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***“COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION
AND
QUANTITY MEASUREMENT”***

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- **Up to June, 2002 Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan Were being compiled on the basis of Standard International Trade Classification, R-3.**
- **From July, 2002 Pakistan has switched over to “Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System”. The commodity codes are maintained at 8-digit level.**
- **Presently Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan are being compiled and disseminated on the basis of Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System 2002 to National and International user agencies.**

- **Federal Bureau of Statistics is using the H.S classification, so we have never experienced to convert the H.S codes to other classification as there is no one to one correspondence is available.**
- **It has been observed that in H.S-2007 some new commodity codes has been inducted and units of quantities have also been replaced with the new one. Due to this the matching of previous quantity data of specific item will be difficult if the conversion factor will not be provided by the WCO.**

- **At the moment FBS is shifting its base period of trade indices from (1990-1991) to (2005-2006) and primary work in this regard has almost been completed. Hence a problem will be faced while computing the quantum indices by introducing the new items and changed quantity units.**

- **Basically the F.B.S is getting the data from the Customs Authorities so the quantity units are the same which are being used by the Customs Department.**
- **As each commodity has its own measuring unit so quantities are aggregated and published accordingly.**

- **Basically Foreign Trade data of Pakistan are being compiled on fiscal year basis i.e. July to June, however data on monthly and quarterly basis are also being compiled, hence if desired, data for the calendar year can also be generated by adding up particular months and quarters.**

- **Only the format of Standard International Trade Classification, R-3, is being used to produce some statistical reports such as, “Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan by Commodity Groups” and “Foreign Trade Indices of Pakistan.”**

- **Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan are compiled and published by “Economic Categories” on the format introduced by the ESCAP.**

- **Imports are categorized as:**
 - (i) **Consumer goods.**
 - (ii) **Raw materials for Consumer goods.**
 - (iii) **Raw materials for capital goods**
 - (iv) **Capital goods.**

- **Exports are categorized as:**
 - (i) **Primary commodities.**
 - (ii) **Secondary commodities.**
 - (iii) **Manufactured goods.**

- **Pakistan's Foreign Trade Statistics are compiled in terms of quantities and values. The net weights of the quantities are recorded as declared by the importers /exporters and excepted by the Pakistan Customs, however in some cases estimations are carried out where quantities are not mentioned in the standard units, as specified in Pakistan Custom Tariff Book.**

- **Customs data is being used for the compilation of Foreign Trade statistics of Pakistan so Federal Bureau of Statistics has made the on line connectivity with the Pakistan Customs for down loading the data.**
- **In order to check the statistical validity of Customs records, usually unit value of the records are used and as well as to locate the data entry errors, computer edit checks are applied to the customs records and the discrepancies are referred back to Customs Department for clarification/rectification.**

- **The records which do not possess any commercial value, are not included in the data file .**
- **The missing quantities/values at detailed record level are referred back to Customs Department for rectification.**

- **Advance Release on Foreign Trade Statistics** is issued on each month based on provisional data of major items of imports and exports and further at the end of the month final data is issued as and when the coverage, checking and editing of the data is completed. There may be some difference between the provisional and final data of the month. Revisions in the data are not carried out regularly, however some minor revision may be carried out, if suggested by the Central Board of Revenue.

- **The following reports on Foreign Trade Statistics of Pakistan are being disseminated to National and International agencies.**
 - i. **Imports/Exports by areas and countries.**
 - ii. **Imports/Exports by Commodity Groups.**
 - iii. **Imports/Exports by Economic Categories.**
 - iv. **Imports/Exports by Commodity and Countries.**
 - v. **Imports/Exports by Countries and Commodity.**

The confidentiality is applied to all products in a sense that, only names of the trading countries are reported at the next higher level of commodity aggregation. No report is generated at detailed record level and names of the trading partners are kept confidential.

IMPORTS/ EXPORTS BY COMMODITIES AND COUNTRIES PAKISTAN

(RUPEES IN THOUSANDS)

2004 - 2005		2005 - 2006					
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HSCODE	COMMODITY / COUNTRY	UNIT	JUN	CUMULATIVE FROM JUL	JUN	CUMULATIVE FROM JUL	
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QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
QUANTITY VALUE							

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