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Agenda item 14: Chapter VI Partner Country



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Chapter VI Partner country

What' s new

It is recommended that in addition to record for imports the country of origin and for exports the country of last known destination, record country of consignment for both imports and exports as well.



Outline of Chapter VI Partner country

A. General

B. Types of partner country attribution

	Imports	Exports
– Country of	Purchase	Sale
– Country of	Consignment	Consignment
– Country of	Shipment	Shipment
– Country of		Last known destination
– Country of	Origin	Consumption

C. Comparison of several alternative methods

	Imports	Exports
– Country of	Purchase	Sale
– Country of	Consignment	Consignment
– Country of	Shipment	Shipment
– Country of	Origin	Consumption

Outline of Chapter VI Partner country (cont.)

D. Recommendations

General Guidelines:

- Para 6.25 Import, the country of origin be recorded
- Para 6.25 Export, the country of last known destination be recorded
- **Para 6.26 Import/Export, the country of consignment is recorded.**

Specific Guidelines:

- Para 6.27 Regarding calculation of trade balances
- Para 6.28 economic territory of the trading partners
- Para 6.29 Trade with itself and trade with Free Zones
- Para 6.30 Countries shall report their data with complete and most detailed partner breakdown.
- Para 6.31 Country of origin for certain types of goods

Quantitative results of the 2nd Round of Worldwide Consultation

Question	Yes in %	No in %
Question 6.2 (regarding chapter VI Partner country): Do you support the additional recommendation in para. 6.26 that country of consignment is recorded as well, for both, imports and exports, recognizing at the same time, that this may not be always feasible and the implementation of this recommendation may be considered by some countries as a rather longer term objective?	77	12
Question 6.3: Do you agree with the new recommendation that for some categories of imported goods the country of purchase might be preferable to country of origin (see para. 6.31)?	73	13

Results of the 2nd Round of Worldwide Consultation - summary

- Most agree on the usefulness of the additional collection of country of consignment.
- It is suggested to only encourage but not to recommend the compilation of country of consignment for exports.
- The proposal to record for some categories of goods the country of purchase is considered as confusing and difficult to implement.



Thank you for your attention!