majority welcome this new chapter and the suggested classification.
- An important and good addition to the recommendation.
- Several countries view information on mode of transport as of bad quality, or suggested that the recommendation to be better placed in the Compilers Manual.

# Thank you for your attention!