



Collection, Compilation and Dissemination of International Merchandise Trade Statistics in Timor-Leste

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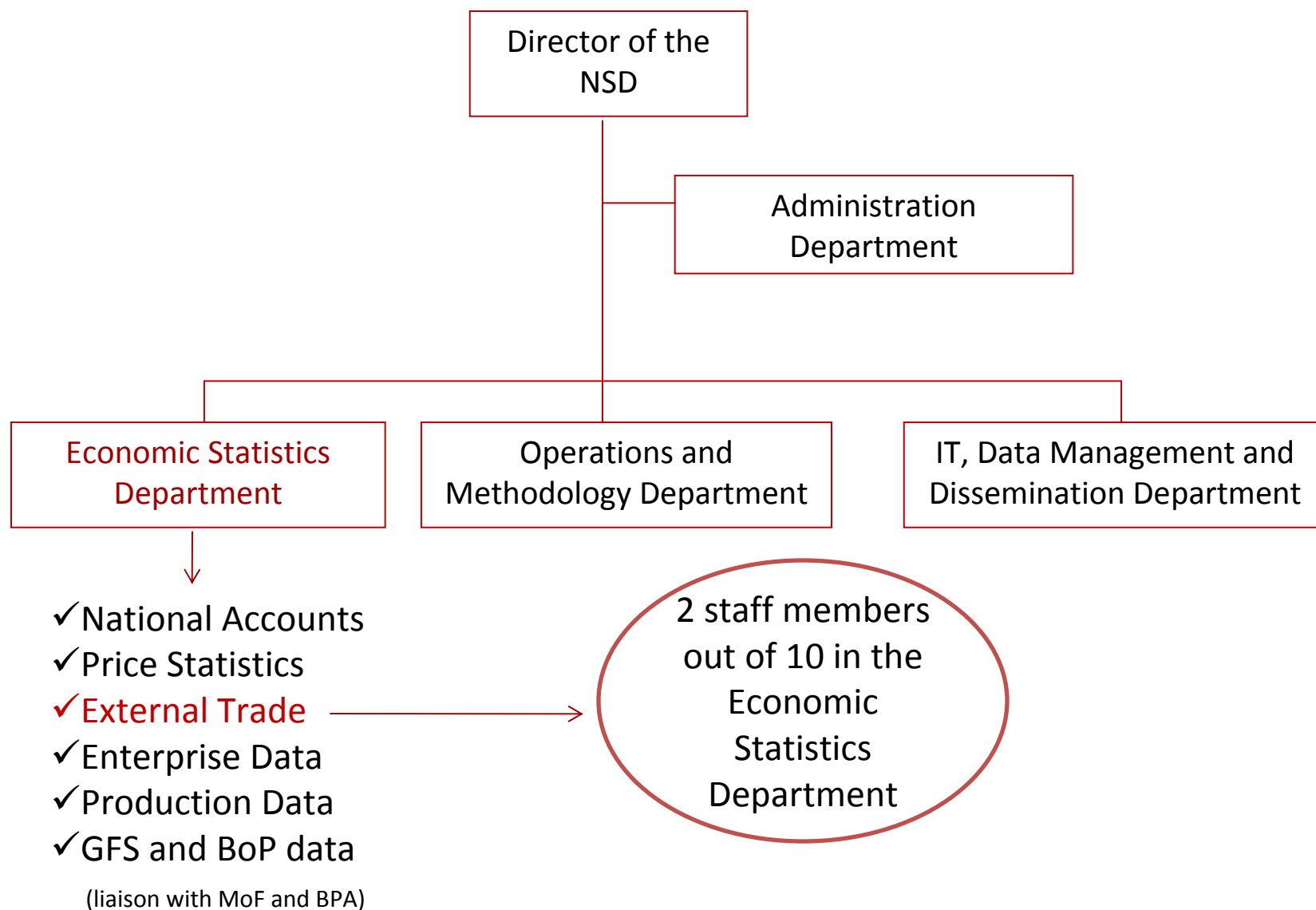
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Organization Structure of NSD



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Base to collect data:

