

Workshop on the methodology and Data Compilation of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)

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Agenda Item 15

Scope and time recording

Presented by Lao Customs Department

Q. As general guidelines, do you record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory?

The warehouse section is currently belonged to the private company, so they actually have the records of all the goods which add to or subtract from the stock.

Customs officer is responsible for noting when the goods will add to stock and checking the goods which subtract from the stock.

Q. Do you use date of lodgment (e.g., the date when goods are unloaded, presented at the customs office, or released) of the customs declaration as an approximation for the time when goods enter/leave your territory?

We use the registered date of an import and export declaration form for the date compilation purpose.

Lao Customs Dept, is under the project call “Customs and Trade Facilitation Project” (CTFP)

Under CTFP, we would use the ASYCUDA World system and now the World Bank provided us the Time Release Study (TRS) System, so we can record each process into the system, this method is a tool to test for the comparison between after and before implementing the ASYCUDA system.

Q. Do you use change of ownership (between residents and non-residents) as a basis for inclusion of certain goods in trade statistics (e.g.: ships and aircrafts)?

No, we do not have this type of system yet at the moment.

Q. Goods inclusion in trade statistics

- Goods dispatched or received through postal or courier
- Used goods
- Consignment goods - Intended for sale but not actually sold when they cross the border... (Not Applicable)
- Waste and scrap (positive commercial value)

Q. Goods exclusion in trade statistics

- Goods simply transported through a country
 - Goods treated as part of trade in services
 - Goods under mar chanting (Not Applicable)
 - Goods under operational lease (NOT Applicable)
 - Goods functioning as means of transport
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Thank you for your attention!
