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Outline

- Sources of Data
- Data Processing (Cognus Impromptu, EUROTRACE)
- Output Generation
- Challenges
- ✤ Way Forward

Sources of Data

Main source: Customs Declarations

Other sources are:

- Ghana National Petroleum Authority (Crude import and export)
- Volta River Authority (export and import of electricity)
- Minerals Commission (Export of Minerals)
- Ghana Cocoa Board (Export of cocoa beans)
- Ghana Export Promotion Authourity

Sources of Data (cont'd)

Customs Declarations

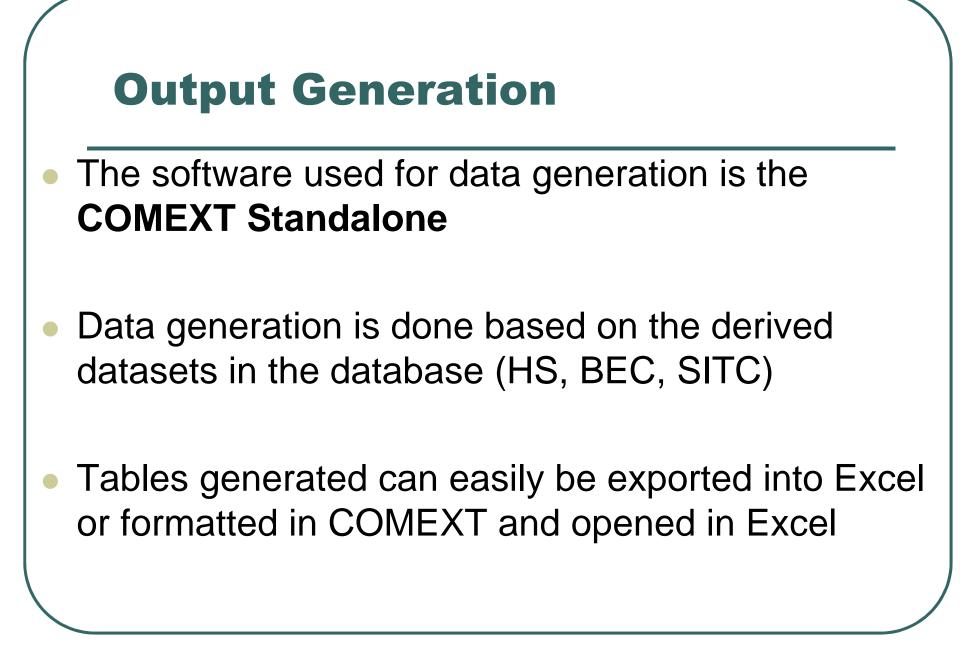
The data from this source are downloaded or extracted via network from the Ghana Customs Management System (GCMS) through the Ghana Community Network System (GCNet)

Other Sources

Data from other sources are obtained through formal requests by GSS to the institutions which produce such data.

Data Processing

- The file format for international trade data is <u>Excel</u>. The data are extracted from the Ghana Customs Management System (GCMS) using a software called Cognus Impromptu
- The software used for processing the data is EUROTRACE



Challenges

Misclassification of products

Quantities not recorded in some cases

 GSS not involved in the sensitization for clearing agents etc

Way Forward

- A Technical Committee (comprising Customs, GSS, GEPA, Cocobod, BOG, MoTI, MoFEP) has been setup to review and validate merchandised trade data monthly
- Quarterly meeting of all institutions who make inputs into the production of international trade statistics (Including executives of exporters/Importers Associations, Forwarding Agents)

