

## Partner country

Short note to Agenda item 11 from Norway

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## UN recommendations

- *Country of origin* is recommended in the case of import,
- *Country of consignment* should be collected as additional information for imports, and
- *Country of last known destination* is recommended to be recorded for exports.

## Norwegian practice

- Norway follows the UN recommendations
  - Foreign trade statistics is largely based on customs data which again are based on the SAD questionnaire
  - Largest export items (oil and gas) not based on customs data
- There is no particular difficulty in handling the information obtained
- Received data may have poor quality and some times be of very little use or very difficult to utilise

## Export Petroleum and Natural gas

- 2/3 of Norwegian exports
- Not included in customs territory
- Data from exporters and government

## Direct landings of fish

- Norway does not get information about export
- Importers probably record import with Norway as country of origin

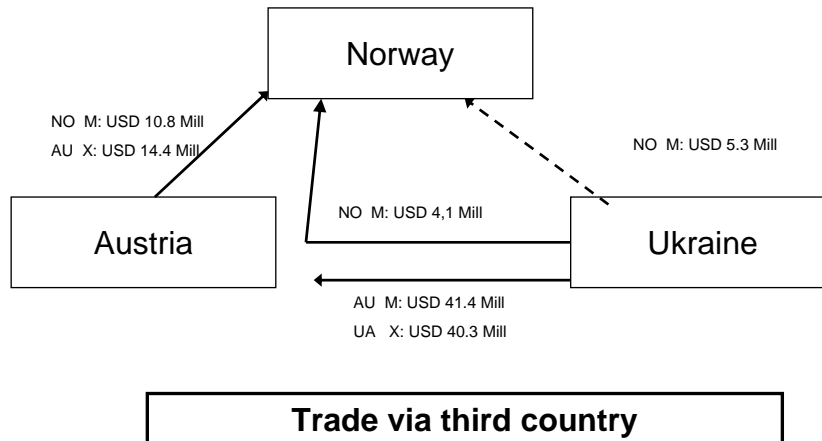
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## Export of salmon

- Trade via third country case:
  - auctions in Denmark, Norwegian exporters do not know the final destination country

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## Skis from Ukraine to Norway



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## Import of teak wood from Burma

- Production added to goods (substantial transformation)
  - We are not able to see in which country the wood has grown

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## BoP/National Accounts

- The BoP accepts partner country distribution as it appears in the foreign trade statistics (e.g. no adjustment for differences in change of ownership – crossing border)
- The BoP needs good quality on partner country to make
  - Mirror analysis
  - Aggregates across countries

## Proposals/Conclusions

- The analytical use of trade by partner country is important
  - Two main user groups
    - ♦ Macroeconomic societies (BoP, trade policy analytics etc)
    - ♦ The market analysts
- Partner country should be recommended produced
  - Demand is greatest for
    - ♦ Country of origin of import and
    - ♦ Country of final destination of export
  - Also demanded
    - ♦ Country of consignment (import and export)

## Final comments

- Poorer quality on partner country statistics as globalisation increases
  - Are today's guidelines for reporting country of origin clear enough?
  - Alternatives to country of origin?
- Demand for statistics on country of consignments on exports
  - How useful?
  - Burden?

Thank you!