Country Presentation
Germany

Item 12: Data sources
Foreign trade statistics

- data collection

German FTS = Intrastat + Extrastat

Intra-Community Trade Statistics

Extra-Community Trade Statistics

European Union

"3rd countries" (Non-EU)

[...]
**Data collection**

- **Intra-Trade**
  - 530,000 enterprises
  - 70,000 PSI (threshold: € 300,000)

- **Extra-Trade**
  - 320,000 enterprises

**Declarants**
- Trading with community goods
- Trading with 3rd countries’ goods

**Statistical Office**

**Verification within the Intrastat system**

- **Tax authorities**
  - VAT data (border crossing trade of EC goods)

- **PSI (firms)**
  - Intrastat declarations (border crossing trade, EC goods)

**Federal Statistical Office**

- **Intrastat register of intra-EC trade operators**
- **Office**

**Data submission**
- Differences between the two data sources? (→ reminder letter)
- No reaction
- Penalty

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Federal Statistical Office

No Customs-Information
Centralized Clearing
(Single Window)

Sweden

Germany

IKEA

Future: Electronic data transfer

Federal Statistical Office

No Border Crossing
(change of ownership)

Vessels

Aircraft

Register

Customs

Additional information for quality control
Data sources considerations

• use Customs records
• lack of Customs record
  use enterprise surveys
• not trustable Customs records
  use enterprise surveys (samples)
  use administrative data
• for quality check
  use alternative data

→ No further recommendation for IMTS Rev