

**Statistics of International Trade in Services:
Challenges and Good Practices
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A. The system of international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

11.- Is an ITRS system used in your country?

- ❖ No 11 countries
- ❖ Yes 9 countries



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A. The system of international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

12.- Which institution has the primary responsibility to run the ITRS?

- ❖ Central Bank 9 countries
- ❖ National Statistical Office
- ❖ Other institutions



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A. The system of international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

13.- Which data items are collected by ITRS in your country?

- ❖ Type of operations (f.ex. purchase / sale of currency, etc.) 9 countries
- ❖ Purpose of the payment 8 countries
- ❖ Currency used 7 countries
- ❖ Value of the transaction 7 countries
- ❖ Country of the nonresident party 5 countries
- ❖  Other 4 countries

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A. The system of international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

14.- How do you convert currencies?

Data on trade in services are compiled in US\$, using the exchange rate of the transaction date or an average exchange rate of a period calculated by the central bank. In some cases, central banks calculate international parities for this purpose.



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B. Surveys of enterprises

15.- Is there a survey of enterprises used to produce statistics on international trade in services?

- ❖ No 4 countries
- ❖ Yes 16 countries



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B. Surveys of enterprises

16.- Do you have a business register that defines the total population of units in international service trade statistics and provides the basis for sample surveys?

- ❖ No 9 countries
- ❖ Yes 7 countries



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B. Surveys of enterprises

17.- How often is the business register updated?

- ❖ On a continuous basis 5 countries
- ❖ Annually 9 countries
- ❖ Other 3 countries

Some countries update their business registers every semester, 2 or 3 years or in ad-hoc basis



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B. Surveys of enterprises

18.- If your country does not have a business register, how is the survey frame for international service trade derived?

- ❖ Based on periodically updated list of enterprises
6 countries
- ❖ The latest enterprise/establishment census list
3 countries
- ❖ On the basis of administrative register
6 countries
- ❖ By territorial survey
no country
- ❖ Based on the list of enterprises, from various sources prepared specially for the statistical survey for SITS
6 countries



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B. Surveys of enterprises

19.- What is the basic statistical unit used for the compilation of international service trade statistics?

- ❖ Establishment 5 countries
- ❖ Enterprise 12 countries
- ❖ Other way



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C. Other data sources

21.- Does your country use other data sources for compiling SITS like:

❖ Household surveys	2 countries
❖ Cross border visitors surveys	9 countries
❖ Partner countries statistics	1 country
❖ Statistics on commodity trade	13 countries
❖ Other data sources	4 countries

→ administrative records, enterprise reports, public agencies information, others



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