



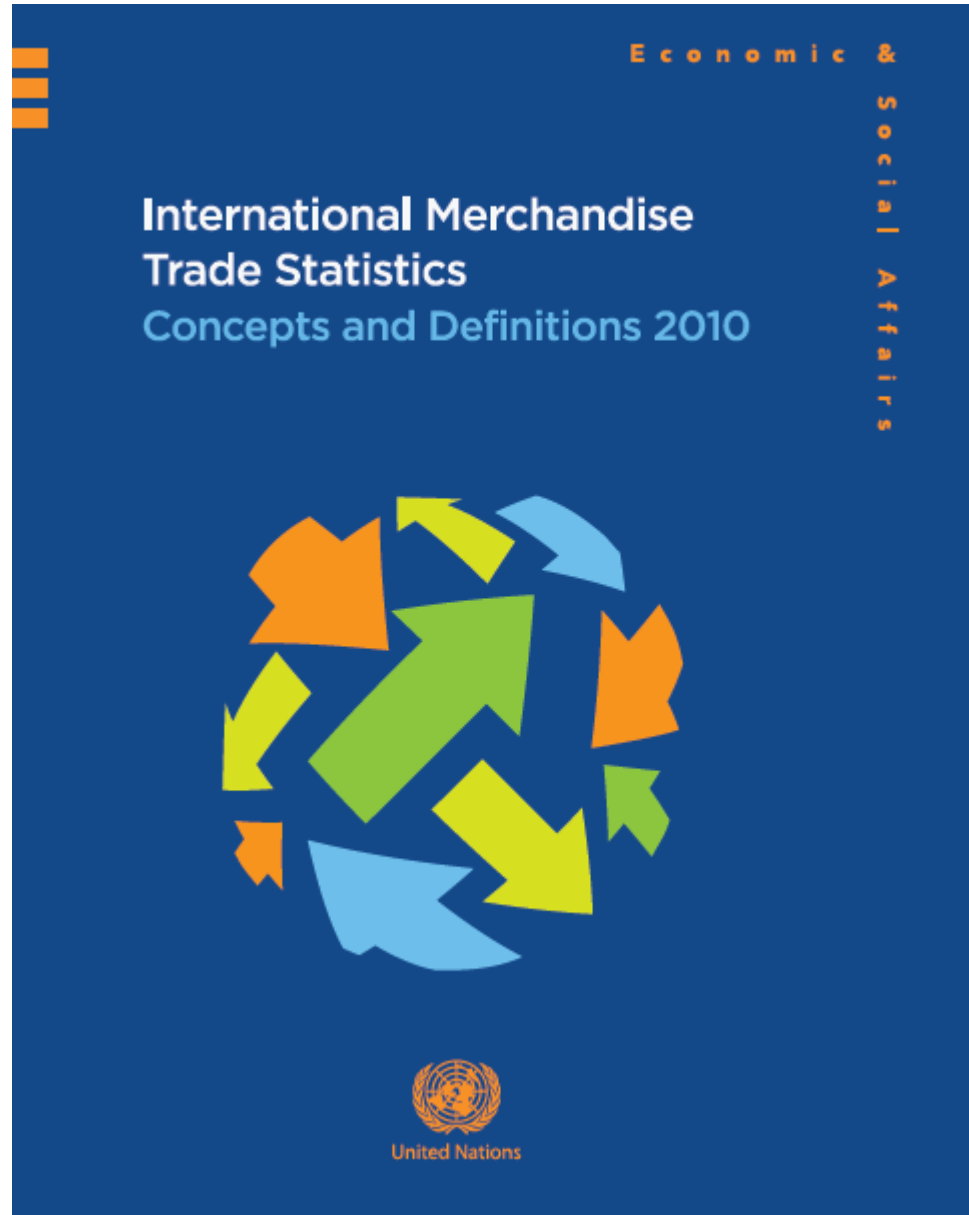
Introduction to IMTS 2010 and Compilers Manual

IMTS 2010 Concepts and Definitions
IMTS 2010 Compilers Manual

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IMTS 2010

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A two year long journey with broad support from countries

- Two rounds of worldwide consultation
 - In 2008 on 17 critical issues
 - In 2009 on the full draft of the revised recommendations
- 3 Virtual meetings of the EG-IMTS
- 2nd meeting of EG-IMTS in November 2009
 - endorsed the draft text of IMTS 2010 subject to several amendments and clarifications
- Submission to United Nations Statistical Commission in 2010

Responding to the needs of balance of payments and national accounts

- ❖ Separate recording of goods for processing without change of ownership and trade with related parties is encouraged in IMTS 2010;
- ❖ IMTS 2010 recommends symmetrical recording of a number of transactions previously treated differently in export and import statistics (i.e. bunkers and stores);
- ❖ Encouragement to cooperate with BOP/NA compilers with respect to the recording of goods of special interest (i.e. media);
- ❖ IMTS 2010, Annex F provides detailed description of conceptual differences between IMTS 2010 and BPM6/2008SNA.



