



UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
STATISTICS DIVISION

Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
First meeting
New York, 3-6 December 2007

Country Presentation
Brazil

Item 9: Imports CIF and FOB

**Expert Group Meeting on International
Merchandise Trade Statistics
First meeting – New York – 3-6 December 2007**

**HOW TO PRODUCE
STATISTICS ON IMPORTS FOB?**

The Brazilian Experience

Why to produce imports fob ?

◆ With the current globalization and the growing need to examine bilateral trade, the data production of import fob, with the greatest level of detail possible as information (by the addition of the Declaration of Import), is essential to identify the likely comparative differences.

◆ When you compare statistics of two countries, the idea is to compare the flow (export and import) using the same valuation (incoterm) and, as most of the data are in export FOB, it is essential to have data fob imports, in order to not find unrealistic differences.

Why to produce imports fob ?

◆ Likewise, statistical data of import fob are widely used by central banks in balances of payment and systems of national accounts. When a country does not produce statistics for imports FOB, it uses statistical methods based on experiences that usually distort bilateral figures, mainly because these models do not take into account the characteristics of products traded, distance, mode of transport and so on.

◆ In Brazil, all foreign trade operations are automated through the Integrated System of Foreign Trade – SISCOMEX -, involving the three bodies responsible for Brazilian foreign trade: Ministry of Finance, Secretary of Foreign Trade and Central Bank of Brazil, each with their own specific activities.

◆ On the next slides, I will present how we obtain the imports fob data in Brazil using that System.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ **STEP 1 - The importer access the SISCOMEX and supplies all business information, including incoterm used in the condition of purchase, typing all the values in the same condition;**

◆ **STEP 2 – Internally, the system evaluates the information provided and converts, systemically, all incoterms to the value of the goods at the place of boarding, equivalent to the FOB value.**

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ **STEP 3 - Once a declaration of import contains more than one commodity, the system makes the distribution of additional costs in accordance with the incoterm used. If you have only one product, the distribution of costs is direct;**

STEP 4 - We take as an example a statement on the condition of import purchasing CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) and with several additions (more than a commodity):

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆STEP 5 - The distribution of freight is made in proportion to the net weight of each commodity;

◆STEP 6 - The distribution of the insurance is made in proportion to the value of each commodity.

With the steps 5 and 6, we have, for example:

Value of imports CIF: 10,000

Net weight in kg: 10,000

Total amount of freight: 1,000

Total value of insurance: 1,000

Number of goods of DI: 5 items of the HS

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ STEP 8 - Value of each Addition:

- Commodity 1 - Value of imports CIF: 1,000
Net weight in kg: 7,000

- Commodity 2 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000
Net weight in kg: 200

- Commodity 3 - Value of imports CIF: 3,000
Net weight in kg: 1,300

- Commodity 4 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000
Net weight in kg: 1,300

- Commodity 5 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000
Net weight in kg: 200

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆STEP 9 - Distribution of freight (1,000) by Kg

Commodity 1-Value of imports CIF: 1,000

Net weight in kg: 7,000 ->700

Commodity 2-Value of imports CIF: 2,000

Net weight in kg: 200 ->20

Commodity 3-Value of imports CIF: 3,000

Net weight in kg: 1,300 ->130

Commodity 4-Value of imports CIF: 2,000

Net weight in kg: 1,300 ->130

Commodity 5-Value of imports CIF: 2,000

Net weight in kg: 200 ->20

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ STEP 10 - Distribution of Insurance (1,000)

Commodity 1 - Value of imports CIF: 1,000 ->100

Net weight in kg: 7,000

Commodity 2 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000 ->200

Net weight in kg: 200

Commodity 3 - Value of imports CIF: 3,000 ->300

Net weight in kg: 1,300

Commodity 4 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000 ->200

Net weight in kg: 1,300

Commodity 5 - Value of imports CIF: 2,000 ->200

Net weight in kg: 200

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ **STEP 11 - Calculation of FOB value of goods:**

Commodity 1 - Value of imports CIF: $1,000 - 100 - 700 = 200$ fob

Net weight in kg: 7,000

Commodity 2 - Value of imports CIF: $2,000 - 200 - 20 = 1,780$ fob

Net weight in kg: 200

Commodity 3 - Value of imports CIF: $3,000 - 300 - 130 = 2,570$ fob

Net weight in kg: 1,300

Commodity 4 - Value of imports CIF: $2,000 - 200 - 130 = 1,570$ fob

Net weight in kg: 1,300

Commodity 5 - Value of imports CIF: $2,000 - 200 - 20 = 1,780$ fob

Net weight in kg: 200

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE

How to produce statistics on imports fob? The Brazilian experience.

◆ **Additionally, that methodology can be applied on a manual system of statistics production or on hybrid systems (papers and automatic systems).**

The IMTS recommendation (Ver.2)

Par. 116. To promote the comparability of international merchandise trade statistics and taking into account the commercial and data reporting practices of the majority of countries, it is recommended that:

- (a) *The statistical value of imported goods* be a CIF-type value;

Par. 121. It is recommended that countries which use CIF-type values of imports make efforts to collect separately data for freight and insurance, at the most detailed commodity/partner level possible, in order to derive the FOB-type values needed for national accounts and balance of payments statistics. When such data are not available directly, countries may wish to obtain them through sampling.

New IMTS recommendation (Ver.3) (suggest)

Par. 116(?). To promote the comparability of international merchandise trade statistics, for national accounts and balance of payments statistics and taking into account the commercial and data reporting practices of countries, it is recommended that:

- (a) *The statistical value of imported goods* be a FOB - type value;

Par. 121(?). It is recommended that countries which use CIF-type values of imports make efforts to collect separately data for freight and insurance, at the most detailed commodity/partner level possible, in order to derive the FOB - type values needed. When these data are not available directly, countries may wish to obtain them through sampling or applying the method of distribution used by several countries, available in Annex "nn".

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN TRADE



SECEX

SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN TRADE

Lecturer

Paulo Roberto Pavão

General Coordinator of Production Statistics

Department of Planning and Development of Foreign Trade

Secretariat of Foreign Trade

Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade

E-mail: paulo.pavao@desenvolvimento.gov.br

Telef.: 00 55 61 – 2109-7677

Fax.: 00 55 61 – 2109-7268