

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

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ASEAN Activities in the Field of IMTS



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Background

- ❖ Workshop on IMTS – Aug 6 -7, 2009
Jakarta
- ❖ Participated in by IMTS Experts from AMS except Brunei, ASEAN Secretariat and EASCAB Programme TA Team
- ❖ Objectives, expected results and activities of EASCAB Programme was presented
- ❖ Programme will focus on IMTS, SITS and FDIS

Background

Workshop clarified:

- ❖ No coordination with UN in design and conduct of activities but results can be assessed relative to UN standards
- ❖ ASEAN data requirements more extensive than those of UN
- ❖ With enhanced capacity ASEAN can collectively provide data to international organizations through the ASEAN Secretariat

Background

- ❖ ASEAN Task Force on IMTS was created to facilitate the development and harmonization of IMTS in support of economic integration and development as envisioned in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint
- ❖ First Meeting TFIMTS 3-4 Dec 2009, Jakarta
- ❖ TFIMTS agreed on its TOR, for final approval by AHSOM last week of January 2010.

Specific Objectives of TFIMTS

- ❖ Resolve issues on IMTS collection, transmission between AMSs and ASEAN Secretariat and dissemination of regional IMTS
- ❖ Improve and monitor adherence to internationally-recommended and/or agreed frameworks, quality standards and specifications in the compilation and reporting of national and regional IMTS
- ❖ Facilitate knowledge sharing, statistical capacity building and technical assistance among data collectors and compilers

Agreements During TFIMTS Meeting

- Reviewed and confirmed results of the IMTS data assessment
- Agreed to draft national methodological handbook
- Discussed and agreed on the ASEAN IMTS data transmission framework
- Considered the integrated regional work programme proposed by EASCAB, one specific objective of which is to strengthen statistical and analytical capacities of those ASEAN countries that need most support (CLVs)
- Agreed to submit respective countries' work program and identify priority activities that will need support from EASCAB

Data Transmission Framework

- ❖ Commodity classification: AHTN 2007, 8 digits
- ❖ Country classification: ISO alpha 2 digits
- ❖ Method: General Trade System
- ❖ Field (content): Value (X, M, Re-export) in US\$
Volume (X, M, re-export)
Country
- ❖ Valuation: X – fob, M – CIF
- ❖ Info on whether using Form D, E, K

Possible Technical Support Through EASCAB

- ❖ Technical assistance to countries, esp. CLV
- ❖ Regional Activities
 - (Training of trainers, Workshops)
- ❖ National Training
- ❖ Implementation of Eurotrace

Thank you for your kind attention