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Coverage

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- III. Goods for processing
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I. The definition of IMTS and nature of transactions covered

- The “relaxed” special trade system
- The goods simply transported and temporary admissions are also excluded
- The meaning of the terms “adding to or subtracting from the stock of material resources” used in this definition is not cleared because of their physical movement through the border



II. Change of ownership

- The data sources based on the customs entry can not be covered this information
- The Up to now, the SNA and BOP compilation in Vietnam use IMTS without modifying because they have no basic for editing
- The reason for use this criterion as additional one should be clarified and cleared by some examples



II. Change of ownership (*cont.*)

- The change of ownership takes place but without the physical movement cross border
- The question here is how to treatment this case in IMTS Rev.3



III. Goods for processing

- Processing activity for foreign countries, especially for the developed countries is play an important role in the production and also in the international merchandise trade of the developing countries
- In Vietnam, the total trade value of goods under the processing contracts with non-residents is increasing more and more, the share is about 18 – 20% of exports and 10 – 12% of imports in the recent years



III. Goods for processing (*Cont.*)

- In theory, the supplementary of new recommendation that goods for processing with physical inputs owned by others be separately is necessary for BOP and SNA compilation
- Currently this information is not presented in the Vietnamese declaration forms and can be only obtained from the processing contract with non-resident
- It should be considered carefully the feasibility of this new recommendation



IV. Trade between affiliated enterprises

- In Vietnam, the FDI flow have been increasing, so the imported/exported goods under this kind of trade are also playing an important role.
- It is very difficult for customs to accurately know.
- Require more information will cause the complication and be a burden to both customs and enterprises import/export while the simplification of customs procedure have been encouraging



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Thank you

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