

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

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Part I. Fundamental Aspect of Data Compilation and Dissemination

Institutional Arrangements

- 4 countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Timor Leste) reported NSO as the responsible agency for compilation and dissemination of IMTS
- Vietnam reported both GSO and Customs

Agencies Providing Detailed Data and Frequency

- Customs provides semi-annual and annual data to Cambodia and Lao PDR, monthly data to Myanmar and Timor Leste and to Vietnam, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual data
- Central Bank provides quarterly, semi-annual and annual data to Cambodia and quarterly and annual data to Lao PDR



Agencies Providing Detailed Data and Frequency

- Myanmar, Timor Leste and Vietnam do not receive data from Central Bank
- All 5 countries did not report receiving any data from Free Zones Authority, National Energy Agency or any other agency

MOU with Data Source

- 4 countries (Lao PDR, Myanmar, Timor Leste and Vietnam) have MOU with Customs/Central Bank
- Cambodia has no MOU with Customs

Present and Potential Data Sources

- All 5 countries reported customs declarations as present source of data.
- Vietnam reported parcel and letter post records and enterprise surveys as both present and potential sources of data in addition to customs declarations
- Cambodia reported records from FZA, enterprise surveys and others as potential source

Data Format and Frequency of Submission

- Cambodia – Data on import and export by AHTN, partner country, custom value, quantity and net mass
- Lao PDR – Excel containing all available data
- Myanmar – With Customs, CSO organize soft copy, weekly data containing daily data entry
- Timor Leste – Monthly by email or CD, WINZIP file, in “txt” file
- Vietnam – paper format and electronic copy, semi-monthly, monthly and annually

Basic Data Quality Control

- Except for Timor Leste, all 4 countries providing agencies validate data entries
- Compiling agency validate data entries in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Timor Leste, while Myanmar and Vietnam did not respond to the question
- Except for Cambodia, all 4 countries have the responsible agency check individual records

Basic Data Quality Control

- Responsible agency implement macro level checks in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam while Myanmar and Timor Leste do not
- Responsible agency in Lao PDR and Vietnam implement further check on the outputs while Cambodia, Myanmar and Timor Leste do not

Data and Metadata Dissemination

- Cambodia release quarterly data in printed or CD/DVD publications 60 days after the closing of the reference period and for annual data, 270 days. 2008 IMTS of Cambodia will be released in March 2010
- Lao PDR did not respond to this question but reported Statistics Yearbook as the name of the publication and the web site – www.nsc.gov.la (under improving E-government project)

Data and Metadata Dissemination

- Myanmar reported 300 days for annual data in printed or CD/DVD publications and Statistical Yearbook as name of publication
- Myanmar also release monthly data in web site
 - www.csostatat.gov.mm
- For both printed publications and posting in websites, Timor Leste release monthly data 25 days after closing period and annual data, 300 days

Data and Metadata Dissemination

- For Vietnam, estimated monthly/quarterly data in printed or CD publications are released at the end of the reference period; and 15 days after for preliminary data
- For annual data, end of reference year for estimated data, 1 month after for preliminary data and 14 months after for official data

Data and Metadata Dissemination

- For Vietnam, press releases containing monthly/quarterly/annual data are released at the end of the reference period
- Monthly/quarterly estimated data are posted on the website 3 days after the reference period, preliminary data – 25 to 30 days after reference period
- Estimated annual data are posted on the web site, 3 days after, preliminary data – 1 month after and official data – 15 months after closing of the reference period

Level of Detail of Publicly Available Data

- Both Cambodia and Lao PDR – reported only aggregated data for annual data
- Myanmar reported both aggregated and detailed data for monthly and annual data
- Timor Leste reported aggregated data for both monthly and annual data
- Vietnam has aggregated data for monthly, and quarterly data and both aggregated and detailed data for annual data

Information Technology and Human Resources

- Only Myanmar answered No to the questions whether Customs use a computerized system to register customs declarations
- Cambodia use Access and Asycuda, Lao PDR – Custom 2000 and Timor Leste - Asycuda

Information Technology and Human Resources

- Responsible agency in Cambodia and Lao PDR does not use a specialized system for data processing and dissemination
- Myanmar and Timor Leste use Microsoft Access for data processing
- Vietnam reported Yes but did not specify the system

Information Technology and Human Resources

- 3 countries (Myanmar, Timor Leste and Vietnam) reported that the responsible agency have stable and reliable internet connectivity, Cambodia and Lao PDT do not have
- Timor Leste and Vietnam reported that responsible agency have enough knowledgeable human resources to collect process, and disseminate data regularly while Cambodia and Lao PDR do not have

Information Technology and Human Resources

- Cambodia cited lack of knowledge about IMTS methodology and No specific training and funding support as reason for answering No
- Lao PDR cited Not enough staff dedicated to IMTS compilation, lack of knowledge about IMTS methodology and Computer and IT system
- Myanmar cited Lack of knowledge about IMTS methodology

Information Technology and Human Resources

- Except for Vietnam all 4 countries reported No to the question if the responsible agency has regular training activities to increase awareness of IMTS compilers on the recommendations outlined on IMTS concepts and definitions



Thank you for your kind attention