Summary and Conclusions of the IMTS Workshop, Bangkok 2006

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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
  – Change of Ownership
  – Imports FOB
## Section 1: Institutional arrangements

1.01 Is your national methodology of compilation and dissemination of foreign merchandise trade statistics based on IMTS, Rev.2?

Copies of relevant documents will be on CD-ROM and on the Internet of UNSD:
- IMTS, Rev2 (1998)
Section 2: Sources of Data

- Automatic Data Entry is preferred. All validation and quality checking should be done at completion of the Declaration Form.
- If certain (quantity) information necessary, this should be (mandatory) on Declaration Form.

Coordination with Customs required
Section 3: Goods for Processing

1. (Foreign) Imports for Inward Processing
2. (Domestic) Imports for Inward Processing
3. Exports after Inward Processing
   a) Exports of Domestic Goods
   b) Exports of Foreign Goods
4. Imports after Inward Processing

Register Transfer of ownership of Goods
(China Type I and Type II)
Section 3: Goods for Processing

1. Exports for Outward Processing
2. Imports after Outward Processing
   a) Distinction Domestic vs Foreign Goods ??
   b) Transfer of ownership of Goods ??

Problem of Re-imports (a) into free circulation, (b) for inward processing ??
Re-Exports of Foreign Goods
Foreign = in the same state = not substantially transformed

Should we make a distinction between (a) non-processed Re-exports (VA) and (b) processed Re-exports?
Goods for Processing and Re-exports

Can we record Country of Origin for processed Re-exports? (NZ case)

(This processed but still foreign goods)
Re-exports and Rules of Origin

1. Rules of Origin determined by Statistician
   - Record national practice

2. Rules of Origin for Certificate of Origin by National Trade Authority
   - Repository of COO criteria
Valuation

1. Can we adjust Transaction Value according to Terms of Delivery?

Record Freight and Insurance?

2. Is there an advantage for recommendation to Imports FOB?

Can Imports FOB be obtained?
IMTS Revision issues

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Thank you for your attention