

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

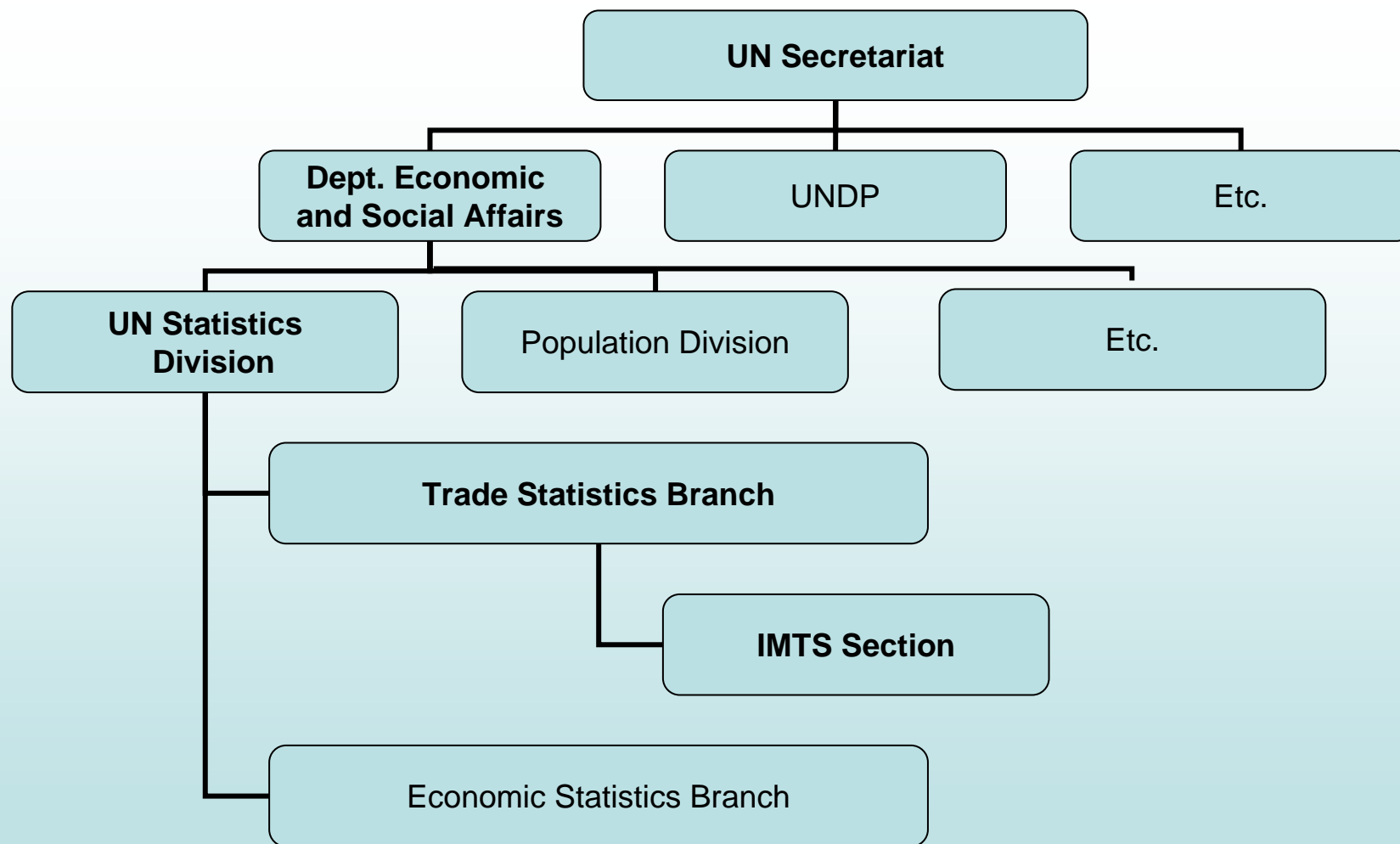
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Agenda item 5: UNSD activities in the field of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)



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Activities of the International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Section

Four working areas:

1. Methodology / International standards and recommendations
2. UN Comtrade Database
3. Analytical tables (publications)
4. International Coordination and Technical Assistance

1. Methodological work on IMTS

The IMTS Section is responsible for:

the development and maintenance of the IMTS methodology, including IMTS concepts and definitions (IMTS, Rev. 2) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC, Rev. 4)

i. Concepts & Methods

- IMTS, Concepts & Definitions <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?id=317>
- IMTS, Compilers Manual <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/pubs/gesgrid.asp?id=111>
- IMTS, Supplement to the Compilers Manual (2008)
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/imtssupplcompilersmanual.htm>
- Unit Value index and trade indices calculation (Strategies for Price and Quantity Measurement in External Trade; A technical report.)
- IMTS, Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS2010)

