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- External trade indices,
- Seasonally adjusted data,
  - IMTS2010 and BPM6



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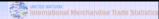
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### A. External trade indices

- It is recommended that all countries produce and publish volume (quantum) indices and either price or unit value indices for their total imports and exports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. Countries are also encouraged to calculate and publish such indices for commodity groups of particular importance to countries at least quarterly and annually.
- Conceptual and compilation issue: Price vs. unit value indices; How to do it.
  - More detailed information and guidance on good practices will be provided in revised IMTS Compilers Manual

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### B. Seasonally adjusted data

- Countries are encouraged to compile and publish, where appropriate, seasonally adjusted monthly and quarterly international merchandise trade data on a regular basis.
- It is recommended that information on the adjustment methods, data quality etc. should be provided by countries in their metadata.

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# Annex F - Conceptual differences between IMTS 2010 and BPM6 Table F.1. Reconciliation between IMTS and total goods on a balance of payment basis Exports Imports Merchandise trade statistics as provided in data source Adjustments, as relevant: For example (with paragraph reference) - Goods sent for or returned after processing without a change of ownership (F.3) + Goods sold abroad after processing in other economies (F.3) - Total goods on a balance of payment basis

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