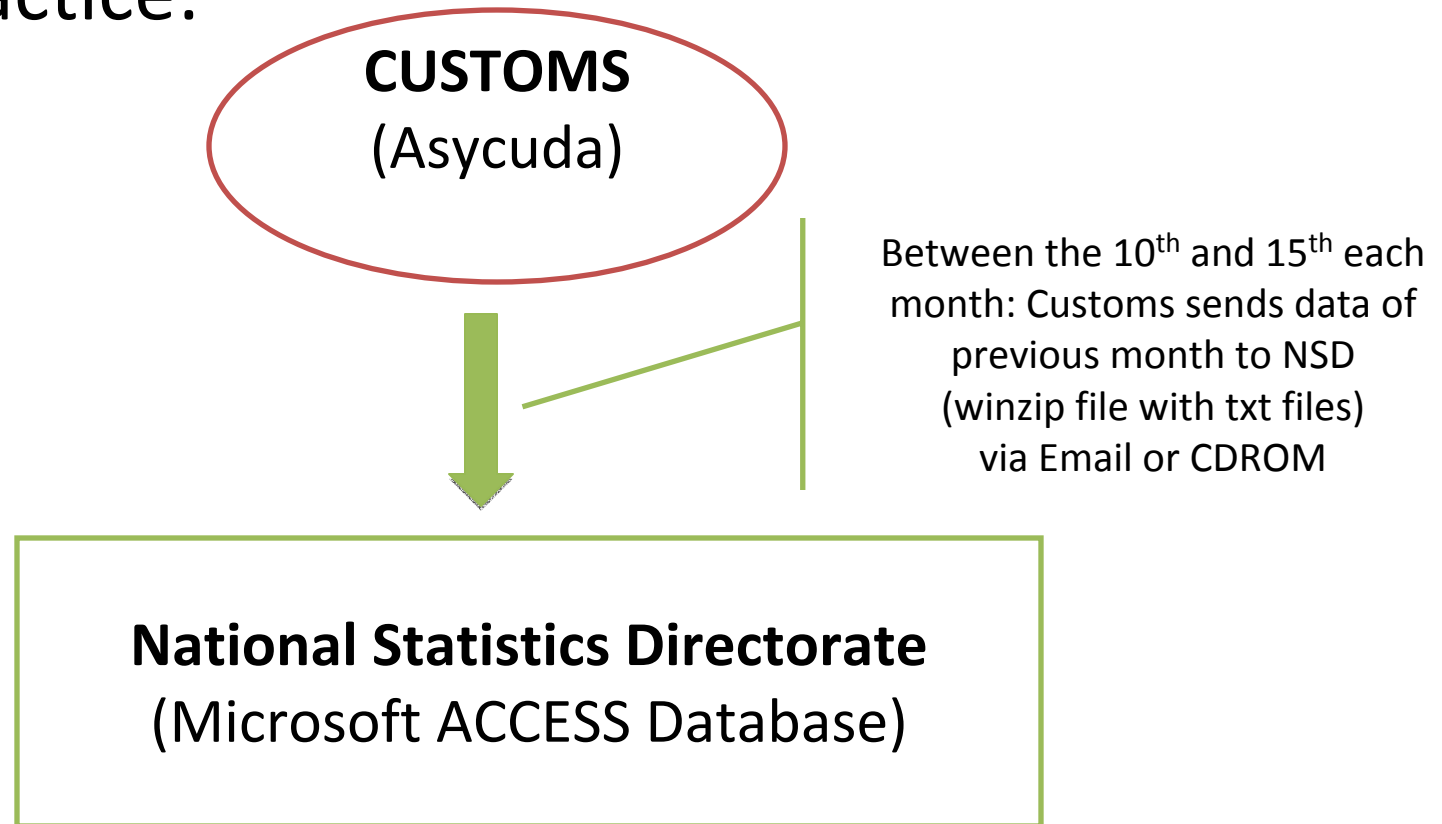
Decree-Law on Statistics
(N° 17/2003, of 1 October)



art. 7, n° 5: *“Declarations of imports and exports from Timor-Leste shall obligatorily be submitted to the NSD within three months of their receipt”*

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In practice:



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- ❑ ASYCUDA System operational in Timor-Leste since October 2003
- ❑ Data obtained from Customs Declarations
- ❑ Goods classified by Customs using Customs tariff based on the international “Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System” - HS

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ONCE DATA ARRIVES TO THE NSD – MAIN STEPS:

1. SAVE FILE
2. IMPORT DATA TO ACCESS DATABASE
3. SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE RECORDS FOR PROCESSING, USING PRE-DEFINED QUERIES
4. CHECKING MONTHLY DATA SELECTED TO DETECT EVENTUAL ERRORS – 5 SYSTEM QUERIES PRE-DEFINED; OTHERS CAN BE DEFINED
5. EDITING DATA AND ADDRESS CUSTOMS TO CLARIFY/CORRECT ERRORS DETECTED IF NEEDED



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6. SAVING PROVISIONAL MONTHLY DATA
7. APPENDING THE MONTHLY DATA TO AN AGGREGATE TABLE
8. FROM THIS AGGREGATE TABLE, PRODUCTION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT AND ANNUAL REPORT.
9. ACCORDING TO USERS NEEDS REPORTS CAN BE PRODUCED FOR OTHER PERIODS, FOR INSTANCE FOR QUARTERS.

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Main concern:

- ❖ exports of coffee (major export product)
- ❖ country of origin of products exports and re-exports
- ❖ large value records (over \$ 100,000)
- ❖ imports of rice (major import product)
- ❖ listing of other suspicious records

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5 main chapters in the monthly report:

- ✓ COFFEE EXPORT BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION
- ✓ EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION
- ✓ IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION
- ✓ MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY HS 2 DIGIT CHAPTER HEADINGS
- ✓ TRADE TOTALS SUMMARY

Compilation of External Trade Statistics

NSD applies the:

**UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE
TRADE STATISTICS, CONCEPTS AND
DEFINITIONS
(IMTS, Rev. 2)**

Compilation of External Trade Statistics

Exports - F.O.B.

