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**

1. 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:

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

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3. 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\(^1\) and potential\(^2\) sources of data in your country?

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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?

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\(^1\) Refers to data sources that are currently being used
\(^2\) Refers to data source that may be used in the future to improve IMTS coverage
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?

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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?

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<td>Annual Data</td>
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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

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3 Trade data by major trading partners or by commodity groups
4 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:

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<td>Goods traded on government account</td>
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<td>Humanitarian aid, including emergency aid</td>
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<td>Goods for military use</td>
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<td>Goods dispatched or received through postal or courier services</td>
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| Goods under financial lease | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Ships and aircrafts | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Bunkers, stores, ballast and dunnage | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods in electronic commerce | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| Used goods | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Waste and scrap (positive commercial value) | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

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:

| Goods simply being transported through a country | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| Monetary gold | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods treated as part of trade in services⁵ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods under merchanting | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods under operational lease | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods functioning as means of transport⁶ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Waste and scrap (no commercial value) | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |
| Content delivered electronically | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Goods for repair | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ |

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 territory⁷?

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

⁶ 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

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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?

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<td>Premises for customs warehousing⁷</td>
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<td>Premises for inward processing¹⁰</td>
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<td>Industrial free zones¹¹</td>
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<td>Commercial free zones¹¹</td>
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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 zone¹²): • 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.

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⁷ The economic territory is the area under the effective economic control of single government
⁸ 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
⁹ Premises where imported goods are stored under customs control (a customs warehouse) without payment of
   import duties and taxes
¹⁰ 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
¹¹ 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
¹² 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:

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<td>Harmonized System (HS)</td>
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<td>Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)</td>
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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)?

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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:

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   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:

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22. Do you register trade with yourself?  
☐ 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:

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<td>2.1 Sea</td>
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<td>2.2 Inland Waterway</td>
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<td>3. Land</td>
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<td>3.1 Railway</td>
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<td>4. Not elsewhere classified</td>
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<td>4.1 Pipelines and cables</td>
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<td>4.2 Postal consignments, mail or courier shipments</td>
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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

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13 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

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?

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<td>Supplementary quantity and its unit of measurement</td>
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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
35. Please select partner country attribution(s) that are available at custom declaration form.

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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?
Part II to be returned before or at the Workshop

☐ 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.
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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. Thank you!*