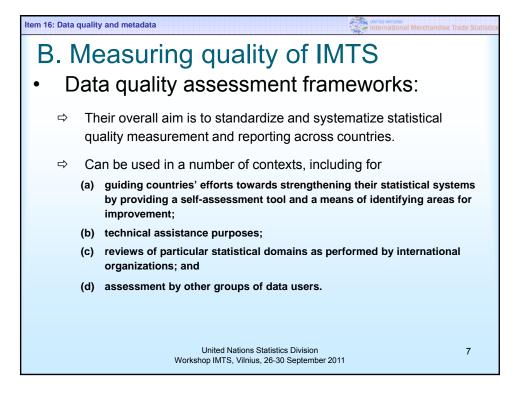
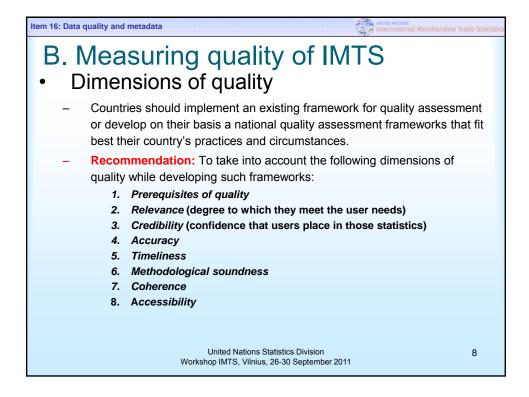
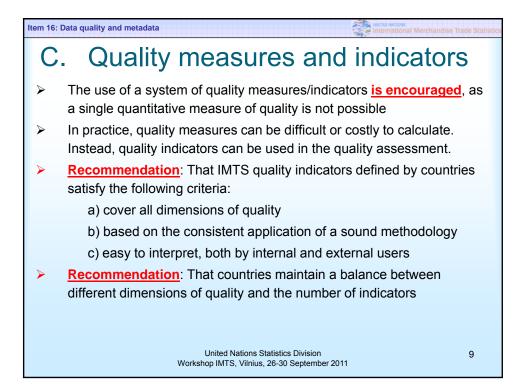


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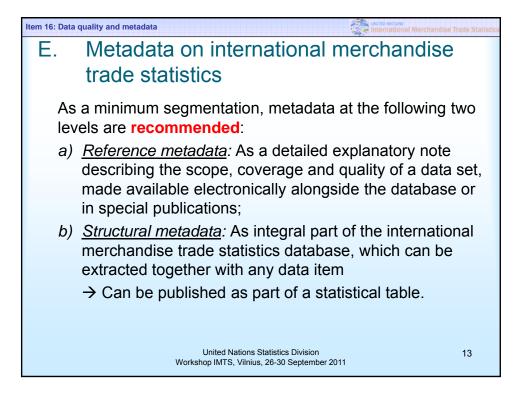


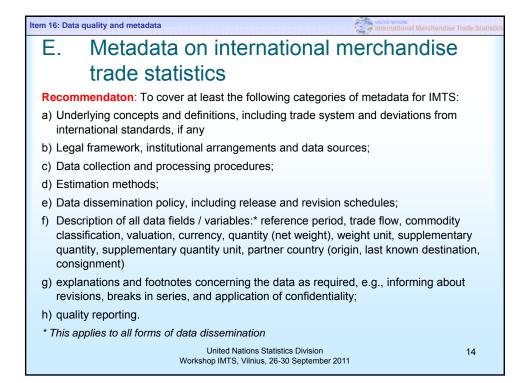


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C. Quality measures and indicators Table 9.1: Suggested indicators for measuring the quality of international merchandise trade statistics		
Quality dimension	Quality measure/indicator	
Relevance	 Gaps between key user interests and compiled international, merchandise trade statistics in terms of concepts, coverage and dets Results of users' satisfaction surveys and meetings with user groups. 	ii1
Accuracy	 Application of reporting thresholds, Under-coverage (% of non-reporting due to thresholds, % of non-reporting due to non-response), Characteristics and frequency of revisions (e.g. as % of total value), Application of confidentiality and its impact, Use of data validation techniques and their impact. In the case of sample surveys-based international merchandise trade estimates, the accuracy can be measured using the following indicators: Sampling errors Non-sampling errors Unit response rate Item response rate 	3
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Item 16: Data quality and metadata

E. Metadata on international merchandise trade statistics

• It is recommended that countries view the development of metadata as a high priority and consider their dissemination an integral part of the dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics.

• Moreover, it is recommended that this is done in compliance with the approach adopted by a given country to metadata across all areas of economic statistics.

• Countries are encouraged to take advantage of the metadata standards proposed by various international organizations while developing their metadata in general and trade metadata in particular.

• Further guidance on metadata for purposes related to international merchandise trade statistics will be elaborated and presented in the updated version of the IMTS Compilers Manual.

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