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Metadata and data dissemination

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In how many days after the closing of the reference period (exactly or approximately), data become available to public?

- Department of Statistics (DoS) usually publish all national data in June as Statistical Yearbook, so it will spend for 5 months (approximately 150 days).
- However, after closing day we can not get all data for all sectors. It may delay for 2 or 3 months or more than to get all data, after that we spend for 2 or 3 months or less than to analyze and making report table. But sometimes, If we can not get all data by suitable time we also



What is the level of detail of publicly available monthly, quarterly and annual data?

- In publication, we do only in aggregated level as only in *Value* and publish once a year.
 - Group of 2 digits of HS2002
 - Trade partner countries
- For more detail, users could come and discuss what they need at Information Service Division of DoS.

When confidentiality is applied to certain products, do you always report the full trading partner details at the next higher level of commodity aggregation, which adequately protects confidentiality?

- DoS does only in aggregated level about trade partners, however we have to check in the data set in each time before publishing.



Do you publicly announce
scheduled release dates?

- DoS doesn't announce
scheduled release dates to
public



Do you make documentation on your sources and methods publicly available?

- DoS has only the metadata on IMTS, but It is not updated (2004).



Do you regularly revise data (when additional information is available)?

- Yes, DoS does revised data but once a year for publication

Do you compile and disseminate trade indicators, index numbers or seasonally adjusted data?

- DoS does compile and disseminate trade indicators as the value of trade, but we couldn't do the index because some of data are not consisted in the data set.



If you have working agreements with other agencies, does your office regularly meet or consult with these agencies before release of the trade statistics?

- DoS often work with other agencies especially Custom Department (CD). Before release trade statistics, DoS always send formal letter to CD for being as evident to users.



If non-customs sources are used, are the users informed (as metadata) that non-customs data are merged and integrated with customs data?

- Non-customs data aren't merged and integrated with customs data in data set but It will be used in analyzing as included in the final tables.



Thank you