

Project 06/07K: Strengthening the Development of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) and the compilation of e-commerce in Member Countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Workshop on the compilation of IMTS and the application of methodological concepts

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NCDP 2006 Results

An Overview of National Compilation and Dissemination Practices

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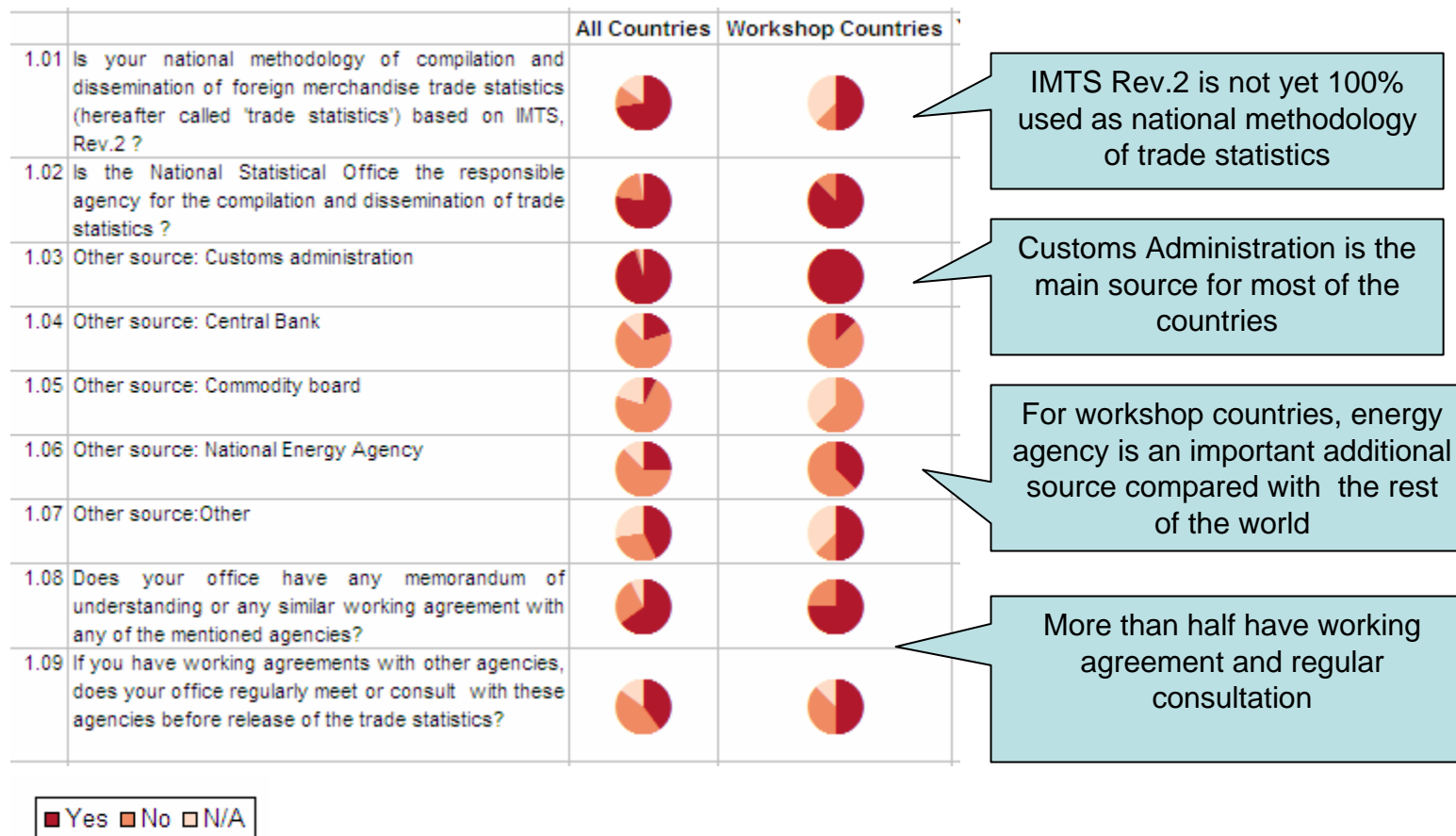
Background

