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**UN/DESA Development Account project for countries of South East Asia**

**Initial Assessment Questionnaire of the National Practices  
on International Merchandise Trade Statistics  
Compilation and Dissemination**

The Development Account project aims at strengthening the statistical capacity of five South East Asian countries, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Timor Leste and Vietnam

This part of the overall project aims to improve the collection and compilation of statistics required for national development planning in the area of international merchandise trade. The expected accomplishment is the increased knowledge and capability of the national statistical office to compile international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) within the national statistical system. The strategy for achieving this is through a workshop, country missions and frequent communications with the countries.

The purpose of this initial questionnaire, prepared by UNSD, is to consolidate the information available on national practices and to be used as an input for the creation of country action plans. The questionnaire consist of two parts: Part I focusing on the fundamental aspect of data compilation and Part II focusing on IMTS Methodology and Compilers Practices. The results of the questionnaire Part I will be presented on the Workshop and questionnaire Part II will be discussed during the Workshop.

**Therefore, we would like to request that you complete and return Part I of this questionnaire by 15 January 2010. As mentioned, Part II will be discussed during the workshop and if possible, please complete and return Part II before or at the workshop. There is only one questionnaire per country, thus if necessary, please make arrangement and coordination between agencies involved in the collection, compilation and dissemination of IMTS.**

Country:

***PART I. Fundamental Aspect of Data Compilation and Dissemination***

**Institutional Arrangements**

- Who is the responsible agency for the compilation and dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS)?
  - National Statistical Office
  - Customs Administration
  - Central Bank
  - Ministry, *please provide the name:*
  - Others, *please specify:*

If no responsible agency or more than two agencies are selected, *please explain:*

- Who are the agencies providing detailed trade data for the responsible agency mentioned above?

	Frequency of data submission			
	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual
Customs Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Free Zones Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Energy Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Does the responsible agency have any memorandum of understanding (MoU) or any similar working agreement with any of the agencies mentioned above?
  - Yes  No

**Data Sources**

4. What are the present<sup>1</sup> and potential<sup>2</sup> sources of data in your country?

	Present	Potential	Not Applicable
Customs Declarations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Records from Free Zones Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Records of monetary authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of commodity boards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign shipping manifests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parcel and letter post records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aircraft and ship registers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative records associated with taxation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enterprise surveys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, <i>please specify:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If customs declarations are not main source of data, *please indicate the main data source:*

5. How does the responsible agency receive the data from providing agencies?

*Please indicate data format and the frequency of data submission:* CSO organized the data with

the help of the customs department by softcopy. A group of CSO staff is assigned to receive weekly

data undertaken by customs department of day by day data entry.

**Basic Data Quality Control**

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

Yes  No

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details:

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

<sup>1</sup> Refers to data sources that are currently being used

<sup>2</sup> Refers to data source that may be used in the future to improve IMTS coverage

Yes  No

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details:

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

Yes  No

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details:

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

Yes  No

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details: 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?

Yes  No

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details: Only mentioned on plan target by planning department. ( Only Planning department implement further check on the outputs. )

**Data and Metadata Dissemination**

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

	No of days		
	Monthly Data	Quarterly Data	Annual Data
Printed or CD/DVD Publications			300 days
Press Releases			
Web Sites	60 days		

If printed publications are available, *please indicate the name of publications*: Statistical Year

Book and CD Rom.

If web sites are available, *please provide the URL*: www.csostat.gov.mm

12. What is the level of detail of publicly available monthly, quarterly and annual data?

	Level of detail	
	Aggregated Data <sup>3</sup>	Detailed Data <sup>4</sup>
Monthly Data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Quarterly Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Annual Data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Information Technology and Human Resources**

13. Does Customs Administration use a computerized system to register customs declarations?

Yes  No

If Yes, *please provide details about the system*:

( Myanmar Customs has a small Computer Section which has been organized with 25 staffs, 14

Computers connected with one main server. We use the computers only to enter data for statistical

<sup>3</sup> Trade data by major trading partners or by commodity groups

<sup>4</sup> Trade data by detailed partners and by detailed commodities at least on HS 6-digit codes

purpose and issued periodical reports for higher authorities and CSO, ( responsible agency ). We

cannot use the specialized system software for data processing and dissemination. )

14. Does the responsible agency use a specialized system for data processing and dissemination?

Yes  No

If Yes, *please provide details about the system:* Microsoft Access program is used for data

processing to get by country, by commodity, by way,by agency, by currency and etc. Bookforms,CD

Rom and website are used for data dissemination.

