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Item 5: Need for Revision



Statistics Canada IMTS Rev 3 ?



IMTS Rev 2 published in 1998, and in the interim;

1. Globalization:

- Increased interest in effects;
- Changes in production/distribution processes: e.g. manufacturing outsourcing.

2. Intra-firm trade:

- Increasing interest in identifying/studying such trade;
- Valuation questions

Reasons

3. Linkages to other data:

- Industry
- Employment

4. Need for review of coverage definitions due to complex global movement of goods

5. Increasing technological complexity: review of include/exclude guidelines (e.g. software definitions)

6. Other complexities (e.g. non-resident importers/exporters)