

Towards MSITS 2026

Interim update

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Guiding principles for MSITS revision

INTEGRATION

Provide a holistic view on trade in services

encompassing different statistical frameworks (BOP and FATS) and different dimensions

- How** trade takes place (modes of supply, digital trade...)
- Who** trades (STEC, gender dimension...)
- What** is traded (with additional granularity)

SHARPENING THE FOCUS

Streamlining

MSITS 2010 contains many parts not relevant for trade in services (e.g. other FATS indicators)

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The manual will be

- **Compact:** *'looks at concepts with a compiler's eye'*
- **Modern:** Increased use of visuals when possible
- **Accessible:** to the wider public through clear and simple English language

Outline of new MSITS

1. Introduction

- The rationale for the revision, the structure of the new manual, and a summary of main recommendations

2. A conceptual framework for measuring the international supply of services

- The first part in common with IMTS (basic concepts and definitions, boundaries between goods and services...)
- The second part contains the *conceptual framework for measuring trade in services* in a holistic view (including all the statistical frameworks and dimensions)

3. Services transactions between residents and non-residents

- Same scope as the BPM7 chapter on services. Issues not well covered by BPM7 can be explored and clarified. It will include EBOPS 2026.

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4. International supply of services through commercial presence

- Revamping/shortening current chapter IV, focus on local services supply (not on FATS in general).

5. Towards a holistic measure of trade in services

- This chapter will cover the additional dimensions covered by the conceptual framework: the how, the who and what.

6. Quantitative indicators on the international supply of services

- This new chapter would contain material from current ch V section D, covering mode 3 and mode 4 quantitative indicators plus volume/price measures of services trade.

7. Data quality and dissemination

- Quality assurance framework
- Data dissemination (confidentiality, revisions, seasonal adjustment...)
- Text to be consistent with HIBTS and IMTS

Progress since the TTT meeting in Ankara

- Coordination meetings with IMTS chief editors
- Coordination meetings with chapter leads (since end August).
- Drafting started on:
 - chapter 2 (conceptual framework) well advanced
 - chapter 3 (residents to non-residents transactions) – need to finalize EBOPS!
 - chapter 4 (commercial presence)
 - chapter 7 (from IMTS - data quality assurance framework)
- First draft of subsection on modes of supply ready to be integrated in chapter 5
- Second draft digital trade section (suggestion to keep separate angles IMTS and MSITS)
- First draft of chapters 2, 3, 4 for end September/October to be discussed at TTT tomorrow.
- Chapter 5 as a whole needs more attention/time. Chapter 6 on quantitative indicators (from chap. 5 MSITS 2010) and price/volume measurements progressing well.

Annexes

- **Annex 1 (new): Statistical systems and classifications related to trade in services**
 - Roughly corresponds to current ch II, section C, updated with SNA 2025, BPM7, BD5...
- **Annex 2: EBOPS 2026 (to be finalized)**
 - The relevant content will be carried over from MSITS 2010 and GNV.11 on EBOPS update with some editing for consistency.
- **Annex 3: ISIC rev.5 Categories for Foreign Affiliates in services (ICFA, rev. 2)**
 - ICFA rev 2 to be developed following new ISIC rev. 5
- **Annex 4: extract from GATS**
 - No changes envisaged
- **Annex 5: Services sectoral classification list (W/120)**
 - No changes envisaged
- **Annex 6: Relationships between MSITS 2026 and IRTS 2008**
 - Not many changes envisaged but needs review by UN Tourism

Draft conceptual framework

Figure 2.2 Conceptual Framework for International Supply of Services Statistics

