Policy on re-dissemination of UN Comtrade data

Copyright statement

i. Data from the UN Comtrade database are copyrighted by the United Nations.

ii. UN Comtrade data are provided for internal use only and may not be re-disseminated in any form without the written permission of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

Internal use

iii. Internal use is defined as: only for use by staff members of the institutional unit for the benefit of the unit; internal use explicitly excludes data dissemination to any entity outside of the institutional unit.

iv. The definition of institutional unit is derived from the definition which has been established for the System of National Accounts publication (SNA, 1993), namely:

An institutional unit is: *An entity that has a status of a legal person in accordance with national law and is capable, in its own right, of owning assets, incurring liabilities and engaging in economic or other activities and in transactions with other entities.*

v. If UN Comtrade data are used within the boundaries of the definition of internal use, then a written permission of UNSD for use of UN Comtrade data is not necessary and a royalty fee does not apply.

Use of data within joint project

vi. UNSD allows the sharing of UN Comtrade data beyond the definition of internal use only, if UN Comtrade data are shared with another institution within the framework of a joint project. In all other cases written permission from UNSD for sharing of UN Comtrade data is necessary and a royalty fee may apply.

Permission for small sets of data

vii. Permission for re-dissemination of UN Comtrade data needs to be requested in writing; in general, permission will be granted without application of a royalty fee if the amount of data used does not exceed 1,000 records.
For publication of UN Comtrade data in a few tables or graphs in newspaper articles, journals, other magazines or books it is not necessary to request permission; please refer to the source of the data as United Nations Comtrade database, *DESA/UNSD*.

Printed matter

viii. In the case of re-dissemination of UN Comtrade data by printed matter:

a. a royalty fee of US$ 110.- applies when more than 1,000 records of UN Comtrade data is reproduced but the dissemination is restricted to a limited audience[1];

b. a royalty fee of US$ 550.- applies when more than 1,000 records of UN Comtrade data is reproduced and the dissemination is not restricted to a limited audience.

[1] Description of the limited audience is required

Re-dissemination by means other than printed matter

ix. In the case of re-dissemination of UN Comtrade data by means other than printed matter:

a. If data for re-dissemination are made available free-of-charge:
(1) a royalty fee applies of 2 times the subscription option corresponding to the amount of data being re-disseminated if the audience is limited;
(2) a royalty fee applies of 4 times the subscription option corresponding to the amount of data being re-disseminated if the audience is unlimited;

b. If data for re-dissemination are made available for a fee:
(1) a royalty fee applies of 5 times the subscription option corresponding to the amount of data being re-disseminated if the audience is limited;
(2) a royalty fee applies of 10 times the subscription option corresponding to the amount of data being re-disseminated if the audience is unlimited;

x. In the cases mentioned under ix/a/(1) and ix/b/(1) discounts could be applied on the royalty fees if the limited audience falls within a category which would have the right to a discount if it would acquire a subscription directly. The amounts of the discount correspond to the rates given to not-for-profit institutes, as well as those given to favorable and most favorable countries or areas (for details on discount please refer to: http://comtrade.un.org/db/help/SubscriptionPrices.aspx).

xi. In the special case of re-dissemination within affiliated units, case by case decisions will be taken, with a general rule of applying a royalty fee of one time the subscription fee, while still granting any applicable discount.

The following royalty fee scheme incorporates the considerations of point ix above:

Royalty Fee Scheme

	Free-of-charge re-dissemination	
# of records	**Limited Access**	**Open Access**
< 100,000	US$ 220 (2 X Option 1)	US$ 440 (4 X Option 1)
< 1,000,000	US$ 1,100 (2 X Option 2)	US$ 2,200 (4 X Option 2)
< 5,000,000	US$ 4,400 (2 X Option 3)	US$ 8,800 (4 X Option 3)
< 20,000,000	US$ 11,000 (2 X Site License)*	US$ 22,000 (4 X Site License)*
	Re-dissemination involving fees	
# of records	**Limited Access**	**Open Access**
< 100,000	US$ 550 (5 X Option 1)	US$ 1100 (10 X Option 1)
< 1,000,000	US$ 2,750 (5 X Option 2)	US$ 5,500 (10 X Option 2)
< 5,000,000	US$ 11,000 (5 X Option 3)	US$ 22,000 (10 X Option 3)
< 20,000,000	US$ 27,500 (5 X Site License)*	US$ 55,000 (10 X Site License)*

*** If more than 20 million records are needed, specific arrangements need to be established on a case by case basis**