- IMTS questioners sent by UNSD/OECD to compilers of IMTS in 2006
- The goals are:
 - To take stock compliance with international recommendation
 - To explore country practices in detail for next revision of IMTS

Responding Countries (122 countries)

- Reported and processed
 - Iraq
 - Jordan
 - Kuwait
 - Morocco
 - Qatar
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Tunisia
 - Yemen
- N/A or not yet processed*
 - Algeria
 - Bahrain
 - Palestine
 - Lebanon
 - Oman
 - United Arab Emirates
 - Syria*
 - Egypt

Institutional Arrangements



Source of data

	All Countries	Workshop Countries
2.01 Are customs declarations the main source of data?		
2.02 Additional Source: Foreign shipping manifests		
2.03 Additional Source: Currency exchange records or other records of monetary authorities		
2.04 Additional Source: Parcel and letter post records		
2.05 Additional Source: Aircraft and ship registers		
2.06 Additional Source: Reports of commodity boards		
2.07 Additional Source: Administrative records associated with taxation		
2.08 Additional Source: Enterprise surveys		
2.09 Additional Source: Other		

Customs declarations are main source of data, thus good co-operation with Customs Administration is indispensable

Tax records are not used as additional source, not like other countries

■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Coverage and Time of Recording

	All Countries	Workshop Countries
3.01 As a general rule, do you include in trade statistics goods which enter (imports) or leave (exports) your economic territory (except for goods in transit and temporary admissions/ withdrawals) ?		
3.02 Do you use change of ownership (between residents and non-residents) as a basis for inclusion of certain goods in trade statistics?		
3.03 Can your office compile detailed commodity by partner trade statistics on the basis of change of ownership?		
3.04 Do you use date of lodgement of the customs declaration as an approximation for the time when goods enter/leave your territory?		

Change of ownership is useful for balance payment statistics and national accounts

■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Customs Procedures

	All Countries	Workshop Countries
4.01 Does your country use the Kyoto Convention as the basis for the definitions of customs procedures ?		
4.02 Custom procedure: Importation of goods under clearance for home use		
4.03 Custom procedure: Reimportation of goods in the same state		
4.04 Custom procedure: Exportation of domestic goods (outright exportation)		
4.05 Custom procedure: Temporary admission of goods subject to re-exportation in the same state		
4.06 Custom procedure: Re-exportation of goods in the same state		
4.07 Custom procedure: Temporary admission of goods for inward processing		
4.08 Custom procedure: Goods leaving the country after inward processing		
4.09 Custom procedure: Temporary exportation of goods for outward processing		
4.10 Custom procedure: Reimportation of goods after temporary exportation for outward processing		
4.11 Custom procedure: Goods admitted into a customs warehouse?		
4.12 Custom procedure: Goods leaving a customs warehouse?		
4.13 Custom procedure: Goods admitted into a commercial free zone (zones where only minimal repackaging and similar processing of goods is allowed) ?		
4.14 Custom procedure: Goods leaving a commercial free zone?		
4.15 Custom procedure: Goods admitted into an industrial free zone (zones where specific processing or manufacturing of goods is allowed) ?		
4.16 Custom procedure: Goods leaving an industrial free zone?		
4.17 Custom procedure: Goods in customs transit?		