Decision of the Statistical Commission at its 41 session (23-26 February 2010)

- The Statistical Commission: [*excerpts*]
 - (b) **Adopted** International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) and **endorsed the implementation programme** [...], including the preparation of the revised IMTS Compilers Manual and continued **technical assistance** activities;
 - (d) Requested that **more attention is given to strengthening institutional arrangements in countries** to ensure that proper national coordination mechanisms exist for the compilation of high quality international merchandise trade statistics; also, cooperation with compilers of statistics on international trade in services, balance of payments and national accounts should be ensured;
 - (f) Advised that in the future research agenda a due consideration is given to the emerging trade policy needs and the globalization issues; **in this context, linkage with business statistics and measuring merchandise trade in terms of value added should be further explored.**

Retained core elements from previous revision

Scope

Trade system

Harmonized System (HS)

Valuation

Quantity

Partner country

Updated core elements

Scope

- Clarifications, separate identification of certain transactions

Valuation

- Imports on the FOB basis (in addition to CIF); valuation of specific categories of goods

Quantity

- Recommendation further clarified

Partner country

- Second partner country (country of consignment)

New data items

Valuation

- Imports on the FOB basis (in addition to CIF); valuation of specific categories of goods

Partner country

- Second partner country (country of consignment)

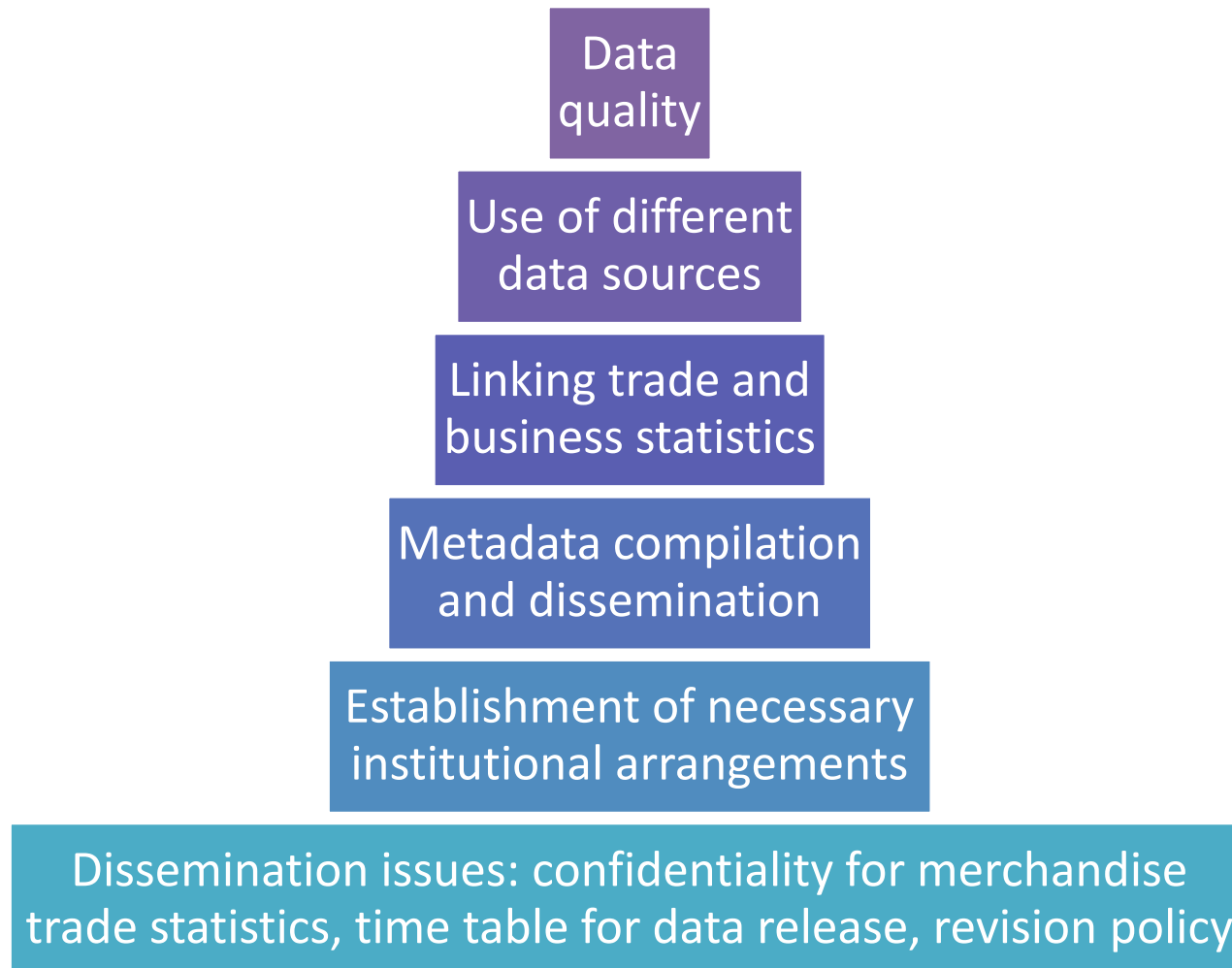
Mode of Transport

- Add as additional data dimension

Customs procedure codes (CPC)

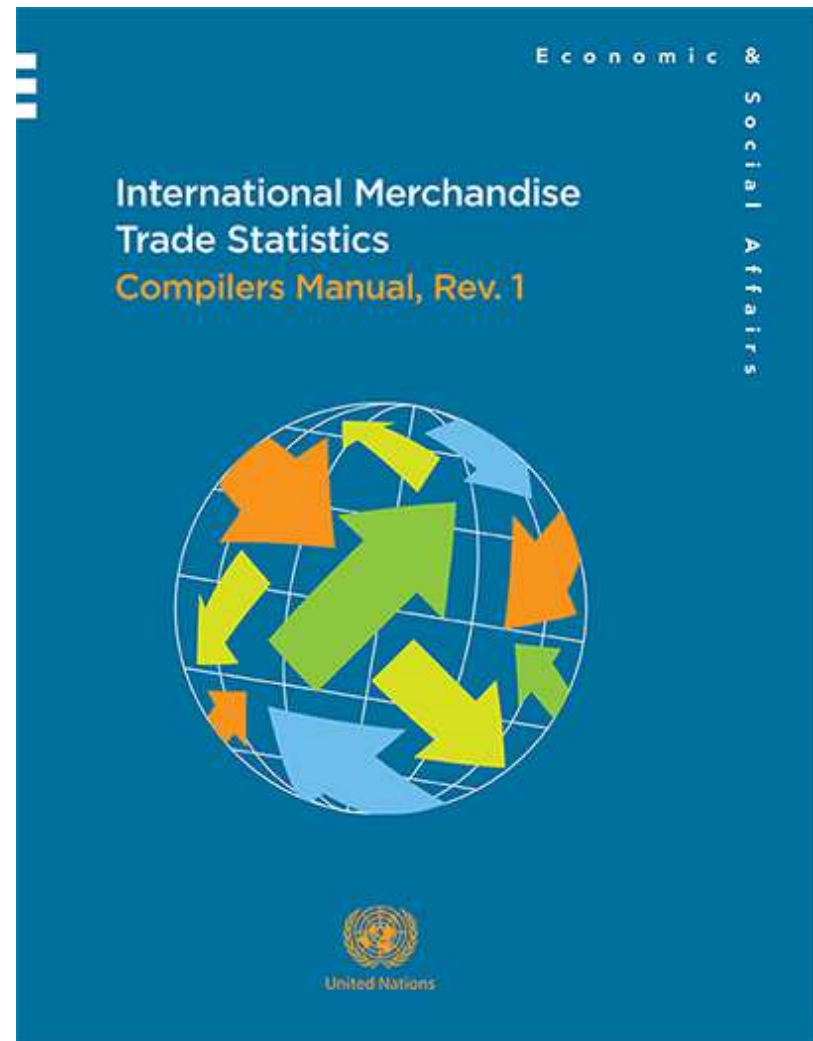
- Customs procedures applied to individual transactions to be made part of the data set provided by customs

Recommendations in 6 new areas



IMTS 2010 CM

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IMTS Compilers Manual, Revision 1 (IMTS 2010-CM)

Goal: To provide further and more detailed explanation of certain recommendations and practical guidance by describing good practices applicable under different circumstances.

