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**Background document**

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FOR INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE  
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Rome, 17-19 April 2007

*item 4(a) of the provisional agenda*

## Supplement to the Compilers' Manual for International Merchandise Trade Statistics

Report by UNSD

1. *IMTS: Supplement to Compilers Manual* (the Supplement) is included in the UNSD publication programme for the 2006-2007 biennium. The provisional draft will be placed on the EDG by the end of August 2007 for an electronic discussion. The final draft of the Supplement, which will incorporate the comments of the Task Force members, will be submitted for printing in November 2007.
2. Last year UNSD prepared a draft table of content and invited the TF members to provide UNSD with their comments/proposals/additional commitments. Progress made since then includes (a) the worldwide submission of the National Compilation and Dissemination Practices (NCDP) questionnaire in July 2006, (b) the analysis of the first 111 received replies from countries and (c) the first drafts of chapters of the topical part of the Supplement. The revised table of contents is given in Annex 1.
3. The NCDP Questionnaire was sent out in July and August of 2006 to 206 national IMTS compiling agencies (of which 30 from OECD countries). Questionnaires were pre-filled as much as possible on a country by country basis with information received in the past or retrieved from the country's Internet site. In addition, they were made available in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic) to facilitate the task for the national compilers. By February 2007, 111 responses were received. A complete overview of answers by question is given in Annex 2<sup>1</sup>. Some questions have been highlighted in this overview, since they seem to be especially relevant with respect to the issue list for the

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<sup>1</sup> See document: TF07\_item\_4a\_UNSD\_Complete overview of responses.pdf

revision of the IMTS, Rev.2. To facilitate interpretation of Annex 2 an example of a filled questionnaire is given as Annex 3<sup>2</sup>.

4. Part 2 of the Supplement contains a number of substantive issues. Thus far UNSD has received only a first draft of chapter 4 prepared by Eurostat on the INTRASTAT system.
5. The finalization of the publication is organized as follows:
  - i) Initial drafts of all chapters of both part 1 and 2 will be posted on the EDG by 31 August 2007.
  - ii) TF members are invited to send comments before 30 September 2007.
  - iii) UNSD will edit and finalize the Supplement by 31 October 2007 and send it for printing in early November 2007.

Whereas UNSD will be responsible for editing and redrafting, the authors of the original version will be asked to sign off on the final version.

6. The TF members are specifically asked at this TF meeting to comment on (a) the revised table of contents and (b) the schedule of the drafting process.

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<sup>2</sup> See document TF07\_item\_4a\_UNSD\_NCDP\_Australia.pdf

Annex 1  
IMTS: Supplement to Compilers Manual  
Revised table of contents

Part I National compilation and dissemination practices in international merchandise trade statistics

Introduction

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- Chapter 6: Commodity classifications and Quantity measurement
- Chapter 7: Valuation and currency conversion
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- Chapter 9: Data Quality Control
- Chapter 10: Mode of transport
- Chapter 11: Reporting and dissemination
- Chapter 12: Recommended inclusions
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Part II Selected data compilation and reporting issues

Introduction

Summary overview

- Chapter 1: Revised Kyoto Convention and its implications (UNSD)
- Chapter 2: Boundary between IMTS and BOP statistics
  - Sub a) Bridge from IMTS to BOP (UNSD)
  - Sub b) Goods for processing (WTO, UNSD)
  - Sub c) Re-exports (Eurostat)
  - Sub d) Residents versus non-residents and change of ownership (WTO)
  - Sub e) Experiences in compilation of FOB imports (WTO)
  - Sub f) Travel (WTO)
  - Sub g) Government Services NEI (UNSD)
- Chapter 3: IMTS and Structural Business Statistics (OECD)
- Chapter 4: INTRASTAT: achievements and current challenges (Eurostat)
- Chapter 5: Other issues
  - Sub a) Origin of used goods, including antiques (UNSD)
  - Sub b) Goods under financial or operational lease (UNSD)
- Chapter 6: Reducing reporting burden of countries (OECD, UNSD)

