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 ongoing.
• 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.

COMMENTS !!