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# INTRODUCTION

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- The UAE is a federation of seven emirates; each of these emirates has its own customs department, which is an independent entity that belongs to the local government.
- The UAE applies the “special trade system” which includes foreign trade statistics on commodities entering or leaving the country.
- The Central Department of Statistics in the Ministry of Economy is the official source of statistics in the country by the federal law No. 9 of the year 1974.

**Reference Period**

## Reference Period

- *“It is recommended by IMTS: that countries make their data available on a calendar period basis, according to the Gregorian calendar and consistent with the recommendations set out in the present publication.”*
1. **No previously planned timetable is available regarding foreign trade statistics, the data are collected from different independent customs departments within the country, the Central Department of Statistics starts preparing the report once all the data become available.**
  2. **The fact that customs departments not having specific schedule to submit the data to the Central Department of Statistics affects the periodicity of the dissemination of the foreign trade statistics.**

# Data Reporting

## Data Reporting

- *“It is recommended by IMTS: that countries make their statistics publicly available on a monthly basis for aggregate data and for data by major trading partners and commodity groups.”*
- 1. **The Central Department of Statistics disseminates the foreign trade statistics in the form of annual report, which includes most of the data users needs.**
- 2. **The report is not issued on a monthly basis because different customs departments have different capabilities in providing data monthly.**



**Confidentiality**

## **Confidentiality**

- *“It is recommended by IMTS: that in suppressing data due to confidentiality, any information deemed confidential (suppressed) be reported in full detail at the next higher level of commodity aggregation that adequately protects confidentiality.”*
- 1. **Foreign trade statistics prepared by the Central Department of Statistics protects the confidentiality of personal information by law. Data that would reveal information on individual companies are not disclosed under any circumstances.**
- 2. **There are no constraints of any kind exist when disseminating foreign trade statistics.**

# Data Comparability

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- *“It is recommended by IMTS: therefore, that countries periodically conduct bilateral and multilateral reconciliation studies or implement data exchanges so that their statistics can be made more accurate and useful both for national purposes and for international comparisons.”*
- 1. Foreign trade statistics data collected by the Central Department of Statistics and customs departments are based on international standard concepts and definitions agreed upon in (IMTS).**
  - 2. The Central Department of Statistics has never conducted bilateral or multilateral studies to test the conformity of the collected data, because there are some difficulties regarding the process of comparison with other sources.**

# Retained Imports

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- **Since the trade system which being used in the country is the private one, detained imports are not considered when foreign trade statistics are prepared.**

# Index Numbers

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- *“It is recommended by IMTS: that all countries produce and publish volume (quantum) indices and either unit value or price indices for their total imports and exports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.”*
- **The Central Department of Statistics is not currently producing foreign trade statistics index numbers; however, the department is intending to produce those statistics in 2009 within the frame of developing the statistical systems in the country.**



# Seasonally Adjusted Data

## Seasonally Adjusted Data

- *“It is recommended by IMTS : The publication of seasonally adjusted monthly/quarterly data, including both values and index numbers, provides additional valuable information required for economic analysis. Countries are encouraged to publish such data on a regular basis.”*
- **Since Customs Departments are providing the Central Department of Statistics with foreign trade data on an annual basis, the report is issued annually.**

*Thank You*