Statistical Territories of the World for Use in International Merchandise Trade Statistics

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This publication defines each country’s customs territory and economic territory and the definition used for international merchandise trade statistics practices. It also gives the basis upon which individual countries compile their trade statistics. For many countries the statistical territory coincides with the customs territory, indicating that many countries use customs records as their main source of statistical data. The results also show that for some countries the statistical territory coincides with the economic territory and the geographic territory. This analysis provides users with a better understanding of a country’s merchandise trade statistics, and greatly facilitates international comparisons of external trade data.

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