China’s International Trade Statistical System

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• In the year of 2015
  – Trade in goods of China, import and export totaled US$3.96 trillion. down 8% year on year. Remain the largest trade country.
  – Trade in service of China, the total service import and export volume reached US$713 billion. Remain the world's second.
Outline of the presentation
• China’s Official Statistics
• International Trade Statistical System
• Cooperation among line ministries
• Challenges and problems
China’s Official Statistics

• China’s official statistical system is composed of
  – the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and its affiliated survey offices,
  – the local statistical bureaus
  – Statistics conducted by line ministries
China’s Official Statistics

NBS

affiliated survey offices

local statistical bureau

Statistics conducted by line ministries

local line government institutions

Administrative leadership → Business leadership → Business guidance
China’s Official Statistics

• National Bureau of Statistics
  – The National Bureau of Statistics is established under the State Council and shall be responsible for organizing, directing and coordinating statistical work nationwide according to law.
Statistics conducted by line ministries
– Organizing, guiding and conducting the statistical work of the ministry.
– Administering the statistical forms issued by the ministry and take charge of statistical data of the ministry
– Release data according to the Statistical Law
International Trade Statistical System

- National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)
- State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE)
- General Administration of Customs of China (GACC)
- Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
- China National Tourism Administration (CNTA)
- State Administration for Industry and Commerce of China (SAIC)
International Trade Statistical System

- NBS: Supervision and business guidance
- SAFE: BOP Statistics
- GACC: Merchandise trade statistics
- MOFCOM: Inward FDI, outward FDI, Foreign Trade Cooperation, Service outsourcing, Trade in service statistics
- CNTA: Tourism Statistics
- SACI: Foreign Funded Enterprises registration
• **State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE)**
  – Under People's Bank of China (PBC, Central Bank)
  – To oversee the statistics and monitoring of the balance of payments and external credit and debt, to release relevant information according to the regulations
  – BOP, IIP quarterly data are released in the end of following quarter through online portal. (in accordance with SDDS)
• General Administration of Customs of China (GACC)
  – China Customs statistics are the country’s official external merchandise trade statistics.
  – China Customs is responsible for trade data collection, processing, compilation and publication.
• **GACC Data Dissemination and Publication**
  – Monthly Data are released on 8\textsuperscript{th} or 13\textsuperscript{th} (the last month of each quarter) following the reference month.
  – Monthly Digests of Statistics are published on the 20\textsuperscript{th} following the reference month.
  – Statistics Yearbook is published at September after the end of the year.
  – Online portal
    http://www.customs.gov.cn
    http://www.chinacustomsstat.com/customsstat/
International Trade Statistical System

- Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)
  - Inward Foreign Direct Investment Statistics
  - Outward Foreign Direct Investment Statistics
  - Foreign Trade Cooperation Statistics
    - Overseas Contracted projects
    - Overseas Labour Service cooperation
  - Trade in Services Statistics

- There are 3 departments of MOFCOM implemented these statistics
• MOFCOM Data Dissemination
  – Monthly Inward FDI data are released at the end following the reference month.
  – Monthly Foreign Trade Cooperation data are released at the 20th following the reference month through press conference or online portal.
  – Yearly Outward FDI Statistical Bulletin is released at September after the end of the year
  – Yearly TIS data are released at August after the end of the year
China National Tourism Administration (CNTA)

- Supervise the operation of tourist economy and take charge of tourism statistics and release of trade information.
- Monthly tourism data are released on the 20th following the reference month.
International Trade Statistical System

- China’s International Trade Statistics are not centralized
- Statistics are conducted respectively, and the business register is also respectively
- NBS doesn’t produce international trade statistics data
Cooperation among line ministries

• Cooperation among line ministries
  – Statistical program examine and approve (NBS)
  – Data sharing and dissemination
  – Project cooperation
Cooperation among related departments

- Statistical programs examine and approve (NBS)
  - All Statistical investigation programs implemented by line ministries are examined and approved by NBS every 2 years.
  - NBS put these investigation programs on records and asked the line ministries to report related data to NBS.

  - International trade statistics programs
    SAFE, 3 programs
    GACC, 1 program
    MOFCOM, 6 programs
    CNTA, 1 program
Cooperation among related departments

- Data sharing and dissemination

![Diagram showing cooperation among related departments: MOFCOM, SAFE, GACC, NBS, MOFCOM, CNTA]
Cooperation among related departments

• In 2007, NBS set up international trade statistics data provide program to collect data from line ministries at regular intervals.
• Joint released data
  – Yearly Outward FDI
• NBS portal, National Data
  http://data.stats.gov.cn
Cooperation among related departments
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• Project cooperation
  • Cross border e-commerce statistics (GACC, NBS, MOFCOM)
  • Trade in service statistics work team (MOFCOM, NBS, SAFE)
  • Trade in value added work team (NBS, GACC, MOFCOM)
  • Tourism statistics work team (CNTA, SAFE, NBS)
Challenges and problems

- NBS should enhance the coordination among the line ministries, promote the data integration, eliminate the overlap among different statistics.
- NBS is exploring to set up unified platform to collect data, to reduce the cost of coordination.
Thank you !
Спасибо!

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