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Chapter VII: Mode of transport

IMTS2010 Recommendations

- Compile and disseminate IMTS by mode of transport at the most detailed commodity level (as a new data dimension) (7.1)
- The mode of transport which should be recorded is the **means of transport**used when goods enter or leave the economic territory of a country (7.1)

IMTS2010 Encouragements

- Use the following classification of modes of transport (next slide)
- Use the main categories (I-digit) of the classification and, if countries wish to do so, the detailed (2- or 3-digit) categories





Mode of transport: Classification

- I. Air
- 2. Water
 - 2.1 Sea
 - 2.2 Inland waterway
- 3. Land
 - 3.1 Land
 - 3.2 Road
- 4. Not elsewhere classified
 - 4.1 Pipelines and cables
 - 4.1.1 Pipelines
 - 412 Cables
 - 4.2 Postal consignments, mail or courier shipments
 - 4.3 Self-propelled goods
 - 4.4 Other





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- \rightarrow Indicate clearly the contents of the categories used (7.3)
- Taking into account their national requirements and circumstances countries might want to compile mode of transport not only according to the means of transport when crossing the border, but, in addition, according to other criteria such as the **predominant mode of transport** (e.g., mode of transport which accounts for the majority of the transportation costs or the longest part of the route by distance). (7.4)
- If countries record multiple mode of transports, provide detailed information in the metadata (7.4)





Additional guidance in IMTS 2010 - CM

Chapter 17: Mode of transport

- A. Basic concepts and data sources: an overview
 - I. Basic concepts
 - 2. Description of particular modes of transport
 - 3. Other considerations
- B. Compilation of MoT trade statistics: countries experiences
- C. Dissemination of MoT statistics: countries experiences





IMTS2010 Recommendations

- Include in the dataset for trade statistics as far as possible information about the customs procedure applied to individual transactions (or the nature of transaction), in order to facilitate the identification of re-exports and reimports, but also of other types of trade, such as goods for processing, trade between related parties, goods on consignment etc.
- If the customs is not the agency compiling trade statistics, include this information regularly in the dataset provided by customs to the agency responsible for the compilation of trade statistics of a country.





Customs procedure code as a new field for international reporting

• Customs procedure code (or applicable transaction code):

Code of the customs procedure applied to individual transactions by customs; any applied procedure or transaction code if customs procedure codes are not available or if additional codes are used

Importance of information on customs procedure applied to individual transactions

"Indicate whether certain transaction should be included or excluded in trade statistics; for example, the ASYCUDA system uses customs procedure codes for determining the trade type (system) and flow."

"Contain information about the purpose of the transaction needed for analytical purposes."





Possible limitations:

- Comparability: Countries usually developed their own, often extensive set of customs procedures that suit their administrative needs and might apply multiple procedures to the same transaction.
- Relevance: The information on the application of customs procedures might not automatically, or for all countries, result in any consistent and, therefore, useable statistical information

Minimum goals for the future:

- Timeline: The development of the information on customs procedures into relevant and internationally comparable data is expected to require several years
- Minimum goals for the near future: All countries able to identify re-exports, re-imports, and goods for processing in their trade data, and they make this information available to all users





Example: Customs regime codes used in China's IMTS

Code	Description			
10	Ordinary Trade			
11	Aid or Donation Between Governments or by International Organizations			
12	Other Donation			
13	Compensation Trade			
14	Processing and Assembling (Inward Processing, type I)			
15	Processing with Imported Materials (Inward Processing, type II)			
16	Goods on Consignment			
19	Border Trade			
20	Equipment for Processing trade			
22	Contracting Projects			
23	Goods on Lease			
25	Equipment or Materials Imported as Investment by Foreign-Invested Enterprises			
27	Outward Processing			
30	Barter Trade			
31	Duty-free Commodities on Payment of Foreign Currency			
33	Customs Warehousing Trade			
34	Entrepot Trade by Bonded Area			
35	Equipment Imported into Export Processing Zone			
39	Other			





Example: COMESA – Harmonized CPCs – Example EX I Exportation

ASY++ code		Trade type	Standard description
1000	000	2	Exportation of goods from open market
1000	105	2	Exportation of goods by the government or government organisations
1000	110	2	Exportation of goods by diplomatic missions / foreign embassies/ diplomatic personnel
1000	115	2	Exportation of goods under customs/trade agreements entered into by the government
1000	120	2	Exportation of goods where industrial drawback of duty is to be claimed
1040	130	2	Exportation of goods after entry for home use under national Manufacturing Schemes
1052	000	2	Exportation of compensating products after temporary imports for inward processing
1071	000	S	Exportation in bond of locally manufactured goods subject to excise duty (export in bond)
1078	000	2	Exportation of manufactured /processed goods from an Export Processing Zone / International Free Trade Zone





Additional guidance in IMTS 2010 - CM

Chapter 18: Customs procedure code

- A. Customs procedure code as a new data field
- B. IMTS 2010 recommendations
- C. Importance of compilation and international reporting
- D. Custom procedures applied by countries
- Annex 18.A: Harmonization of customs procedures and codes in COMESA
- Annex 18.B: List of nature of transaction codes for Extrastat





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