

Workshop for Developing Countries on the Revision of the International Recommendations for International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)

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Trade system

**(Clarification of territorial elements; Boundaries of the relaxed
definition of the special trade system; Other concerns)**



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Issues raised (open list)

- ❑ The current recommendation to use the General Trade System to be reconfirmed (IMTS, Rev.2, para 89, page 13)
- ❑ Elaboration and clarification regarding the inclusion of certain territorial elements
- ❑ Elaboration and clarification regarding the boundaries with the relaxed definition of the Special Trade System;
- ❑ The text should further make separate mention of the possibility of a different trade system for imports and exports within one country.

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- Elaboration and clarification regarding the inclusion of certain territorial elements

NCDP Questionnaire 2006	Yes (%)	No (%)	N/A (%)
Do you include in your trade statistics goods entering or leaving the following territorial elements:			
- territorial waters, and continental shelf	32.6	36.4	31.1
- offshore territories, possessions, dependencies etc (including outer space installations).	19.7	43.2	37.1
- your country's embassies, military bases and other territorial enclaves in other countries	17.4	62.1	20.5

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- ❑ Elaboration and clarification regarding the boundaries with the relaxed definition of the Special Trade System;

Strict definition of the special trade system covers only trade of:

- Free circulation area

Relaxed definition includes in addition trade of:

- Premises for inward processing
- Industrial free zones

General trade system includes in addition trade of:

- Customs warehouses
- Commercial free zones

Problems i.e. variable definition of 'Customs free zones'; trade with and through own free zones.

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NCDP 2006 Question	Yes (%)	No (%)	N/A (%)
Do you include in your trade statistics goods entering or leaving the following territorial elements:			
- premises designated for inward processing	56.8	25.8	17.4
- industrial free zones	48.5	28.8	22.7
- commercial free zones	47.0	29.5	23.5
- customs warehouses	61.4	29.5	9.1
Do you disseminate trade statistics only according to			
- the general trade system ?	42.4	53.0	4.5
- the special trade system ?	40.2	53.0	6.8
- both the general and special trade system ?	21.2	60.6	18.2

Thank you for your attention