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Trade System

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I. GSO overview

1. A concentrated statistical system
2. Established by the Government in 1956
3. Organization
 - GSO headquarter located in Hanoi
 - PSOs located in 64 provinces/cities
 - DSOs belongs to PSO in the districts (about 659).



I. GSO overview *(cont.)*

4. Legislation determining the functions, responsibilities and authorities of GSO: Statistical Law, Government's Decree (2003)
5. Main function and responsibility
 - Managing statistical operations nationwide
 - Organizing statistical activities and providing Socio-Economic statistics
6. IMTS are compiled by the Department of Trade, Service and Price Statistics



I. GSO overview (cont.)

7. Two agencies involved to produce the IMTS at national level: GSO and GDC
 - GSO is mandated to compile and disseminate IMTS nationally and internationally
 - GDC is responsible for data collecting based on the customs declaration forms, checking and providing to the GSO and others



I. GSO overview (cont.)

8. Data sources
 - Customs data: main source since 1996, provided by GDC to GSO
 - Enterprise's reports: data are not captured through customs forms: exports/imports of electricity to/from neighboring countries; Crude oils are co-mined with Malaysia in the high sea



11. EPZ/industrial zones, customs warehouse and customs control

1. EPZ/industrial zones in Vietnam

- Establishing in many provinces, allowing to establish by the MPI with customs unit for each one (about 135 zones)
- Attracting FDI and domestic capital
- Creating favorable conditions for domestic and FDI enterprises to produce and do business effectively
- EPZ's enterprises have to export almost their products



II. EPZ/industrial zones, customs warehouse and customs control (cont.)

2. Customs warehouse

- Establishing in some provinces, especially in big provinces/cities, port cities or provinces have boundary, allowed to establish by the GDC
- Imported goods from foreign countries and exported goods from domestic are stored under customs control



II. EPZ/industrial zones, customs warehouse and customs control *(cont.)*

3. Customs control

- Customs control for all goods entering or leaving
- Goods entering or leaving from foreign countries without duties and taxes.
- Goods entering or leaving from free circulation have to pay duties and taxes



III. Trade system for Vietnam's IMTS

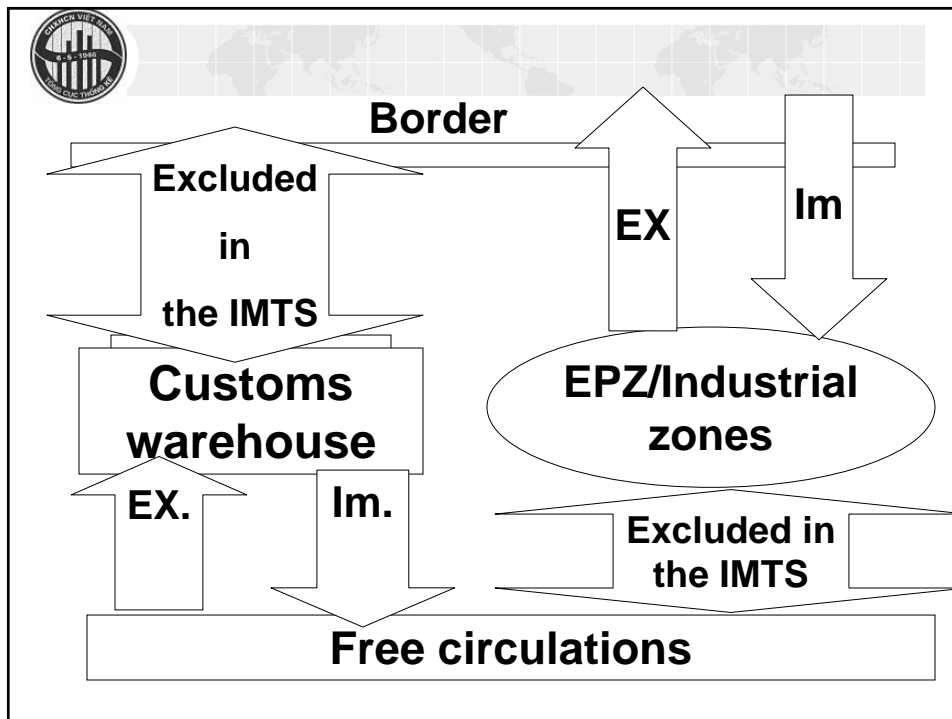
1. Statistical territory do not coincides with the economic territory: some goods enter or leave the economic territory but are excluded in the IMTS
2. Before 1998: based on the special trade system (strict definition): goods enter or leave from an EPZ/industrial zone were excluded in the IMTS
3. From 1998: Special trade system (relaxed definition) is in use for data compiling.



III. Trade system (cont.)

4. Coverage of IMTS:

- Exports: consist of all domestic goods and re-exports which are exported to the foreign country or into the customs warehouses for subsequent exports.
- Imports: consist of all foreign goods, which are brought into the country directly from overseas or cleared from customs warehouses for home consumption or inward processing and re-exports.





IV. Problem and Plan of revision

- Problems:
 - Internationally comparison because many countries, especially ASEAN countries adopted general system for data compilation.
 - Actually, almost goods stored in customs warehouse will be cleared for home use



IV. Plan of revision

- Plan for revision
 - ✓ Using the general system for the IMTS compilation from 2009 as UNSD's recommendations
 - ✓ All goods entering customs warehouse from overseas should be recorded as imported goods
 - ✓ All goods leaving from customs warehouse to overseas should be recorded as exported goods



IV. Plan of revision

- Plan for revision
- ✓ All goods entering or leaving customs warehouse from free circulation should be excluded in the IMTS
- ✓ To study on revising coverage in conjunction with GDC
- ✓ New statistical regime for GDC will be issued by the Government



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