Kyoto Convention is not yet used as the basis for the definitions of customs procedures

In general, custom procedures are inline with the other countries

■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Trade System

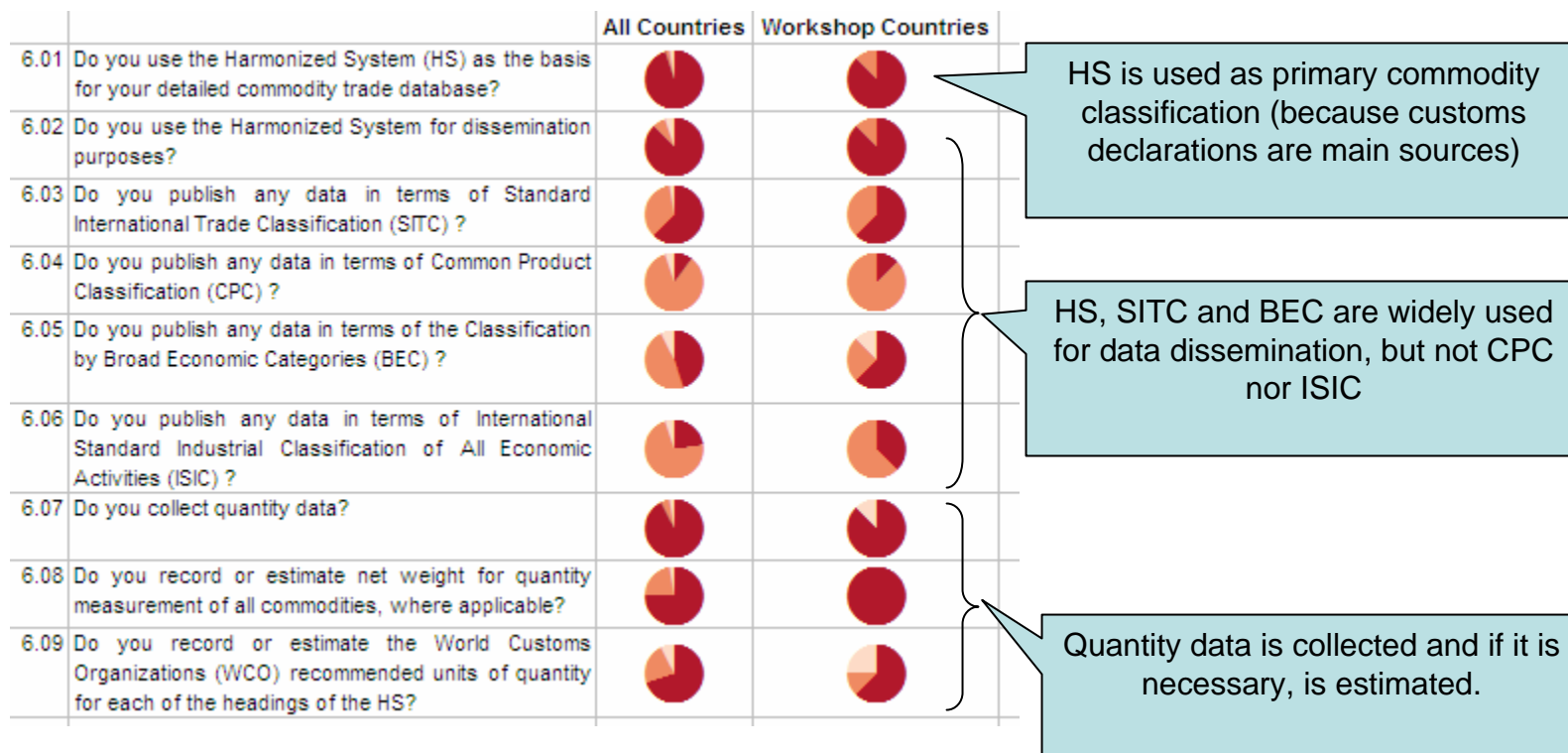
	All Countries	Workshop Countries
5.01 Statistics includes: industrial free zones		
5.02 Statistics includes: commercial free zones		
5.03 Statistics includes: customs warehouses		
5.04 Statistics includes: premises designated for inward processing		
5.05 Statistics includes: territorial waters, and continental shelf		
5.06 Statistics includes: offshore territories, possessions, dependencies etc (including outer space installations).		
5.07 Statistics includes: your country's embassies, military bases and other territorial enclaves in other countries		
5.08 Customs union: both trade with countries outside the union and intratrade with the member states of the union?		
5.09 Customs union: only trade with countries outside the union and exclude intratrade with the member states?		
5.10 Do you disseminate trade statistics only according to the general trade system ?		
5.11 Do you disseminate trade statistics only according to the special trade system ?		
5.12 Do you disseminate trade statistics according to both the general and special trade system ?		

