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Concepts and Definitions: topics for revision

Presentation

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INITIAL CONCLUSIONS OF WORKSHOP

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List of issues

- Goods for Processing
- Re-exports (country of import + export)
- SNA/BOP vs IMTS (Change of Ownership)
- Imports FOB
- Data Quality Control + Institutional arrangements

Goods for processing

- Inward processing / Outward processing
- Link between goods coming in and processed goods should be kept
- Mexico is good example
- Inward/Outward processing = No change of ownership
- Presentation : (1) in IMTS – Gross value in and Gross value out, (2) in BOP – Net value as service transaction.

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DATA QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality Check at the source: Customs Declarations
- Agreement with Customs on Mandatory Fields and Data Checks
- Brazil is good example
- Good Information Technology is necessary : (1) electronic declarations, (2) help functions for importer/ exporter, (3) submission by Internet