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Country Note

Egypt



ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS)

Egypt's Foreign Trade Statistics

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Introduction

The statistics of foreign trade in Arab Republic of Egypt is the one of the main supports which depends on it is the right planning for economic developing in the countries. a Foreign trade statistics consider one of the most important and oldest statistics which publish by C.A.P.M.A.S so that the trade balance is the main element which effect in the balance of payment so that it become one of the main strategic objective of the country to increase the values of exports and to limit the imports and developing the used or applied method and ways in the foreign trade statistics.

The Methodology Used for Egypt's Foreign Trade Statistics

Data Source

- 1- Egyptian CUSTOMS Authority (The Import)
- 2- General Organization for Export and Import Control
(G.O.E.I.C) (The Export) .
- 3- The Ministry of Petroleum (For exports and imports of
petroleum) .
- 4- The Ministry of Electricity (Electricity data)

The system used

The General Trade System

Which includes the geographical boundaries of the state or national borders are statistical and therefore includes items that fall within the foreign trade statistics according to this system all goods which enter through the geographical boundaries of the state (imports) or leaving (exports) regardless of the customs this system to ensure coverage clearance of such goods and full for all statistical systems, customs release

The Index Used

Harmonized System (HS)

Tariff has been updated and integrated in accordance with the Harmonized System (HS) 2007 version included the tariff 21 sections subdivided into 97 chapters, which are subdivided to 1255 tariff lines at the level of (4 DIGIT) further divided into sub-item on the 7456 level (10 DIGIT).

Country Index

Used to determine the source to the country and the importer of goods is also used in the coding of geographical and economic blocs such as COMESA and the fifteen countries, ESCWA, the European Union.

Port Index

Used to determine the source of local ports and imported it (DIGIT 2)

Currency Index

A user to encode all the world currencies according to the average monthly price CBE.

Deployment

Monthly: monthly summary of the external trade

Annual: Extracting the yearly annual tables of the external trade

Timing of the Deployment

Monthly: Two months after the reference month

Annual: After eleven months of the reference year.