Customs warehouse is not included, most likely due to special trade system

Most of workshop countries disseminate according to special trade system

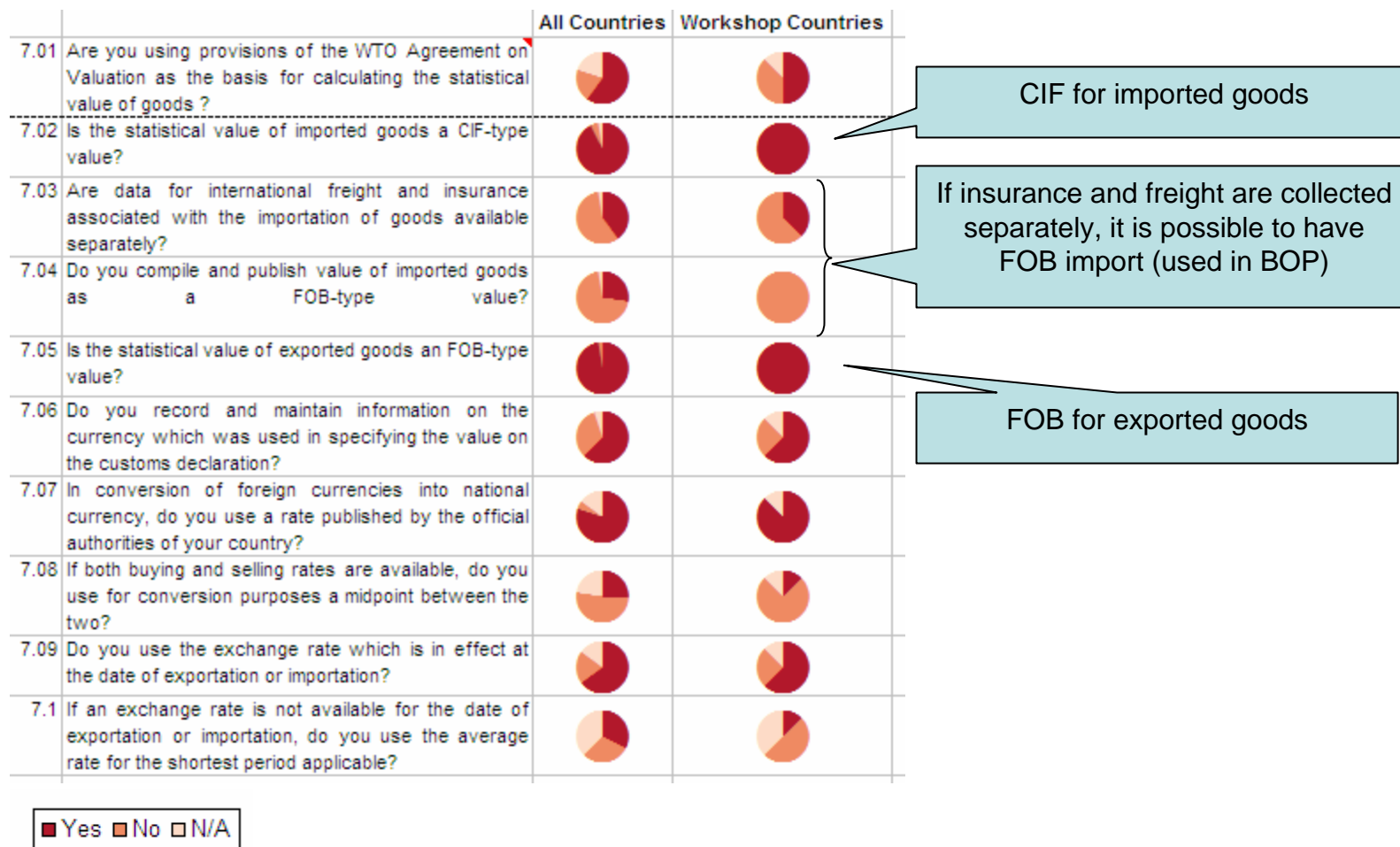
■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Commodity Classification & Quantity Units