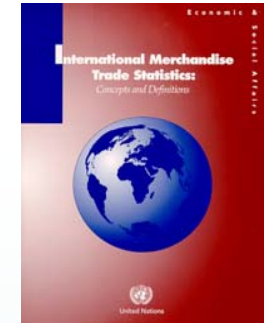
ii. National Practices

- IMTS, National Compilation and Dissemination Practices 2006
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradereport/default.asp>

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i. Concepts & Methods

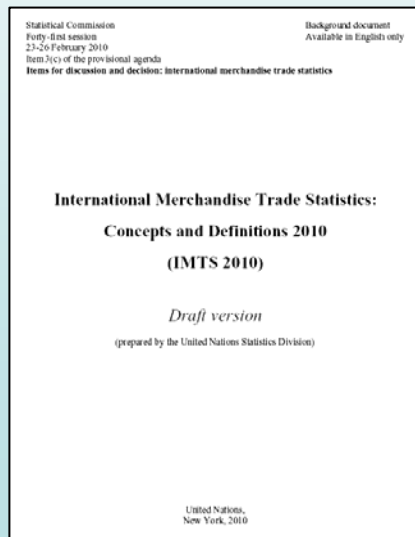
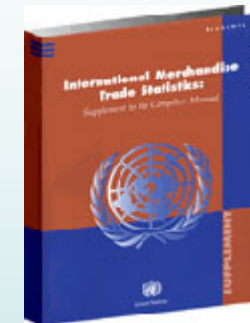
IMTS, Concepts and Definitions, Rev.2 (1998)



IMTS Compilers Manual (2004)



IMTS, Supplement to the Compilers Manual (2008)



IMTS, Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS2010)

1. Methodological work on IMTS (cont.)

iii. IMTS classifications and correspondence tables:

Commodity classifications:

- Standard International Trade Classification (SITC, Revision 4) and correspondence tables <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/sitcrev4.htm>
- Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC): correspondence table with the Harmonized System -2002 and SITC, R3) <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/methodology%20IMTS.htm>
- Other IMTS classifications and related correspondence tables <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/methodology%20IMTS.htm>
- Statistical Territories of the World for Use in International Merchandise Trade Statistics <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/methodology%20IMTS.htm>



2. UN comtrade


The UN Comtrade database (<http://comtrade.un.org/>):

- More than 1 billion trade records starting from 1962;
- Collection and standardization of detailed merchandise trade statistics by partner and commodity (over 170 reporter countries);
- Modern data processing system with extensive verification procedures regarding totals, data by partner and commodity, and quantity information;
- Powerful web-based dissemination system with free and subscriber access;
- Additional services: Knowledge base, Community Forum

→ reference database for worldwide data on IMTS

→ Also available at UN Data <http://data.un.org/>

2. UN Comtrade Database


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Comtrade Explorer - Snapshot [help](#)

NOTICE: Please be very careful in drawing conclusions based on your selection especially if 'all' is selected in reporters/years, since 'all' means all currently available data.

Quick filter ▼ ? Clear Apply

Selected classification: SITC Rev.3
 Selected commodities: [042 \(RICE\)](#)
 Selected reporters: All
 Selected years: [2008](#), [2007](#), [2006](#), [2005](#)
 Selected partners: All
 Selected trade flows: All

-- Further Research -- ▼

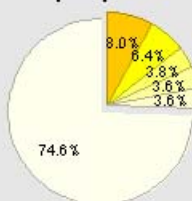
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Top Importers in the selection ([View Map](#))

Reporter Title	Trade Value
Philippines	\$3,673,576,569
United Arab Emirates	\$2,948,825,016
Saudi Arabia	\$1,736,820,126
USA	\$1,661,877,150
United Kingdom	\$1,651,589,091
Other reporters	\$34,227,732,682
Total Import:	\$45,900,420,634

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Top Importers



Suggested articles (beginner)

- > [Comtrade Explorer help](#)

Suggested articles (advanced)

- > [Reported and Converted Data / Conversion Issues](#)

