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Introduction – Legal Base

- Customs Law of the People’s Republic of China
- Regulations on Customs Statistics of the People’s Republic of China
Introduction – Vision

To provide high-quality statistical service, contributing to the developments of foreign merchandise trade and customs management of China.
Introduction – Duties

➢ To compile and disseminate complete, accurate and timely merchandise trade statistics;
➢ To carry out statistical survey, trade analysis, statistical supervision, imports & exports monitoring and early-warning;
➢ To provide statistical service.
Methodology – Coverage

All goods that actually pass through China’s customs territory, which leads to increase or decrease in the stock of material resources of customs territory, shall be recorded in customs statistics.

- before 1995: special trade system
- since 1995: general trade system
Methodology – Coverage

Inclusions:

- Goods from/to abroad entering/leaving customs warehouses, bonded areas, special economic zones;
- Goods for inward processing or outwards processing, and the subsequent re-export or re-import;
- Goods on lease for one year or more;
- Goods imported or exported by foreign invested enterprises;
- International aids or donation, etc.
Exclusions:

- Goods in transit through China;
- Temporary import or export;
- Personal effects for passenger use;
- Currency and gold used as currency;
- Goods on lease for less than one year;
- Goods that are compensated free of charge because of damage, inferior quality;
- Goods consigned to and from territorial enclaves (embassies, foreign military and other installations), etc;
Methodology – Elements

- Commodity code and description;
- Quantity and statistical value;
- Trading enterprises;
- Customs regimes;
- The mode of transport;
- The trading partners;
- The domestic locations of imports/exports;
- The date of imports/exports;
- Customs districts, etc.
Data Processing

Collection → Verification → Compilation
Data Processing – Collection

Electronic transmission

Headquarter

Local customs
Data Processing – quality control method

- validity check
e.g. country code, commodity code etc.
- credibility check
  e.g. certain customs regime can only be applied to foreign-invested firms
  e.g. unit price of an item falls within a reasonable period
Data Processing – Compilation

- Electronically processed
- “Clean” statistical information verified by customs statistics officers
Dissemination

- Customs Statistics Monthly
- Customs Statistics Yearbook
- Foreign Trade Indices Monthly
- Other periodical statistics
- User-tailored statistics
China joined IMF’s General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) in 2002. GACC publishes the next year calendar for data dissemination at the end of year ever since.
Dissemination

➢ Statistics service are provided in headquarters as well as local customs.
➢ Various formats tailored to users.
➢ Web service at:
  www.customs.gov.cn
  www.chinacustomsstat.com
  www.hgtj.cn