



# ***GHANA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS COMPILATION***

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## Sources of Data

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- **Main source:** Customs Declarations
- **Other sources are:**
  - Ghana National Petroleum Authority (Crude import and export)
  - Volta River Authority (export and import of electricity)
  - Minerals Commission (Export of Minerals)
  - Ghana Cocoa Board (Export of cocoa beans)
  - Ghana Export Promotion Authority

## **Sources of Data (cont'd)**

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- **Customs Declarations**

The data from this source are downloaded or extracted via network from the Ghana Customs Management System (GCMS) through the Ghana Community Network System (GCNet)

- **Other Sources**

Data from other sources are obtained through formal requests by GSS to the institutions which produce such data.

# Data Processing

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- The file format for international trade data is Excel. The data are extracted from the Ghana Customs Management System (GCMS) using a software called **Cognus Impromptu**
- The software used for processing the data is **EUROTRACE**

# Output Generation

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- The software used for data generation is the **COMEXT Standalone**
- Data generation is done based on the derived datasets in the database (HS, BEC, SITC)
- Tables generated can easily be exported into Excel or formatted in COMEXT and opened in Excel

# Challenges

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- Misclassification of products
- Quantities not recorded in some cases
- GSS not involved in the sensitization for clearing agents etc

# Way Forward

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- A Technical Committee (comprising Customs, GSS, GEPA, Cocobod, BOG, MoTI, MoFEP) has been setup to review and validate merchandised trade data monthly
- Quarterly meeting of all institutions who make inputs into the production of international trade statistics (Including executives of exporters/Importers Associations, Forwarding Agents)



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**Thank You**