

**Presentation in statement of Myanmar in the topic of
session**

3 February 2010

Discussions for Morning session,topic-2

6.Do the providing agencies validate data entries. i.e.,proper coding for commodity, partner country, etc?

❖ Yes.

7.Does the compiling agency validate data entries, i.e.,proper coding for commodity, partner country,etc?

❖ Yes.

8.Does the responsible agency check individual records,i.e.,unit value checking?

❖ Yes.

9.Does the responsible agency implement macro level checks such as checking growth rates or checking against other statistics, e.g.,domestic production?

❖ Only Trade Policy Council implement macro level checks.Director General and some of CSO staff are responsible for the office of the secretariat of Trade Policy Council.

10.Does the responsible agency implement further check on the outputs,i.e.,structure of trade?

❖ Only mentioned on plain target by planning department. (Only Planning department implement further check on the outputs.)

31. Do you use the Revised Kyoto Convention (the International Convention on the simplification and Harmonization of Customs procedures) as the basis for the definitions of customs procedures?

❖ Yes.

32. Are all customs declarations stored electronically?

❖ No. We can store the customs declarations of head office (by sea route) and six numbers of large border customs stations. It is about 90% of all customs declarations. We cannot store the customs declarations of five border customs stations where are very difficult to contact to transportation and communication. It isn't more than 10% of total customs declaration.

33. Do you use a threshold value below which customs declarations are not required to be filled?

❖ No.

❖ We don't define the threshold value for manifested cargo or unaccompanied baggage. These are needed to file customs declarations. But for the passenger belongings which are accompanied by the passenger as personally used are allowed to bring into the country without filling customs declaration. The kind of goods must be household goods and its amount are not more than 500 USD.

And do you make estimates of trade below the threshold and include them in your trade statistics?

❖ No.

34. At custom declaration form, are these information set as mandatory item?

- ❖ Insurance and freight – No.
- ❖ Weight (Net) – Yes.
- ❖ The mandatory item of supplementary quantity and its unit of measurement to fill in the customs declaration are Gross weight (Kg), Measurement(M3), Marks & Number, Container No. & type of Packages.

35. Please select partner country attribution (s) that are available at custom declaration form.

- ❖ For import - Country of Origin
 - Country of Consignment
- ❖ For export - Country of Last Known Destination
 - Country of Consignment/Destination

36. Do you verify the accuracy partner country declared by trader?

❖ Yes. We verify Country of Origin based on the trader's declaration and attached documents submitted by importers such as invoice, packing list, Country of Origin Certificate etc; in case of import. We verify Country of destination based on the attached documents submitted by exporters such as invoice, packing list, Shipping Instruction, Letter of Credit, sale contract and bill of lading etc; in case of export.

37. Do you validate quantity declared by trader using commodity price?

❖ No.

38. Do you regularly conduct outreach and education for customs officers and traders?

❖ Yes. There is a training school in Myanmar Customs Department. It always provide various trainings and workshops to Customs Officers, Traders and their Agents.

39. Do you compile customs procedures codes as part of data item submitted by Customs Administration?

❖ Not Applicable

40. Do you use estimates to replace missing values or quantities at detailed record level?

❖ No.

41. Do you use estimates to replace missing values (for major commodities or partners) at macro level?

❖ No.

42. Have you conducted bilateral or multilateral reconciliation studies with your trading partners in recent years or do you plan to conduct such studies in the near future?

❖ Directorate of Trade conduct such study.

43. If errors are detected, do you request clarification to the data providers and correct the errors?

❖ Yes. When we found the error we contact and discuss with the data provider on phone line and try to correct the error in both sides.

44. Please provide the detailed list of validation checks done at the responsible agency.

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9.Do you compile trade data based on the Harmonized System (HS) as the basis for detailed commodity trade database?

❖ Yes

10.Please specify the edition of Harmonized System currently used by Customs Administration :

❖ We currently use the Harmonized System of AHTN 2007 Version.

11.Do you use HS chapter 00,98 or 99 for special use?

❖ chapter 00-We don't use this Chapter up to now.

❖ chapter 98-We currently use it for special classification provision. All the tariff lines of this chapter are exempted from the Customs Duty.

❖ chapter 99-We don't use this Chapter up to now.

12. Do you publish / disseminate any data in terms of these following commodity classification.

❖ Harmonized System (HS)-Yes

❖ Harmonized System (HS) is the most widely requested by users.

13. Do you collect quantity data (net weight and supplementary quantity units)?

❖ Net weight-Yes.

14. Do you compile World Customs Organization (WCO) recommended units of quantity for each of the sub-headings of HS(6-digit codes)?

❖ Yes.

15. Do you compile net weight for quantity measurement of all commodities, where applicable?

❖ Yes.

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Discussions for Morning session,topic-1

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

❖ Printed or CD/DVD Publications-Annual Data-300days.

❖ Web sites-Monthly Data-60days

24. 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?

25. Do you publicly announce scheduled release dates?

❖ Yes.

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

❖ Yes.

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

❖ Yes.

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

❖ Yes.

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

❖ Yes.

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

❖ No.