■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Valuation & Currency Conversion



Partner Country

	All Countries	Workshop Countries
8.01 Do you identify your trade partners on the basis of the definition of the statistical territory as given by your partners themselves?		
8.02 Import statistics by: country of origin?		
8.03 If Yes, do you broadly follow the origin criteria outlined in the Kyoto Convention?		
8.04 Import statistics by: country of consignment?		
8.05 Import statistics by: country of purchase?		
8.06 Import statistics: other?		
8.07 Import record: country of requested preferential treatment		
8.08 Import record: country of granted preferential treatment		
8.09 Export statistics by: country of last known destination?		
8.10 Export statistics by: country of consignment?		
8.11 Export statistics by: country of sale?		
8.12 Export statistics : other		

■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

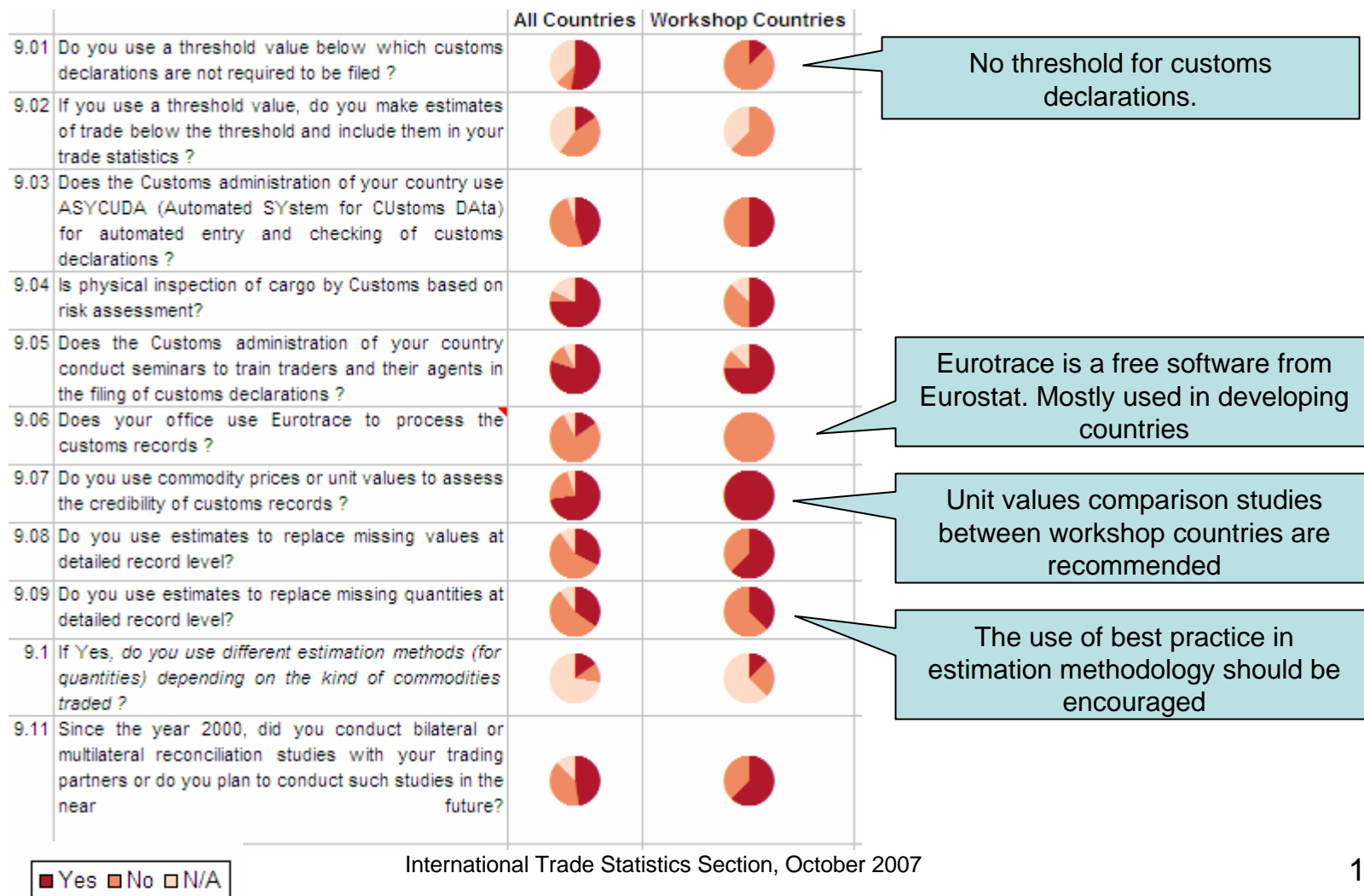
Partner definitions follow international recommendation

