

**Seminar on International Trade Statistics**  
**Implementation of IMTS 2010 and follow-up to the Global Forum**  
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**Agenda items 9 - 12:**  
**Points for discussion:**  
**Implementing IMTS 2010**



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## IMTS 2010 updated and new recommendations

### Scope and time of recording (Chapter I)

- How do you capture trade in ships and aircraft? Do you use change of ownership as criteria for recording of certain goods only in exceptional cases when the general guideline is not applicable or not sufficient (para. 1.4) **New recommendation**
- Will you undertake efforts to separately identify goods for processing (where no change of ownership takes place)? (para. 1.21) **New encouragement**
- Will you undertake efforts to separately identify goods which cross borders as a result of transactions between related parties (para. 1.22)? **New encouragement**
- Will you undertake efforts to include in your trade statistics transactions concerning fish catch, bunkers etc. that take place outside of your economic territory? (where economically or environmentally significant) (paras. 1.31-1.32) **Updated recommendation**

### Trade system (Chapter II)

- Will you follow IMTS 2010 and make clear which elements of the statistical territory exist in your country and are included in the statistical territory (para. 2.3)? **New recommendation**
- Will you include and identify (code) separately reimports and re-exports for analytical purposes (paras. 2.16 and 2.18)? **New recommendation**
- Will you make information about the customs procedure applied to individual transactions part of the dataset for trade statistics (paras. 2.19 and 8.6)? **New recommendation**

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### Commodity Classifications (Chapter III)

- Will you use the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) for the dissemination and the analysis of trade statistics according to user requirements (para. 3.19)? **New recommendation**

### Valuation (Chapter IV)

- **Will you undertake efforts to compile FOB-type value of imported goods as supplementary information in addition to imports valued CIF (para. 4.8)? Updated recommendation**
- Will you undertake efforts to compile separately data for freight and insurance, at the most detailed commodity and partner level possible (para. 4.9)? **Updated encouragement**

### Quantity measurement (Chapter V)

- **Will you undertake additional efforts to estimate, validate and report quantity information in WCO standard units of quantity and in net weight on all trade transactions (para. 5.5)? Updated recommendation**
- Will you provide conversion factors to the recommended standard units in the metadata if units of quantity other than the WCO standard units are used or if units of quantity different from the one recommended for the specific commodity (HS six-digit subheading) are used (para. 5.5 (d))? **Updated recommendation**

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### Partner country (Chapter VI)

- **Will you record the country of consignment as the second partner country for imports in addition to the country of origin; for exports will you compile the country of consignment in addition to the country of last known destination (para. 6.26)? Updated recommendation**
- For the calculation of trade balances will you use imports by country of origin and exports by country of last known destination (para. 6.27)? **New recommendation**

### Mode of transport (Chapter VII)

- **Will you compile and disseminate international merchandise trade statistics by mode of transport at the most detailed commodity level (as a new data dimension) (para. 7.1)? New recommendation**
- Will you clearly indicate the contents of the categories used; will you follow the suggested classification for the compilation and reporting of trade statistics by mode of transport (paras. 7.2-7.3)? **New recommendation**

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- Chapter 17      Mode of transport

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- Chapter 22      Ships and aircraft
- Chapter 23      Other special cases (Goods acquired by all categories of travellers, Media, whether or not recorded, waste, fishing products, leasing, returned goods)
- Chapter 24      Overview of data compilation for national accounts and balance of payment purposes