Final\_Summary\_of\_questions

Question Number	No	Yes	Neutral	Total Responses	Percentage YES	Description of Question
1.01	12	80	19	111	72.1%	
1.02	18	88	5	111	79.3%	
1.03	1	106	4	111	95.5%	
1.04	75	24	12	111	21.6%	
1.05	80	9	22	111	8.1%	
1.06	68	29	14	111	26.1%	
1.07	35	45	31	111	40.5%	
1.08	33	71	7	111	64.0%	MOU
1.09	48	45	18	111	40.5%	
2.01	9	99	3	111	89.2%	
2.02	90	14	7	111	12.6%	
2.03	73	30	8	111	27.0%	
2.04	70	33	8	111	29.7%	
2.05	77	24	10	111	21.6%	
2.06	82	12	17	111	10.8%	
2.07	72	29	10	111	26.1%	
2.08	69	30	12	111	27.0%	
2.09	55	14	42	111	12.6%	
3.01	5	102	4	111	91.9%	
3.02	74	29	8	111	26.1%	record: change of ownership
3.03	75	29	7	111	26.1%	
3.04	26	81	4	111	73.0%	
4.01	16	78	17	111	70.3%	Kyoto Convention
4.02	10	98	3	111	88.3%	
4.03	9	94	8	111	84.7%	
4.04	11	90	10	111	81.1%	

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Question Number	No	Yes	Neutral	Total Responses	Percentage YES	Description of Question
4.05	10	92	9	111	82.9%	
4.06	7	96	8	111	86.5%	Re-exports
4.07	16	81	14	111	73.0%	Inward processing
4.08	17	79	15	111	71.2%	leaving after inward processing
4.09	16	80	15	111	72.1%	Outward processing
4.10	16	82	13	111	73.9%	re-importation after outward processing
4.11	14	80	17	111	72.1%	into customs-warehousing
4.12	11	81	19	111	73.0%	leaving customs warehousing
4.13	26	60	25	111	54.1%	into commercial freezone
4.14	26	61	24	111	55.0%	leaving commercial freezone
4.15	25	59	27	111	53.2%	into industrial freezone
4.16	21	63	27	111	56.8%	leaving industrial freezone
4.17	35	63	13	111	56.8%	
5.01	29	57	25	111	51.4%	Included: commercial freezone
5.02	31	55	25	111	49.5%	Included: industrial freezone
5.03	29	71	11	111	64.0%	Included: customs warehousing
5.04	27	64	20	111	57.7%	Included: inward processing
5.05	41	36	34	111	32.4%	
5.06	50	22	39	111	19.8%	
5.07	70	18	23	111	16.2%	
5.08	16	53	42	111	47.7%	
5.09	58	6	47	111	5.4%	
5.10	54	51	6	111	45.9%	General Trade System
5.11	58	45	8	111	40.5%	Special Trade System
5.12	68	20	23	111	18.0%	Both
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6.01	3	104	4	111	93.7%	Harmonized System
6.02	8	98	5	111	88.3%	

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Question Number	No	Yes	Neutral	Total Responses	Percentage YES	Description of Question
6.03	40	69	2	111	62.2%	
6.04	95	9	7	111	8.1%	
6.05	52	50	9	111	45.0%	
6.06	82	22	7	111	19.8%	
6.07	3	103	5	111	92.8%	
6.08	23	83	5	111	74.8%	
<b>6.09</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>	111	71.2%	WCO recommended QTY units
7.01	24	62	25	111	55.9%	
<b>7.02</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2</b>	111	94.6%	Imports CIF
<b>7.03</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	111	38.7%	Insurance and Freight separately available
<b>7.04</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	111	25.2%	Imports FOB
<b>7.05</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1</b>	111	96.4%	Exports FOB
7.06	38	66	7	111	59.5%	
7.07	3	88	20	111	79.3%	
7.08	56	28	27	111	25.2%	
7.09	20	72	19	111	64.9%	
7.10	30	36	45	111	32.4%	
8.01	16	63	32	111	56.8%	
<b>8.02</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2</b>	111	89.2%	Country of Origin
8.03	7	68	36	111	61.3%	
8.04	52	52	7	111	46.8%	
8.05	73	32	6	111	28.8%	
8.06	47	13	51	111	11.7%	
8.07	62	23	26	111	20.7%	
8.08	56	31	24	111	27.9%	
<b>8.09</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3</b>	111	91.9%	Country of Last Known destination
8.10	69	22	20	111	19.8%	



