Group discussion IMTS:

Status of implementation IMTS 2010, challenging compilation practices, informal cross border trade

** INSTRUCTION **

Please select group coordinator to act as facilitator and group rapporteur to summarize the discussion. Within allocated time, you have to complete all questions below. It is important that all members of the group actively participate and involve in the discussion.

Status of implementation

1. Have you implemented IMTS2010 in your country or do you have an action plan for it? Discuss briefly status of implementation of in your country. In the survey, you have mentioned that lack of IMTS knowledge is the main weakness. Therefore, please find out the best way, in your opinion, to increase the understanding of IMTS 2010?

Challenging compilation practices

2. Do you have concern of quality (timeliness, accuracy) with your primary data source (Customs data)? Do you have access to other administrative sources (i.e., records associated to taxation)? What is the best way to resolve low quality of quantity information? Are you able to map your customs procedure codes to Revised Kyoto Convention CPC and extended trade flow? Please list the most challenging compilation issues as per IMTS 2010.

Informal cross border trade

3. Today, several countries have presented their methodology and practice in measuring informal cross border trade. Do you think that it is sufficient to accurately capture informal trade? What are your plans in regard to conducting informal trade? Which agencies in your country that you should involve in the design and execution of survey?