

Seminar on International Trade Statistics

**International Trade in Goods Statistics in  
BiH**

*Chapter X Dissemination*

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## General overview

### Legal basis

- ▶ Law on Statistics of BiH – („Official Gazette of BiH“, No 26/04 and 42/04), the Law on Statistics of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina („Official Gazette of Federation of BiH“, No 63/03) and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska („Official Gazette of Republika Srpska“, No 85/03)
- ▶ Law on Customs Tariff of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Statistical monitoring of the foreign trade is designed fully in accordance with the Law on Customs Policy of BiH („Official Gazette of BiH“, No 57/04 and 51/06), the Law on Customs Tariff of BiH („Official Gazette of BiH“, No 1/98, 5/98, 7/98, 31/02, 19/03, 32/04, 48/05 and 76/06) and the Law on Protection of Personal Data („Official Gazette BiH“, No 49/06)
- ▶ There is no special legislation which regulates this statistics (like for Extrastat and Intrastat)

### Agreements

- ▶ Memorandum on Cooperation with the Indirect Taxation Authority – This document regulates rights and obligations of the Agency for Statistics of BiH and the Indirect Taxation Authority in the process of production of international trade in goods statistics

## General overview

### Methodology

- ▶ International trade in goods statistics data are based on the methodological requirements of:
  - European regulations: European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of 6 May 2009, the implementing Commission Regulation (EU) No 92/2010 of 2 February and implementing Commission Regulation (EU) No 113/2010 of 9 February 2010,
  - “International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions”, United Nations, 1998, 2010,
  - „Statistics on the Trading of Goods: User Guide“, Eurostat, 2006
- ▶ The Agency for Statistics of BiH uses special trade system (relaxed definition) when producing data
- ▶ Statistics are published using CIF type values for imports and FOB type values for exports
- ▶ As regards partner country, it is the country of origin of goods on import side, and country of last known destination on export side

## Confidentiality

- ▶ According to the Law on Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina No 26/04, active confidentiality should be applied
- ▶ It is essential that the necessary amendment to the Law is made to publish data in accordance with passive confidentiality
- ▶ BHAS considers that passive confidentiality will be hard to implement in the revision of the Law on Statistics of BiH

## Assessment of Users need and perception

- ▶ There is regular contact with key institutional user of data (Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Affairs)
- ▶ Specific demands are communicated through direct request for data
- ▶ Plan is to put some detailed data on our website, so users will be able to easily communicate their request through this tool

## Accessibility and Clarity

### Accessibility

- ▶ Various dissemination channels are used in dissemination:
  - Electronic and paper publications
  - Detailed data base
  - Web site

### Clarity

- ▶ Dissemination of trade data is supported by set of metadata
- ▶ Users can also contact statisticians for further clarification

## Timelines and punctuality

- ▶ First results are published cca 20 days after the reference month
- ▶ Data are transmitted to Eurostat within 40 days after the reference month
- ▶ Yearly publication and BiH in figures publication are published cca seven months after reference period
- ▶ The data published and put on the web site represent some very aggregated figures (HS sections, NACE two digit codes, SITC two digit codes, countries, statistical procedures)
- ▶ For detailed data users have to contact the statistical institution

## Data revisions

- ▶ Data are revised yearly, after they become final (normally cca six months after the reference year)
- ▶ Impact of revision in terms of trade is small (cca 1% for both, exports and imports in 2009)

**Thank you for your attention!**