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Agenda item 16: Chapter VIII Data compilation strategies



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Chapter VIII Data compilation strategies

This chapter is new:

- It contains general recommendations on data sources and institutional arrangements.
- Good practices in this area will be provided in the revised Compilers Manual.

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Outline:

A. Data sources

- Para 8.1: Review of data compilation strategies

Use of customs records

- Para 8.2: Recommendation on the use of customs records
- Para 8.3: Customs declarations
- Para 8.4: Customs procedures
- Para 8.5: Customs procedures under the Kyoto Convention
- Para 8.6-8.7: Recommendation on the information about the customs procedures, use of other customs documents
- Para 8.8: Other transactions (electricity, gas, oil..., transactions outside the customs territory)
- Para 8.9: Use of non customs data

Non customs records

- Para 8.10: Recommendation on the use of non-customs sources
- Para 8.11: Non-customs sources
- Para 8.12: Recommendation in the cases such as enterprise survey
- Para 8.13: Problems and shortcomings of customs and non-customs sources
- Para 8.14: Reconciliation and integration of customs and non-customs data

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Outline (cont.):

B. Institutional arrangements:

- Para 8.15: Law and regulations
- Para 8.16: Institutions and agencies involved
- Para 8.16: Recommendation on institutional arrangements
- Para 8.17-8.20: Institutional arrangements

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Results from the world wide consultation:

- Overall, countries explicitly welcome and agree to this new chapter and its contents as it provides important and necessary guidance.
- Very few individual critical comments:
 - There is a concern that some of the statements regarding institutional arrangements are overstepping the scope of these recommendations;
 - One comment points out that that the potential burden of data compilation from non-customs sources is understated.

Thank you for your attention!