



**Workshop for Developing Countries on the Revision of the
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Coverage (*cont.*)

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- I. Packaged software
- II. Downloadable software and audiovisual products
- III. Asymmetric inclusions and exclusions



I. Packaged software

- If the software is for commercial use (ex: windows XP, windows vista...), the diskettes or CD-ROMs with stored that computer software and/or data are included to IMTS
- Actually sometime it should be checked carefully by customs control because the importers/exporters do not declare information enough
- This recommendation is needed for data compiler to understand and apply



II. Downloadable software and audiovisual products

- Downloadable software and others products delivered electronically are treated as the part of trade in services in theory
- Collection this information is challenges with the data compiler of international trade in services
- It should be guided more detailed in the BPM6 and the Manual on ITS



III. Asymmetric inclusions and exclusions

- Asymmetric inclusions and exclusions are was quite clear when observing the fish catch activities on high seas
- This statistics do not suitable with definition of coverage, there is “add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country” and the change of ownership



III. Asymmetric inclusions and exclusions (*Cont.*)

- All asymmetric inclusions and exclusions should be reviewed, and either reconfirmed, modified or canceled
- The difficulty here is the data collection
- The solution of this case should be to conduct the pilot surveys on these cases



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Thank you

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