



SWAZILAND

IMTS Presentation

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Scope and time of recording

- All goods recorded at points of entry & exit.
- Goods are recorded at the time when they enter or leave Swaziland.
- Some goods excluded from the IMTS but recorded (e.g. goods for repairs)
- Media; Full transaction value is recorded.

Commodity classifications



- SD adopted the HS 2012.
- SITC rev. 4 being used.
- Other commodity classification used;
 - International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)
 - Broad Economic Categories (BEC)
- Inconsistencies when reporting on Quantities
- FOB valuation for Exports, Imports on both CIF & FOB valuation.
- Quantity conversion factors not possible.



Valuation

- Statistical value recorded for most goods.
- No values for some classified goods (e.g. Royalty)
- FOB valuation for exports, imports is both FOB & CIF.
- Banknotes & Media; transactional value.
- CBS: Current rates of exchange.

Quantity Measurements



- Inconsistencies when reporting on Quantities.
- Quantity conversion factors affected by the inconsistencies.



Partner country

- COO is key and is recorded.
- Few cases where COO is blanks.
- **Imports**; record COO, **Exports**: record the country of last known destination.
- Trade balances calculated
- STD international country/area codes used for identifying partner.

Data compilation strategies



- Customs records are the primary data source.
- CPCs are used (additional national codes)
- Non-customs records (CBS, SEC & etc).
- Integrated approach to data collection; uncoordinated.
- Institutional arrangements; CSO & SRA MoU.

Data Quality & Metadata



- Still to develop Quality Assessment Framework.
- Audit Command Language (ACL) to authenticate data.
- Cross-country data comparability on-going.
- Challenge; populating MRN as a primary key.
- Metadata in line with IMTS



Dissemination

- Preliminary figures issued, timetables are yet to be put in place & pronounced.
- Information Confidentiality a priority.
- Revision Policy; new entity, no forum yet for data users.
- Data users equally treated & data disseminated without preference.
- External trade indices not produced currently.



Summary

- Milestone;
 - Swaziland IMTS comply with ITMS recommendations
- Challenges;
 - Still to develop Quality Assessment Framework
 - Reporting on Quantities
 - Uncoordinated Integrated approach to data collection.
 - Data matching with other countries; MRN as a primary key
 - Preliminary figures available.

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