A two year effort:

- September 2010: Agreement on initial draft outline (EG-IMTS)
- Mid January 2011: First virtual meeting of the EG-IMTS on Draft annotated outline
- Beginning March 2011: Worldwide consultation on the Draft annotated outline
- May 2011: Second virtual meeting of the EG-IMTS on the first set of draft chapters
- September 2011: Third virtual meeting of the EG-IMTS on the second set of draft chapters
- December 2011: Meeting of the EG-IMTS on the full draft
- February 2012: Submission of draft text to Statistical Commission
- Dec 2013: White cover ver. of International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Compilers Manual, Revision 1 (IMTS 2010-CM) released <http://ow.ly/s2RwN>

Part I. Legal framework and data sources

Chapter

- Legal framework
- Customs declarations and related customs records
- Non-customs administrative sources
- Enterprise surveys

Country Experience

- The legal framework for trade statistics in Morocco
- Use of the drawback procedure: experiences of Brazil and Canada
- Example from Norway: use of ships registers
- Example from USA: obtaining information on goods transactions through postal and courier services.
- Experience of Uganda: Informal Cross Border Trade Surveys

Part II. Data compilation

Chapter

- Institutional arrangements
- Statistical territory and organization of data collection
- Integration of data from different sources
- Data processing and database management
- Data quality: assurance, measurement and reporting
- Data compilation in the case of customs unions
- Integrating trade and business statistics

Country Experience

- Integrated Foreign Trade System of Brazil: institutional arrangements
- European Union practices concerning specific territorial elements
- Uganda: use of data of the commodity authority
- Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA)
- Eurostat merchandise trade statistics quality report
- Southern African Customs Union (SACU)
- OECD-Eurostat Trade by Enterprise Characteristics (TEC) database

Part III. Compilation of particular data items

Chapter

- Time of recording
- Commodity classification
- Valuation
- Quantity measurement
- Partner country
- Mode of transport
- Customs procedure code

Country Experience

- European Union experience on time of recording in Intrastat
- Stand-alone commodity descriptors: Canada
- Experience of Italy in distinguishing customized and regular software
- Quantity conversion factors used by UNSD to convert volume and number/units to weight
- North American Transportation Statistics Online Database (NATS-OD)
- Customs regime codes used in the IMTS: China

Part IV. Compilation of data on trade in selected category of goods

Chapter

- Scope of IMTS
- Goods for processing
- Goods which cross borders as a result of transactions between related parties
- Electricity, gas, oil and water
- Ships and aircraft
- Other special cases and data compilation for national accounts and balance of payment purposes

Country Experience

- Thresholds applied in the European Union Intrastat system
- Goods for processing: example from Iceland
- Production of external trade statistics on natural gas and electricity: experience of Italy
- Compilation of data on external trade in ships and aircraft: experience of Norway
- Development of a reconciliation table (IMTS/BOP) in the European Union

Part V. Metadata and dissemination

Chapter

- Metadata
- Dissemination
- Other international classifications relevant to trade statistics

Country Experience

- Towards the implementation of SDMX and DDI for IMTS: Experience of Mexico
- Treatment of confidentiality in Germany
- The central role of electronic databases for data dissemination: the case of Brazil
- UNSD correlation and conversion tables available

