

# **Second meeting of the Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics**

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## **Agenda item 18: Chapter X Dissemination**



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## Chapter X Dissemination

### What' s new

- Updated recommendation on various specific issues important for data dissemination, including:
  - *Statistical confidentiality*
  - *Data release calendar*
  - *Data revisions*
  - *Electronic dissemination*
  - *International reporting*

# Outline of Chapter X Dissemination

## A. Statistical confidentiality

- Para 10.2 – 10.3 Statistical confidentiality defined
- Para 10.4 - Para 10.6 Statistical confidentiality applied
- Para 10.7 – Para 10.8 Statistical disclosure control
- Para 10.9 Confidentiality rules for international merchandise trade data – Recommend: “passive confidentiality”
- Para 10.10 International merchandise trade and business statistics

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## B. Reference period and data dissemination timetable

- Para 10.11 Reference period
- Para 10.12 – Para 10.13 Data dissemination timetable
- Para 10.14 Countries are encouraged to release the following data within:

<b>Monthly data</b>	<b>45 days after the end of the month</b>
Quarterly data	60 days after the end of the quarter
Annual data	90 days after the end of the year

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## C. Data revision

- Para 10.16 Data revisions are an essential part of country practices
- Para 10.17 Reasons for revisions of data
- Para 10.18 Revision policy

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## D. Dissemination formats

- Para 10.19 Dissemination formats
- Para 10.20 Dissemination of metadata

## E. International reporting

- Para 10.21 1) encourage to make international merchandise trade data available on their websites and to disseminate them internationally as soon as they become available to national users. 2) recommend to send datasets in accordance with the agreed data structure and database format.

## Results of the 2nd Round of Worldwide Consultation on Chapter X Dissemination

1. Countries inform about their national practices.
2. It is suggested to better reflect the role of passive confidentiality as the leading principle for IMTS.
3. Some find the suggested release dates as difficult to follow and others as not sufficiently ambitious.

# Thank you for your attention!