EG-IMTS: UN Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics

Background

The Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (EG-IMTS) was established by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) to assist in the revision of the existing UN recommendations on international merchandise trade statistics published in *International Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions (Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 52, Rev.2) - IMTS, Rev.2 (1998).*

The EG-IMTS has the following objectives:

- to ensure active country involvement in the revision of the recommendations for international merchandise trade statistics;
- to review and endorse the draft revised recommendations;
- to provide guidance on the implementation of the revised recommendations after their adoption by the Statistical Commission.

At its thirty-ninth session (26 - 29 February 2008) the Statistical Commission endorsed the United Nations Statistics Division initiative and strategy to revise the existing recommendations for international merchandise trade statistics and requested that the draft revised recommendations be submitted to the Commission for adoption at its forty-first session in 2010.

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