Collection
Compilation
Dissemination of
External Trade Statistics

Sri Lankan Experience

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## SriLanka _ an introduction

- **Total Area**: Sq.Km 65,610
- **Population**: Mn 20.5
- **Literacy rate**: 95.6
- **Total Exports- 2014**: Rs.Mn. 1,320,916
- **Total Imports- 2014**: Rs.Mn. 2,317,405
- **GDP at Current Price**: Rs Mn. 8,673,870
- **GDP at Constant (2002) price**: Rs Mn. 3,266,099
Authorities involved

Srilanka Post

Srilanka Customs

Department of Census & Statistics

Central Bank of Srilanka

In house branch

Data Source

Compilation Dissemination Analyzation

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External Trade Statistics

Importance

- Analyze the market share
- Find emerging markets
- Measure the impact of foreign competition
- To estimate supply and demand
- Prepare National Accounts
Preperation Of ETS

- METHODOLOGY _IMTS. (International Merchandise Trade Statistics)
- Old Mechanism _Manual Process
- New Mechanism _CDB System
Compilation_Then_upto2009

- Collecting of Customs Entries
- Coding and Checking
- Data Keying and Verifying
- Editing Stage
- Checking with unit values and High Values
Processing of Custom Data _Now_

- Centralized database system
- Data entries
  - made by the custom officers
  - at the respective gates,
  - data is automatically transferred to the database (Online data trans action).
- Data consistency checks
  - performed by the Customs Statistics Branch
  - to ensure accuracy of the entries/data
  - Unit Value consistency checks
  - Extra-ordinary
Process Owners

- **Data Source**
  - Sri Lanka Customs

- **Compilation and Dissemination**
  - Department of Census & Statistics
  - Central Bank of Sri Lanka

- **Analyzing**
  - Department of Census & Statistics
  - Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Activities Coverage

- Imported,
- Exported,
- Re-Exported
- Re-Imported goods for commercial purposes
Commodity Classification based on Harmonized Commodity description and Coding System (HS Code)

- 8 digit HS Code _By maintain WCTC standard
  - unit of measurement for quantity corresponding
  - FOB Values for Exports
  - CIF Values for Imports

Exports including Re-Exports are credit to the country of final destination

Imports and Re-Imports credited to the country of origin
### Commodity Classification:

- Harmonized System Code (HS Code)
- HS Code divided into 10 sections and goes up to 99 chapters
- Commodity Classification goes up to the level of 6 or 8 digits

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Commodity Classification contd:

- **Unit of Measurement**
  - in metric units

- **Valuation**
  - Exports by FOB Values
  - Imports by CIF Values
  - Valuation is based on the Brussels definition of Value

- **Tariff Guide**: "Customs Tariff Guide"
  - Duty,
  - VAT &
  - other levies
Non monetary Gold
Emergency aid
Parcel Post
Trade on Govt. Accounts
Return Goods
Goods under Financial Lease
Ships and Air Crafts
GOODS UNCOVERAGE

- Monetary Gold
- Goods temporarily admitted
- Goods supplied by and to enclaves of foreign governments
- Issued Bank notes and securities
- Goods for Military use
COMPILATION FREQUENCY

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Half Yearly
- Yearly
INDICATORS

1. Exports:
   Measure of goods grown, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka that are shipped to other countries

2. Imports:
   Measure the arrival goods into Sri Lanka from other countries

3. Balance of Trade
   Difference between Exports and Imports
   \( \text{Balance of Trade} = \text{Exports} - \text{Imports} \)
INDICATORS contd....

- Import Ratio
- Export Ratio
- Export Value Index \((2000=100)\)
- Import value Index \((2000=100)\)
- Export unit Value Index \((2000=100)\)
- Import unit value Index \((2000=100)\)
- Terms of Trade
Processing of Custom Data Exemption

- Parcel statistics
  - Similar to the system before 2010
  - Manual system
  - Collection of data through forms by special Customs branch functioning at SLPost
  - Transfer to the Central database Manual Entering
Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Ministries, Departments and Institutions
Foreign Missions
United Nations Statistics Division
Researchers
Planners
Policy makers
People who involved in business matter
Challenges

- Data accuracy
- IMTS2010 implementation
- SL Postal statistics Manual Process
WAY FORWARD

- To Comply fully with IMTS 2010
  - To Compile FOB Value for Imports of goods as supplementary information and compile separate data for Freight and Insurance
  - Manufacturing services for goods owned by others should be identified separately
- Migration of Postal flow into CDB
ECONOMIC CENSUS_1st Time In Sri Lanka

- Collected data are in compliance with
  - SNA 2008
  - ISIC Rev 4 of 2008

- Data Collected at the 2nd phase
  - Output/shipments/sales, percentage exported out of it
  - Value of processing services performed for the enterprises
  - Employment, foreign employment, and salary & wages
  - Stocks and inventory
  - Intermediate consumption
  - Capital participation, percentage of equity owned by Non-residents
  - Assets and Liabilities
  - Location, Type and Nature of Business
  - Other Key Data
Quarterly survey of Industrial Production

- Conducts Quarterly
- Short term trends of Industrial section
- Measures the Industrial performance
- Calculates growth rates of Industries (ISIC 2 Digit Level)
- Uses to calculate quarterly GDP estimates
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