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Country Note
The Czech Republic

International Merchandise Trade Statistics (Concepts and Definition)

Differences in national practise-Czech Republic

I. Coverage and time recording

48. *Goods treated as part of trade in services*

(b) Newspapers and periodical sent under direct subscription (in INTRA trade treated as the trade with the goods)

51. *Goods under operational lease* (only less than two years), more than two years treated as the trade with the goods

II. Trade system

65. *The trade system*

CZ foreign trade statistics use the special trade system, but in conception of relaxed definition (as is prescribed by EU legislation)

Note: general system data (not processed regularly and only for ascertained states) are used for the purposes of mirror statistics comparison

III. Commodity classification

At that time are used updated versions of classifications, for example HS 2007 and for the detailed commodity classification Combined Nomenclature 2007

IV. Valuation

B. Currency conversion

127. *Exchange rate for conversion*

Usage of customs exchange rates in accordance with article 169-171 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2913/92 establishing Customs Code, as amended

V. Quantity measurement

Note: Since of 1 January 2005 CZ legislation based on EU legislation hasn't demanded in the trade with EU countries information concerning net weight in cases that for the certain commodity code supplementary unit is prescribed. (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1915/2005 of 24 November 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 with regards to the simplification of the recording of the quantity and specifications on particular movements of goods)

VII. Reporting and dissemination

160. *Index numbers*

Foreign trade statistical data haven't contained for all commodity code information on net weight since of 1 January 2005, which means, that there is lack of information for calculating exports and imports unit values indices and their aggregations. Last calculation was for the months and the whole year 2004 (the first calculation 1993).

Indices of import and export prices based on the survey are available constantly from the beginning of the year 1993. Exports and imports indices are available for the years 1993 to 1998 on the quarterly bases, from 1999 till now on the monthly bases.