Regional Workshop
on International Merchandise Trade Statistics Strengthening Data Compilation and Analytical Capacity

11-13 September, 2017

Suzhou, China

Agenda item 2: Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 11 September 2017

PART I. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

10:30 – 11:30   Agenda item (5)
Recommendations in IMTS 2010, MSITS 2010 and the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments Manual

11:30 – 12:15   Agenda item (6)

Round Table discussion I
Experiences with implementing the new data elements of IMTS 2010

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13:45 – 15:30   Agenda item (7)
- Institutional Arrangements among agencies compiling IMTS, MSITS and BOP, and adjusting IMTS for BOP purposes
- *Country experiences (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Indonesia BPS)*

Round Table discussion II
Disseminating IMTS and BOP Trade in Goods

15:30 – 15:45   *Afternoon break*

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PART II. DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

15:45 – 17:00   Agenda item (9)

Data processing system; validation, consistency checking, detections of outliers and data estimation/ imputation; and ensuring quality of quantity information

    (a) Introduction (UNSD)
    (b) Outliers detection (ITC)
    (c) Country experiences (China Customs, Cambodia)

17:00 – 17:30   Agenda item (10)

Data processing system of UN Comtrade (UNSD)

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PART III. DATA QUALITY AND SPECIFIC MEASUREMENT ISSUES

09:00 – 10:00   Agenda item (11)
Cross border e-commerce
- *Introduction (UNSD)*,
- In search of Cross-Border E-commerce Trade Data (*UNCTAD*)

10:00 – 10:30   Agenda item (12)
Identifying and recording e-commerce transactions
    Country experiences (China Customs)

10:45 – 12:15   Agenda item (13)
Goods in warehousing and logistical activities
- *Methodology on treatment of goods in warehousing (UNSD)*
- *Country experiences (China Customs, Malaysia)*

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13:45 – 15:00 Agenda item (14)

Round Table discussion III

Data quality framework and indicators of quality

15:15 – 16:30 Agenda item (15)

Compiling statistics of trade in services related to goods

- Manufacturing services (UNSD)
- Net exports of goods under Merchanting (WTO-confirmed)
- Country experiences (China SAFE, Hong Kong SAR)

16:30 – 17:30 Agenda item (16)

Round Table discussion IV

Needs and challenges in compiling data

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PART IV.   MEASURING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

09:00 – 10:00   Agenda item (17)

Trade Classifications

- *Overview of the Harmonised System 2017 amendments (WCO)*
- *BEC, Revision 5 (UNSD)*

10:00 – 10:30   Agenda item (18)

Bilateral trade asymmetries

10:45 – 12:30   Agenda item (19)

Accounting for Global Value Chains

- *Handbook on Accounting for Global Value Chains (UNSD)*
- *Constructing multi-country supply-use tables (IDE-JETRO)*
- *Trade in value added (WTO)*
- *GVCs and ICT-enabled services (UNCTAD)*
- *Data and empirical challenges when accounting for GVCs in trade analytical work – UNESCAP*
- *Example of GVC statistics in China (China Customs)*

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PART V. DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

13:45 - 14:30   Agenda item (20)
Data Analysis and Visualization

- *Examples from UN Comtrade Labs (UNSD)*
- *Examples from ITC (ITC)*

14:30 – 15:00   Agenda item (21)
Examples on how trade data are used (WTO)

15:15 – 16:15   Agenda item (22)

Round Table discussion V

Needs and challenges in analysing data

16:15 – 17:00   Agenda item (23)
Closing session

- Conclusion and recommendations of the workshop
- Evaluation of the workshop and any other business

Comments?