Part VI. External trade indices and seasonally adjusted data

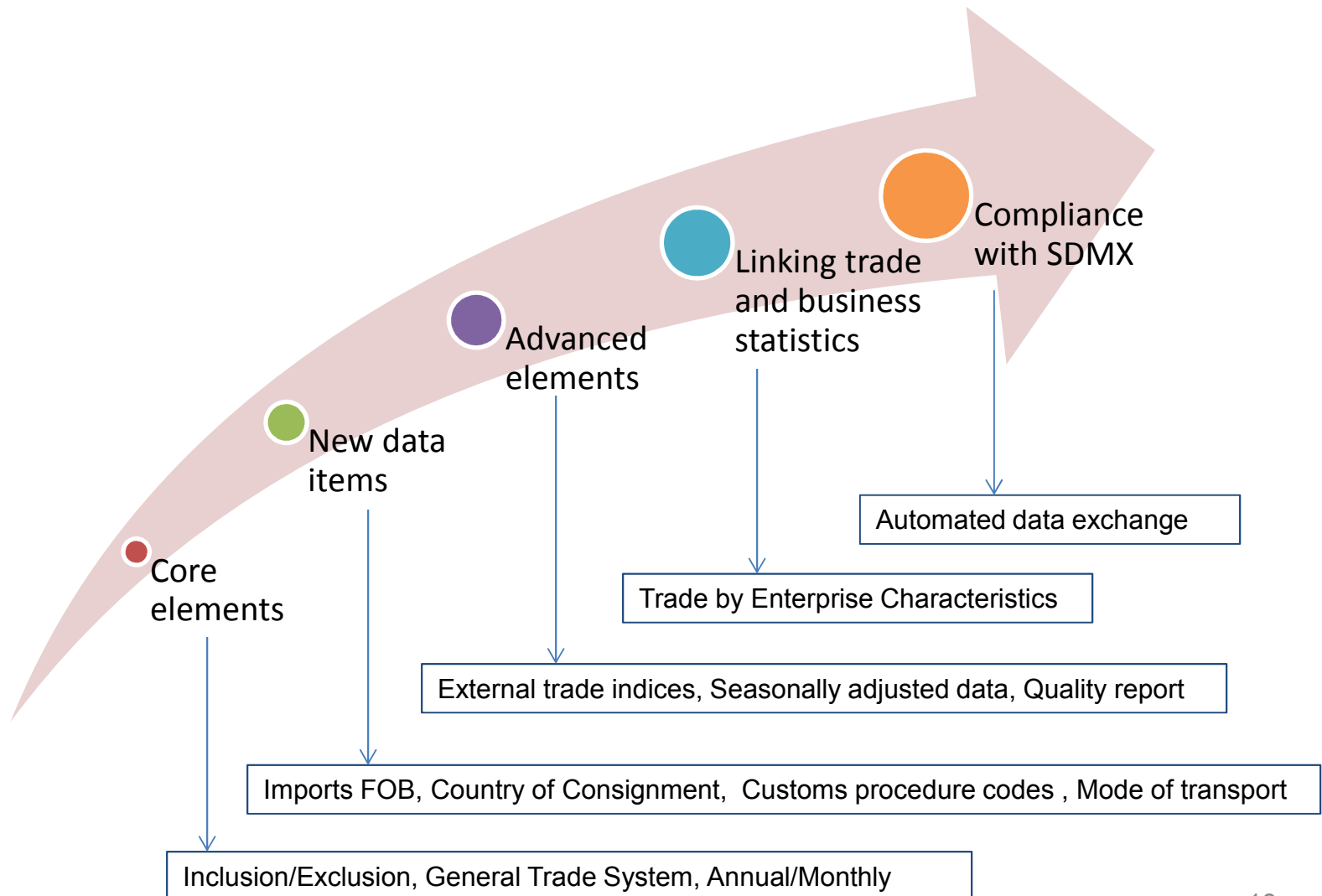
Chapter

- External trade indices
- Seasonally adjusted data

Country Experience

- External trade indices: practices of the Czech Republic
- Seasonally adjusted data: Example of Norway

Gradual Implementation Plan (Countries)



IMTS 2010 Implementation at UNSD

Technical assistance

- (i) Workshops and seminars
- (ii) Countries mission

Research agenda

- (i) To address bilateral asymmetries in partner statistics
- (ii) Address the issue of quality of quantity information
- (iii) Finding innovative methods of linking trade and business statistics
- (iv) Trade in terms of value added and to clarify the international production chain
- (v) Good practices in the compilation of the trade indices and various analytical indicators and
- (vi) Efficient ways of automated data transfer between countries and international organizations

IMTS 2010 Implementation at UNSD

Upgrade and enhancement of UN Comtrade (International Trade Statistics Database) - 2016

(i) Inclusion of new data variables recommended in IMTS 2010

- Mode of transport
- Country of consignment as second partner country
- FOB-type value for imports
- Customs procedure Codes / Identifier for special transactions (intra-firm trade, goods for processing etc.)

(ii) Adding monthly trade data (+ services trade data)

(iii) Significant enhancement of metadata

(iv) Creation of global trade data structure (SDMX-IMTS)

(v) Data visualization (cooperation with other stakeholders)

Thank you

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