15. Does the responsible agency have stable and reliable internet connectivity?

Yes  No

16. Does the responsible agency have enough knowledgeable human resources to collect, process, and disseminate trade data regularly?

Yes  No

If No, *please select the possible reasons:*

Not enough staffs dedicated to compilation of IMTS

Lack of knowledge about IMTS methodology

Others, *please specify:*

17. Does the responsible agency have regular training activities to increase awareness of IMTS compilers on the recommendations outlined on IMTS Concepts and Definitions?

Yes  No

-----End of Part I-----

**PART I I. IMTS Methodology and Compilers Practices**

**Coverage and Time of Recording**

1. As general guidelines, do you record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory?

Yes  No

If No, *please explain*: concerned department or Ministry can add on subtract at the stock of respective goods.

2. Do you use date of lodgement (e.g., the date when goods are unloaded, presented at the customs office, or released) of the customs declaration as an approximation for the time when goods enter/leave your territory?

Yes  No

If No, *please indicate the date*:

Yes, Myanmar Customs use arrival date ( ship or plane ) for Import and loading of cargo date for

export for the Customs purposes. But we use registered date of Import or Export Declaration at

Customs registry section for the data compilation purposes.

3. Do you use change of ownership (between residents and non-residents) as a basis for inclusion of certain goods in trade statistics (e.g.: ships and aircrafts)?

Yes  No

If necessary, *please provide additional explanation*:

4. Do you INCLUDE in trade statistics the following:

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Non-monetary gold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods traded on government account	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Humanitarian aid, including emergency aid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods for military use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods on consignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media, whether or not recorded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods for processing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Returned goods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electricity, gas and water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods dispatched or received through postal or courier services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Migrants' effects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Goods under financial lease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ships and aircrafts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bunkers, stores, ballast and dunnage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods in electronic commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Used goods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste and scrap (positive commercial value)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details: For the goods

dispatched or received through postal, our answer is No. But for the goods dispatched or received

through courier, our answer is Yes.

5. Do you EXCLUDE in trade statistics the following:

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Goods simply being transported through a country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monetary gold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods treated as part of trade in services <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods under merchanting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods under operational lease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods functioning as means of transport <sup>6</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste and scrap (no commercial value)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Content delivered electronically	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goods for repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you would like to highlight other related information, please provide details:

### Trade System

6. Does definition of statistical territory (the territory with respect to which trade data are being compiled) coincide with the economic territory<sup>7</sup>?

<sup>5</sup> Example: goods acquired by all categories of travelers, goods purchased by foreign governments through their embassies, media carrying customized software, etc

<sup>6</sup> This includes a wide range of items from ships and aircrafts to containers used to transport cargo in ship/rail/road supply chains to empty bottles which are returned to be refilled



Yes  No

If No, *please explain*:

7. Do you provide detailed definition of statistical territory as part of metadata to users?

Yes  No

8. Do you include in your trade statistics goods entering or leaving the following territorial elements from / to rest of the world?

	Yes <sup>8</sup>	No	Not Applicable
Premises for customs warehousing <sup>9</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Premises for inward processing <sup>10</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial free zones <sup>11</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial free zones <sup>11</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If the answer to any part of question 8 is no, *please explain how do you record transaction with these areas (i.e. as partner free zone<sup>12</sup>)*: • The goods entering to the premises for Customs warehousing no need to file customs declarations before delivery. • All the goods entering or living from / to the premises for inward processing must be declared using Customs declarations and must be submitted to the Customs Department. • We can get statistical data from Customs Declarations. • Industrial Free Zone and Commercial Free Zone Systems are not applicable

yet..