Imports - C.I.F.

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MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

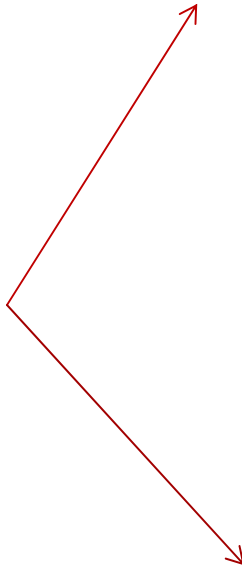


Published 25 days after the end of the reference month

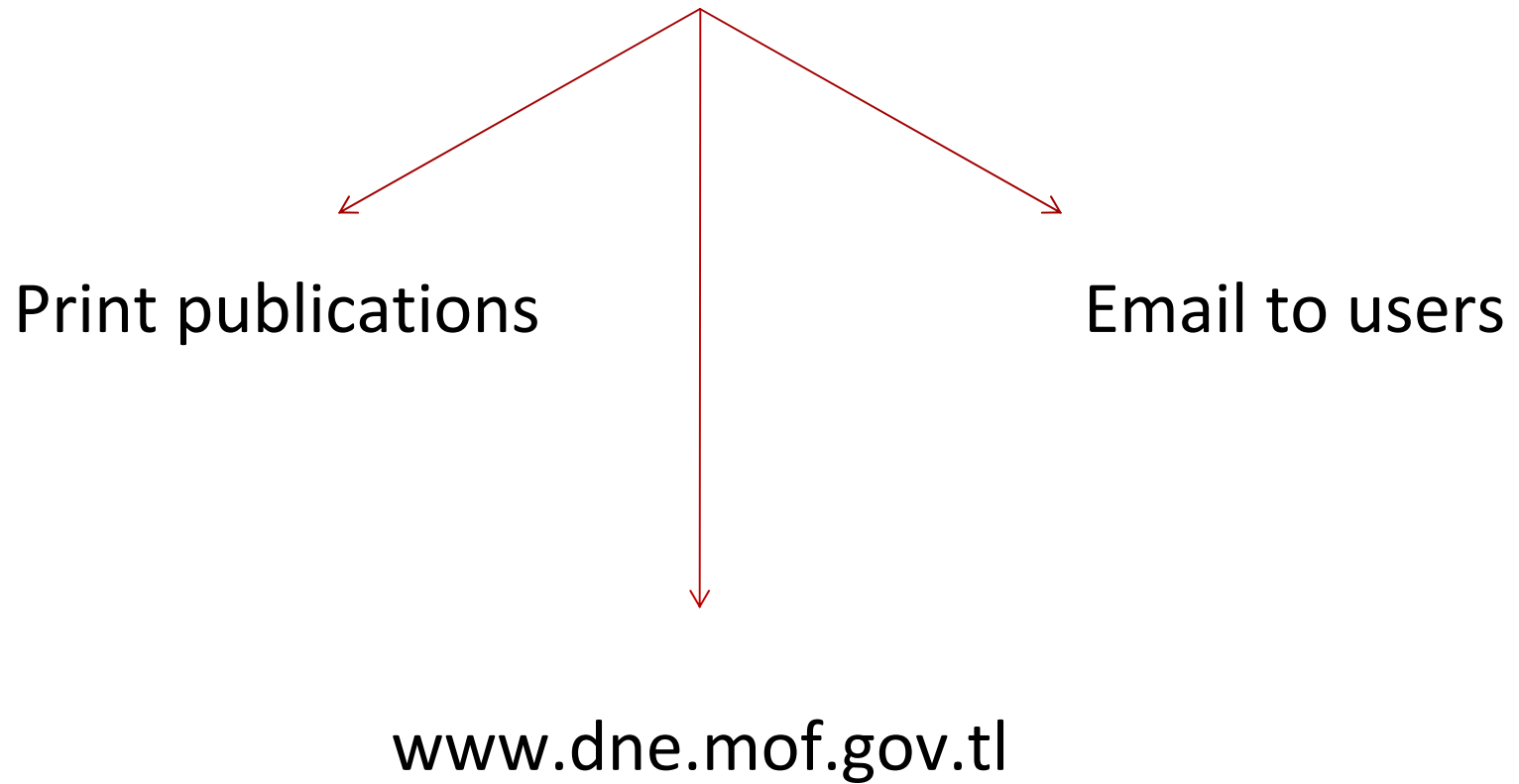
ANNUAL EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS



Published around 90 days after the end of the reference year



Dissemination of External Trade Statistics



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- ✓ Access for all

official statistics are a “public good” for the benefit of all Timorese citizens

- ✓ Confidentiality

data released in such a way that does not permit the identification of the respondents

- ✓ **Matadata** available in the publications and website

- ✓ **NSD release calendar** announced on website



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THANK YOU!