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UNSD activities in International Merchandise Trade Statistics

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1.) Data collection, analysis and dissemination

- **DATA COLLECTION**
  - Trade in Goods
  - Trade in Services

- **DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS**
  - Code and commodity normalization, USD conversion
  - Unit Value Checking
  - Standard Unit Value (Price) calculations
  - Index calculations (Fuel Imports, Manufactured Goods Exports), regional aggregations
  - Analytical tables with regional aggregations

- **DATA DISSEMINATION**
  - UN COMTRADE
  - International Trade Statistics Yearbook
  - Monthly Bulletin of Statistics
2.) Methodology

- IMTS, Concepts & Definitions
- IMTS, Compilers Manual
- Supplement to Compilers Manual (NCDP questionnaire is part of it)
- SITC, Revision 4
- BEC, Rev.4 (in terms of HS-2002 and SITC, R3)
- Correlation tables between HS, SITC and BEC
- Statistical Territories of the World for Use in International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- Trade in Services: Manual, Rev.2
3.) International Coordination and Collaboration

- UN Statistical Commission
- Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- WCO HS Committee
- Interagency Task Force on International Trade in Services
- Joint data collection and processing with OECD
- Cooperation in data collection with other international and regional organizations
4.) Technical assistance and information forum for compilers and users of IMTS

- Participation in ESCWA -Project on IMTS
- Access to manuals, classifications and correspondence tables, workshop materials, UN comtrade database documentation, etc.
Present and future WORK

- Supplement to the Compilers Manual
  - Part I: Questionnaire on National Compilation and Reporting Practices
  - Part II: Special topics
- Singling out areas of increasing importance (Export Processing Zones/ Customs unions/ Affiliated trade/ Business Surveys)
- Database on National Compilation and Reporting Practices
- New trade statistics yearbook, additional online publication
- Writing IMTS, Rev.3 (2010)
- UN Comtrade Portal

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