<sup>7</sup> The economic territory is the area under the effective economic control of single government

<sup>8</sup> If you select "Yes" to all applicable territorial elements, then it implies that the general trade system is used, otherwise country uses the special trade system

<sup>9</sup> Premises where imported goods are stored under customs control (a customs warehouse) without payment of import duties and taxes

<sup>10</sup> Premises where goods can be placed conditionally relieved from payment of import duties and taxes. Such goods must be intended for re-exportation within a specific period after having undergone manufacturing or processing

<sup>11</sup> In commercial free zones the permitted operations are generally limited to those necessary for the preservation of the goods and the usual forms of handling to improve their packaging or marketable quality or to prepare them for shipment. In industrial free zones processing operations are authorized

<sup>12</sup> The recording of trade with its free zones clearly indicates that country does not use the general trade system

**Commodity Classification and Quantity Measurement**

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

Yes  No

If No, *please explain*:

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?

Yes  No

If Yes, *please provide the description of chapter 00, 98 and 99*:

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:

	Yes	No
Harmonized System (HS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common Product Classification (CPC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*From all of commodity classifications mentioned above, which one is the most widely requested*

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

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

	Yes	No
Net weight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplementary quantity units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If No, *please explain:* We collect the quantity data by net weight and we also collect detail of the

quantity such as the gross weight, quantity amounts and its measurement if available.

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

Yes  No

If No, *please explain:*

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

Yes  No

If No, *please explain:*

## Valuation and Currency Conversion

16. Do you follow recommendation to use for imports CIF-type value and for exports FOB-type value?

Yes  No

If No, *please explain*:

17. In addition of CIF-type value for imported goods, do you also compile FOB-type value?

Yes  No

18. In conversion of foreign currencies into national currency, do you use a rate published by the official authorities of your country?

Yes  No

If No, *please indicate the source of exchange rate*:

19. Do you use the exchange rate which is in effect at the date of exportation or importation?

Yes  No

If No, *please explain*: We use the exchange rate which is in effect at the date of submitting the

declaration form to the Customs.

**Partner Country and Mode of Transport**

20. Do you compile import statistics by:

	Yes	No
Country of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Consignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, please specify Port of loading, Port of Trsanshipment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If country of origin is used, do you broadly follow the origin criteria outlined in the Revised Kyoto Convention?*

Yes  No

21. Do you compile export statistics by:

	Yes	No
Country of Last Known Destination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Country of Consignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, please specify (1. Port of Export, 2. Country of Origin and  3. Country of Destination)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Do you register trade with yourself? <sup>13</sup>

Yes, only for imports  Yes, both for imports and exports  Not at all

23. If you compile trade statistics by mode of transport, do you identify the following modes:

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
1. Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.1 Sea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Inland Waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.1 Railway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Not elsewhere classified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.1 Pipelines and cables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.2 Postal consignments, mail or courier shipments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Self-propelled goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.4 Others, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Data and Metadata Dissemination

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?

Yes  No

<sup>13</sup> It is possible that in the case of re-imports and the use of country of origin, a country registers trade (imports) with itself.

If No, *please explain the current practice on handling confidential data:* ( Actually we don't

understand clearly What you want to mean by question No 24. )

25. Do you publicly announce scheduled release dates?

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

If it's available online, *please provide the URL:* [www.csostat.gov.ml](http://www.csostat.gov.ml)

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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  No

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

Yes  No

#### **Data Quality Control at Customs Administration**

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  No

32. Are all customs declarations stored electronically?

Yes  No

If No, *please provide percentage of customs declarations (approximately) that are not stored electronically:* We can store the customs declarations of head office and six numbers of large

border customs stations electronically. It is about 90% of all customs declarations. We cannot store

the customs declarations of five border customs stations because it is very difficult in transportation,

communication and infrastructure. But it is not more than 10% of total customs declaration.

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

Yes  No

If Yes, *please specify the level of the threshold:* • We don't define the threshold value for manifested cargo or unaccompanied baggage of passengers. 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 filing customs declaration. It contains some specific personal goods and other household goods total amount of which is not more than 500 USD. • And also the goods entering or leaving from / to other country through post office no need to be filed Customs Declaration. *and do you make estimates of trade below the threshold and include them in your trade statistics?*

Yes  No

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

	Yes	No	N/A
Transaction value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance and freight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight (Net)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplementary quantity and its unit of measurement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If necessary, *please explain:* • In Myanmar Customs Declaration form, Insurance and

Freight are not mandatory items.