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8.11	79	25	7	111	22.5%	
8.12	51	6	54	111	5.4%	
9.01	57	41	13	111	36.9%	
9.02	47	16	48	111	14.4%	
9.03	57	50	4	111	45.0%	ASYCUDA
9.04	10	81	20	111	73.0%	
9.05	16	87	8	111	78.4%	
9.06	83	19	9	111	17.1%	Eurotrace
9.07	28	78	5	111	70.3%	
9.08	63	37	11	111	33.3%	
9.09	58	41	12	111	36.9%	
9.10	17	16	78	111	14.4%	
9.11	44	52	15	111	46.8%	Reconciliation studies
10.01	20	84	7	111	75.7%	Compile by mode of transport
10.02	10	93	8	111	83.8%	
10.03	14	83	14	111	74.8%	
10.04	45	34	32	111	30.6%	
10.05	33	57	21	111	51.4%	
10.06	24	70	17	111	63.1%	
10.07	43	40	28	111	36.0%	
10.08	36	39	36	111	35.1%	
11.01		2	109	111	1.8%	
11.02		2	109	111	1.8%	
11.03		2	109	111	1.8%	
11.04	21	80	10	111	72.1%	
11.05	35	68	8	111	61.3%	

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11.06	13	92	6	111	82.9%	Web publishing
11.07	5	100	6	111	90.1%	
11.08	6	99	6	111	89.2%	
11.09	58	14	39	111	12.6%	
11.10	25	83	3	111	74.8%	Monthly data
11.11	33	70	8	111	63.1%	Detailed quarterly
11.12	27	59	25	111	53.2%	
12.01	13	95	3	111	85.6%	
12.02	42	61	8	111	55.0%	
12.03	9	35	67	111	31.5%	
12.04	29	70	12	111	63.1%	
12.05	17	88	6	111	79.3%	
12.06	24	84	3	111	75.7%	
12.07	38	65	8	111	58.6%	
12.08	65	33	13	111	29.7%	
12.09	43	56	12	111	50.5%	
12.10	31	64	16	111	57.7%	
12.11	18	82	11	111	73.9%	
12.12	4	58	49	111	52.3%	
12.13	10	92	9	111	82.9%	included: goods for processing
12.14	15	60	36	111	54.1%	
12.15	16	80	15	111	72.1%	included: affiliated trade
12.16	15	82	14	111	73.9%	
12.17	18	75	18	111	67.6%	
12.18	32	54	25	111	48.6%	
12.19	15	91	5	111	82.0%	
12.20	49	48	14	111	43.2%	
12.21	33	43	35	111	38.7%	

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Question Number	No	Yes	Neutral	Total Responses	Percentage YES	Description of Question
12.22	28	71	12	111	64.0%	included: financial lease
12.23	19	85	7	111	76.6%	
12.24	44	36	31	111	32.4%	
12.25	29	62	20	111	55.9%	
12.26	42	47	22	111	42.3%	
12.27	51	32	28	111	28.8%	
12.28	45	39	27	111	35.1%	
12.29	39	58	14	111	52.3%	
12.30	29	64	18	111	57.7%	
12.31	13	88	10	111	79.3%	
12.32	53	41	17	111	36.9%	included: local border
12.33	34	65	12	111	58.6%	
12.34	55	35	21	111	31.5%	
12.35	77	15	19	111	13.5%	included: estimates of unrecorded trade
13.01	14	87	10	111	78.4%	
13.02	9	97	5	111	87.4%	
13.03	22	80	9	111	72.1%	
13.04	11	92	8	111	82.9%	
13.05	13	85	13	111	76.6%	
13.06	12	76	23	111	68.5%	
13.07	14	87	10	111	78.4%	
13.08	21	75	15	111	67.6%	
13.09	14	84	13	111	75.7%	
13.10	14	70	27	111	63.1%	
13.11	12	79	20	111	71.2%	
13.12	15	83	13	111	74.8%	excluded: operational lease
13.13	16	76	19	111	68.5%	
13.14	25	70	16	111	63.1%	

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Question Number	No	Yes	Neutral	Total Responses	Percentage YES	Description of Question
13.15	71	16	24	111	14.4%	
13.16	28	71	12	111	64.0%	
13.17	31	45	35	111	40.5%	
13.18	31	39	41	111	35.1%	
13.19	24	52	35	111	46.8%	
13.20	25	48	38	111	43.2%	
13.21	29	58	24	111	52.3%	
13.22	42	51	18	111	45.9%	excluded: repair
13.23	16	21	74	111	18.9%	
13.24	24	56	31	111	50.5%	
13.25	47	38	26	111	34.2%	