Workshop countries record import statistics by country of origin but have not yet followed Kyoto Convention

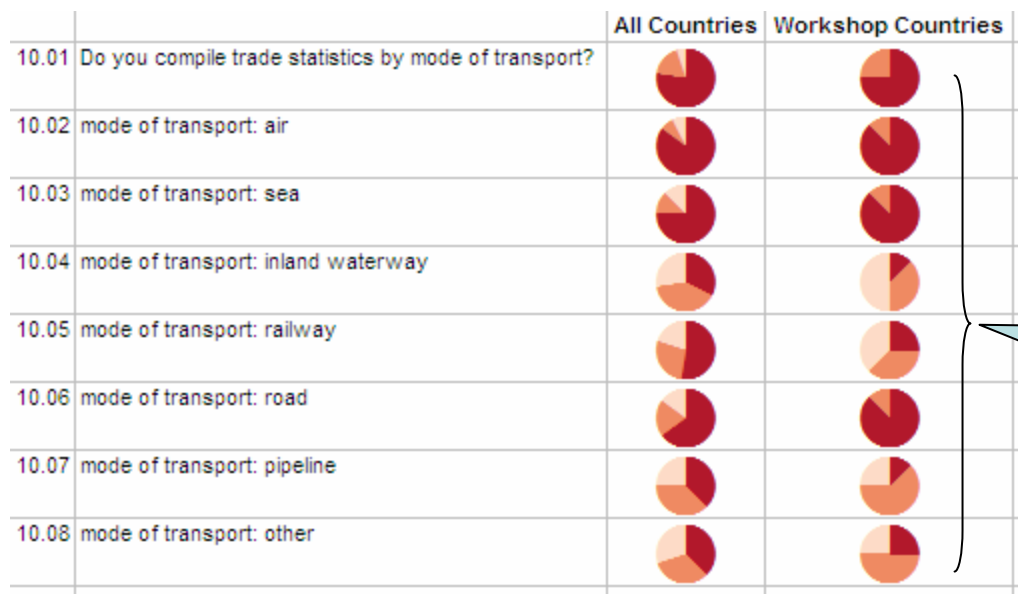
Workshop countries don't record country of consignment as additional information compared to other countries

In general, workshop countries followed international recommendation for export statistics