- But followings are mandatory items to be filled in Customs Declaration form. It is

prescribed by the Notification of Myanmar Customs-

- (1) Description of Goods
- (2) H.S Code
- (3) Value
- (4) Quantity
- (5) Net Weight / Gross Weight
- (6) Mode of Transport



- (7) Port of Loading / Destination/ Port of Transshipment.
- (8) Country Whence Consign / For goods to be received From. Etc.,

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

	Partner Attribution(s)
For import declaration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country of Origin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country of Consignment  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: Port of loading  = Country of consignment
For export declaration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country of Last Known Destination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Country of Consignment / Destination  <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: Port of  Destination = Country of consignment /  Distination

If necessary, *please explain:*

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

Yes  No

If Yes, *please explain how do you verify country of origin in case of imports and country of last*

*known destination in case of exports: 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?

Yes  No

If Yes, *please explain how do you compile and maintain the list of minimum and maximum*

*commodity prices:*

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

Yes  No

If Yes, *please explain:* • There is a training school In Myanmar Customs Department.

• It always provide various trainings and workshops to Customs Officers.

And we also provide information and knowledge to Traders and their Agents occasionally such as subjects on H.S, WTO Valuation System, Rules of Origin, Customs Rules , Regulations and Related Procedures and the Knowledge of FTA, etc.

#### **Data Quality Control at Responsible Agency**

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable (because the responsible agency is Customs Administration)  
*Please explain who is responsible for mapping customs procedures codes into exports/imports:*

- Myanmar Customs cannot use Customs Procedure Codes in data compilation at present.

But we will use Customs Procedure Codes in near future when we use the new e-customs software.

Now we have been preparing to practice this software.

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

Yes  No

*If Yes, please explain briefly about estimation methodology:*

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

Yes  No

*If Yes, please explain briefly about estimation methodology:*

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?

Yes  No

*If applicable, please share the result of the studies:*

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

Yes  No

If Yes, *please explain the correction process*: When we found the error we contact and discuss with

the data compiler 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:

For further improvement in IMTS compilation and dissemination, capacity building of IMTS staff

would be needed by assistant of donor Agencies.

#### **General Questions/Comments**

45. What are the greatest obstacles you had to face in IMTS compilation and dissemination? Please specify.

" Report of CSO"

In border trade, / Delay of ID - ED data entry / Communication Systems / Delay Clearance of special

order.

" Report of Customs Department"

Myanmar Customs Department has organized a small computer section and installed the LAN system. But our LAN system is not a fully computer application system of Customs operations. All the Customs clearance process including the data compilation process are done manually. The system was only in-house close system and not connecting directly to trading partners. We can not use automation system and specialized system software because of the financial constraints, lack of technology and expertise and insufficient Information and Communication Infrastructure. All computers are only used for data keeping, calculating the duty and taxes and issuing periodical report to higher authorities and CSO who is responsible agency for IMTS compilation and dissemination. So that we often find data errors because of the manual data entry process. These are greatest obstacles we face in IMTS compilation and dissemination in data providing agency side.

therefore we need to improve our system to get the correct and complete data for the IMTS

compilation.

46. What are the plans for further improvement in IMTS compilation and dissemination?

" Report of CSO"

To do more cooperation and coordination with Customs Department, Directorate of Trade and Border Trade Department.

" Report of Customs Department"

Myanmar Customs has a plan to improve our system in the future for the Customs role of trade

facilitation and effective Customs control. It needs to get a correct balance between these aspects of

Customs works. Because we acknowledge that the existing computer application system is

insufficient in many Customs works. Therefore we need to change and develop our system. It will be

special advantage for Customs to accomplish its objectives such as to improve facilitation of trade

and more effective Customs control.

47. In case you would like to highlight other related issues and information, please provide details.

" Report of CSO"

For

further improvement in IMTS compilation and dissemination, capacity building of IMTS staff would be needed by assistant of donor Agencies. " Report of Customs Department" As we mentioned above our computerization system needs to be changed and developed in all sectors. But our great obstacles are financial problems, lack of technology and expertise and then insufficient information and communication infrastructure. So financial assistance, technical assistance are also invited.

-----End of Questionnaire -----

*Should you have any question or require further information on how to fill out the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Matthias Reister, Email: [reister@un.org](mailto:reister@un.org). Thank you!*