DISSEMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS (IMTS) IN BOTSWANA

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Introduction

• IMTS Dissemination done mainly through production of statistical reports posted on www.cso.gov.bw

• Also done through availing data in various formats to various users
• IMTS Reports

➢ Three main Reports published by CSO

✓ External Trade Monthly Digest

✓ External Trade Quarterly Digest

✓ External Trade Annual Report
✔ External Trade Monthly Digest

- Released on 25th of second month after reference period
- Carries monthly data for the most recent three years
- Carries data on total trade, principal commodity groups, direction of trade & most traded commodities
External Trade Quarterly Digest

- Released three months after the reference period
- Carries summaries of IMTS for total trade, principal imports/exports and direction of trade for most recent five quarters
- Carries data for the four digit HS for both imports and exports
- Also carries data on SITC, BEC and ISIC
External Trade Annual Report

- To be released nine months after the reference period but not always possible due to staff constraints
- Carries data for variables contained in both the Monthly & Quarterly Digest but on annual basis
- Carries data for the most recent two years
Other CSO Reports that carry summaries of IMTS

- Statistics Update published quarterly
- Botswana in Figures published yearly
- Botswana Statistical Year Book

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