Data Quality Control



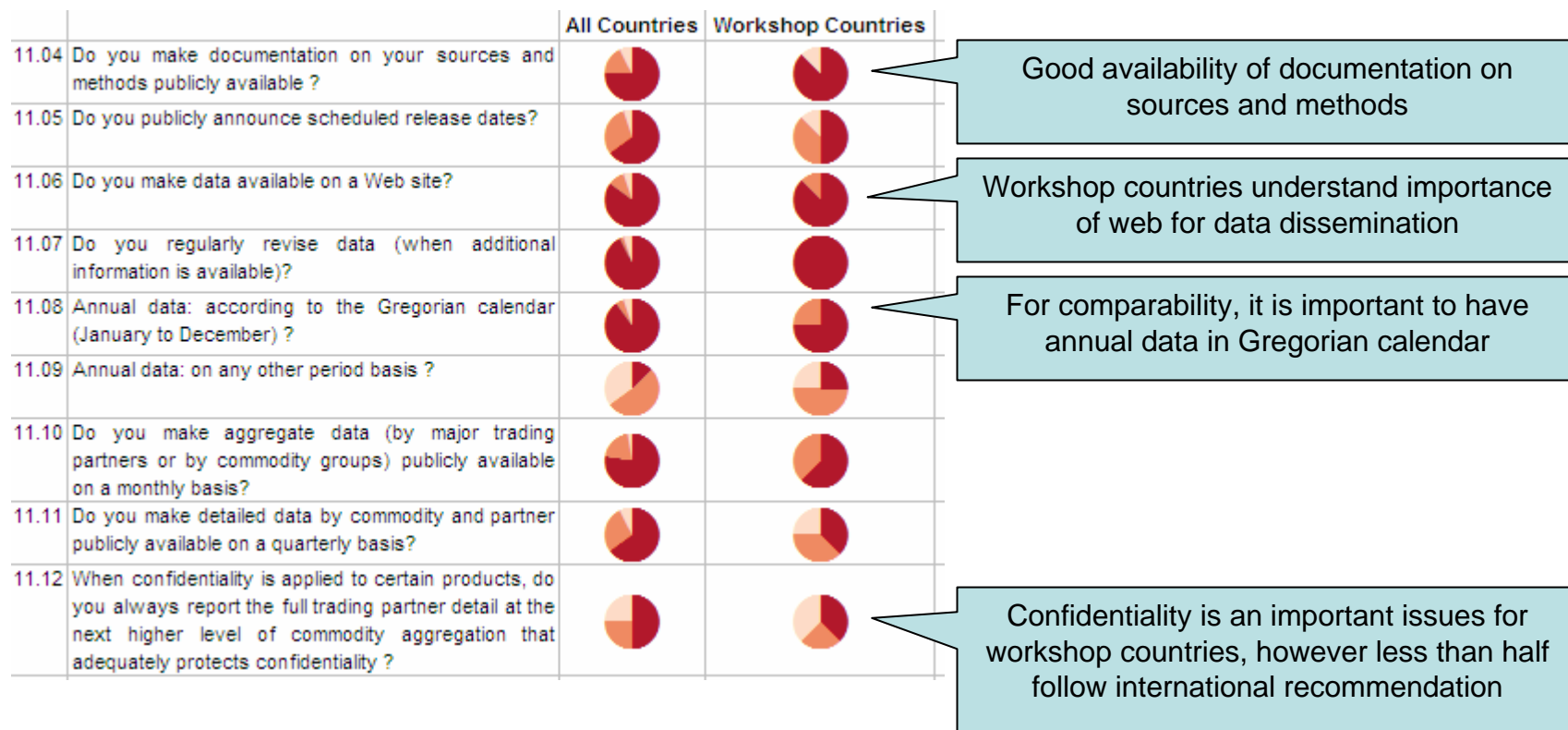
Trade by mode of transport



Mode of transport are compiled almost in the same percentage with other countries

■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

Reporting & Dissemination



■ Yes ■ No □ N/A

NCDP Revision/Update

- Detailed NCDP results are included in reference materials
- You are welcomed to review and update NCDP questionnaire.
 - Please send it to comtrade@un.org

NCDP Publication

- Will be released at the end of 2007
 - As downloadable PDF
 - Any revision will not be included
- NCDP database will be available soon afterwards
 - Can be queried by question by country
 - Any revision will be available as soon as it is processed

Thank you for your attention