
Presentation
United Nations Statistics Division

Item 2: Purpose of Workshop
Purpose of the Workshop

- Confirmation of the existing recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS, Rev2, 1998)
- Building on recent Technical Cooperation
- 2006 NCDP Questionnaire
Framework of the Workshop

- Changes in recommendations of
  - Balance of Payment Statistics (2008)
  - Statistics of International Trade in Services (2009)
- Possible adjusted recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (2010)

Purpose of the Workshop

- Clarification of Recommendations of International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- Clarification of Measurement of
  - Goods for Processing
  - Re-exports of Foreign Goods
  - Country of Origin
  - Imports FOB
IMTS Standards - Developments

- IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.2 (1998)
- IMTS, Supplement to the Compilers Manual (2008)
- IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.3 (2010)

Supplement to Compilers Manual (2007)

The Supplement will consist of two parts, namely one part on the national compilation and dissemination practices of IMTS, and the other part on selected data compilation and reporting issues.

Part I: NCDP Questionnaire
Part II: Selected issues
Supplement to Compilers Manual –
Selected Issues

• Kyoto 2000 and its implications for data compilation
• Boundary between IMTS and SITS
• Measurement issues on Goods for processing
• Measurement issues on Re-exports
• INTRASTAT: achievements and current challenges

IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.3

• December 2007 – Expert Group Meeting – New York
  – Establishing list of issues
• Mid-2008 – World-wide consultation on issues
• 2008-2009 electronic discussion on UNSD Expert Forum
• First half 2009 – Draft IMTS Manual
• 3rd quarter 2009 – Expert Group Meeting – New York
  – Finalizing IMTS Manual
Thank you for your attention