Released data

	# of country periods
today (2010.01.29)	0
in a week	9
in a month	41
year-to-date	37
in a year	110

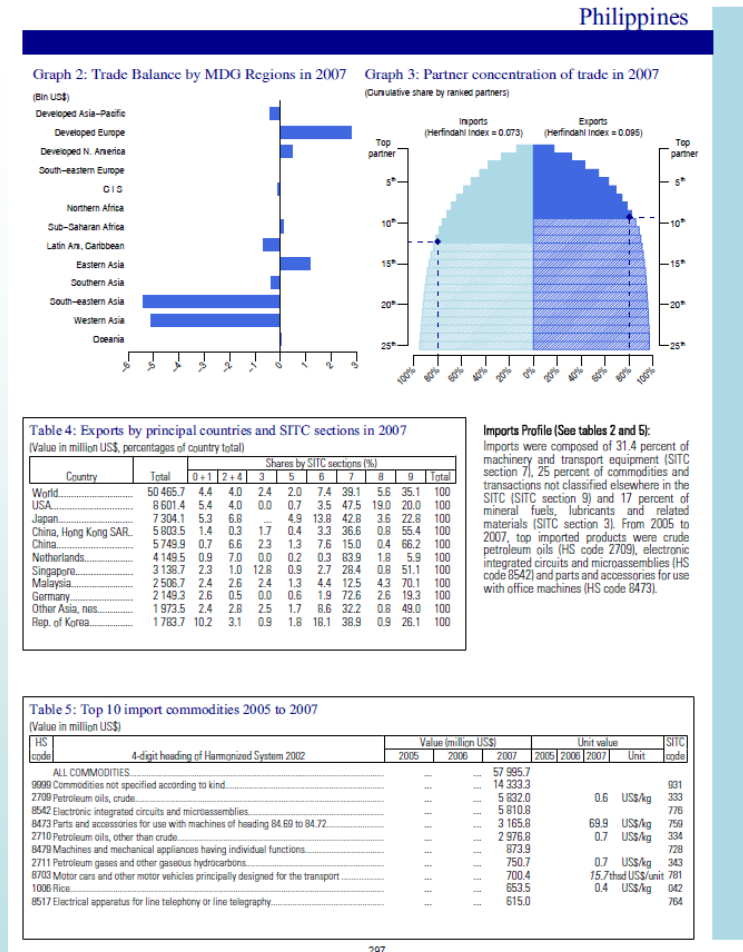
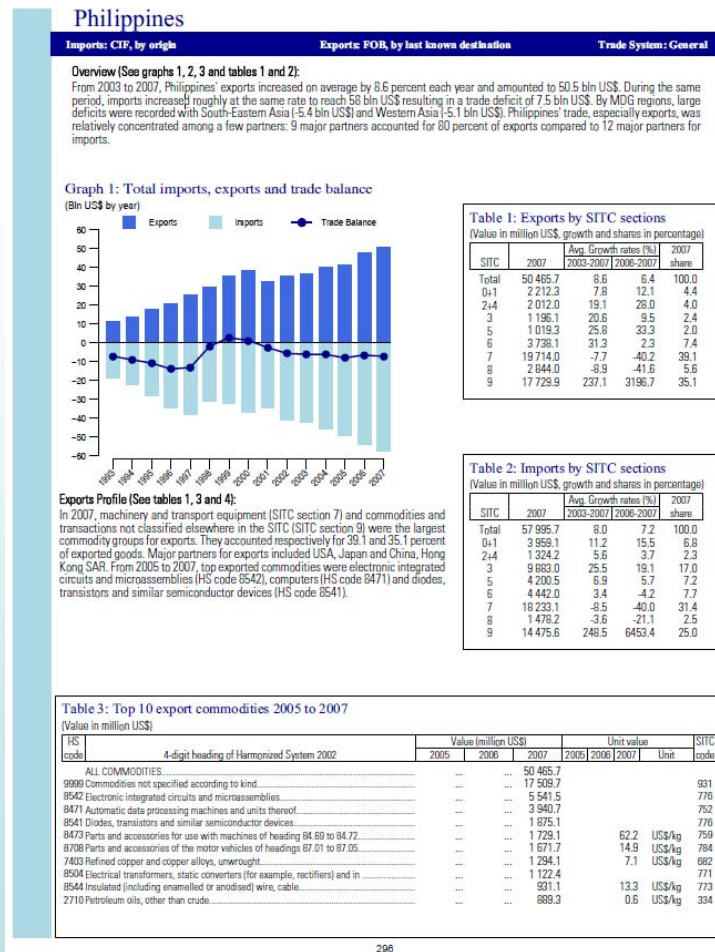
3. Analytical tables (publications)

Free access to analytical tables covering trade values and indices for individual countries and regions.

- International Trade Statistics Yearbook tables (annual data)
→ Consisting of country tables, Commodity tables, and analytical tables
- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics tables (monthly and quarterly data)
→ Analytical tables (containing world and region totals for trade values and trade indices for total exports, total imports, manufactured goods exports and fuel imports)
- Annual Totals Table (Country totals compared)
- Historical data (1900-1960)
- Other analytical outputs:
 - Unit value calculation based on UN Comtrade data
 - Conversion factor calculation

3. Analytical tables (publications)

2008 International Trade Statistics Yearbook tables, Vol. I Trade by Country



4. International Cooperation and Technical Assistance

- UN Statistical Commission



- Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- Further cooperation with other international and regional organizations: ITC, OECD, FAO, WCO, ECLAC, Eurostat, etc.
- Conduct workshops to support countries in the implementation of the international recommendations on IMTS
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/workshops_imts.htm
- Participation in other meetings/ workshops on IMTS

Thank you for your attention