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Item 7: Institutional Arrangements

Institutional Arrangements

UNSD/ECA Workshop on IMTS

Agenda Item 7

IMTS, Compilers Manual

Chapter 2: Institutional Framework

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- **Roles of national statistical offices, customs, and other national agencies**
  - Legal framework for data compilation
  - Institutional arrangements
  - Cooperation among agencies
- **Institutional arrangements in the case of customs unions**

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Institutional arrangements

• national statistical offices, customs, central banks, ministries of commerce/economy, trade development boards, commodity boards, etc.

• to ensure accurate and timely production and distribution of trade statistics

• these activities include collection of basic records, data editing, database maintenance and dissemination.

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Customs Role

✓ **Customs Declarations**
- **What is required (imports and exports)**

✓ **Customs Procedures**
- **How many different procedures?**

✓ **ASYCUDA**
- ❑ **Automated System for Customs DAta**

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Non-Customs sources of data

- **Reports of commodity boards**
- **Administrative records associated with taxation**
- **Enterprise surveys**
- **Foreign shipping manifests**
- **Currency exchange records and records of monetary authorities**
- **Parcel post and letter post records**
- **Aircraft and ship registers**

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Section 1: Institutional arrangements

1.01	Is your national methodology of compilation and dissemination of foreign merchandise trade statistics based on IMTS, Rev.2 ?
1.02	Is the National Statistical Office the responsible agency for the compilation and dissemination of trade statistics ? *If No*, *please specify in the Comments field which agency is responsible for this.*

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121 Countries			
Question	Yes %	No %	N/A %
1.01	71.1	13.2	15.7
1.02	77.6	19.0	3.3

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Section 1: Institutional arrangements

1.01 Is your national methodology of compilation and dissemination of foreign merchandise trade statistics bas...

Eastern and Southern Africa (12)			
Question	Yes %	No %	N/A %
1.01	75.0	8.3	16.7
1.02	83.4	8.3	8.3

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		Do the following agencies provide data to your office for use in the compilation of the trade statistics:
1.03		Customs administration
1.04		Central Bank
1.05		Commodity board *If Yes, please specify in Comments field*
1.06		National Energy Agency
1.07		Other, *If Yes, please specify in Comments field*

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121 Countries			
Question	Yes %	No %	N/A %
1.03	95.9	0.8	3.3
1.04	19.8	67.8	12.4
1.05	7.5	72.7	19.8
1.06	25.6	62.0	12.4
1.07	42.1	30.6	27.3

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Question	Yes %	No %	N/A %
1.03	100	0.0	0.0
1.04	41.7	50.0	8.3
1.05	25.0	50.0	25.0
1.06	50.0	33.3	16.7
1.07	50.0	8.3	41.7

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UN Recommendations

Compilers should establish good working arrangements with the organizations that keep records relevant to trade statistics

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1.08	Does your office have any memorandum of understanding or any similar working agreement with any of the mentioned agencies?
1.09	If you have working agreements with other agencies, does your office regularly meet or consult with these agencies before release of the trade statistics?

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1.08	Does y~~~~underst~~~~ with a

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Question	Yes %	No %	N/A %
1.08	65.2	28.1	6.7
1.09	39.7	45.4	14.9

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UN Recommendations

Compilers should also initiate, whenever appropriate, modifications to national legislation or relevant administrative regulations in order to establish a solid foundation for enhancing the quality and timeliness of trade statistics.

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Section 2: Sources of Data

2.01	Are customs declarations the main source of data? *If No*, please specify your main source of data in the Comments field
Do you use the following as additional sources of data:	
2.02	Foreign shipping manifests
2.03	Currency exchange records or other records of monetary authorities

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2.04	Parcel and letter post records
2.05	Aircraft and ship registers
2.06	Reports of commodity boards
2.07	Administrative records associated with taxation
2.08	Enterprise surveys
2.09	Other *If Yes*, please provide examples in Comments

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