



STATISTICS BY TRADING PARTNERS

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Statistics by trading partners (1/2)

MSITS recommendations

- ❖ Compile SITS on an individual trading partner basis
- ❖ At least for
 - Services as a whole [200]
 - 11 main services components of BPM5/EBOPS
 - Main trading partners
- ❖ If possible
 - More detailed EBOPS level
 - Common geographical basis for all trade in services data



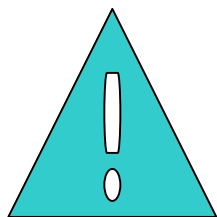
Statistics by trading partners (2/2)

Resident / non-resident

Report partner country detail at the level of services trade as a whole and for each of the main types of services in BPM6 and EBOPS

Commercial presence (FATS / FDI)

Report partner country detail both in the aggregate and for the major industry categories.



You can collect partners on a different basis for resident/non-resident, FDI & FATS in the short-term, but in the long-run, you should have a similar kind of breakdown for resident/non-resident, FDI & FATS



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Towards a Global database on SITS (1/5)

- **WHAT IS IT?**

The United Nations database of Statistics of International Trade in Services

- **WHO**

Task Force on SITS agreed in 2003 that UNSD would create a Worldwide database on Trade in Services (process, store and disseminate SITS in accordance to MSITS, including Trade by service category (EBOPS classification) and **partner country**)



Towards a Global database on SITS (2/5)

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Pilot version: about 180 reporters – long period (1948-2003) but:

- Many data (years) missing
- 5 different sources [IMF, OECD, Eurostat, CARICOM, National]
- Few categories
- Few or (often) no partner details
- Low quality of data



Towards a Global database on SITS (3/5)

- **DECISION**

In an effort to increase the availability and the quality of data in UN ServiceTrade, UNSD sent out a general request for SITS data at the end of 2006. The goal is to have as many countries as possible reporting their SITS data to UNSD, so that a fairly accurate picture of global trade in services can be given.


- **REQUIREMENTS**

- ✓ Period: 2000-2005, annual value
- ✓ EBOPS service categories as detailed as possible
- ✓ Exports (credit) and imports (debit)
- ✓ Broken down by partner country for as many categories as possible
- ✓ Metadata

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Dear Colleague,

RE: Request for data on External Trade in Services

In response to the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) request and user demands the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) is building a worldwide database on international trade in services. The database (UN ServiceTrade) will contain annual exports and imports of services of all reporting countries detailed by partner country or area and by service category. The UN ServiceTrade is based on the recommendations contained in *Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS)*, prepared by the Inter-agency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (TFSITS) and approved by the UNSC. The MSITS is available on the UNSD website at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradeserv/manual.htm>.

The pilot version of the database will be made public by the end of 2006 and contain data for 2000-2005. It is intended for use by the governments, international organizations, businesses and general public for economic and policy analysis, including identification of market access opportunities. UN ServiceTrade will be available on the UNSD website at:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/serviceTrade>


Currently UNSD is reviewing the country data available in UN ServiceTrade and makes efforts to meet user demand for its worldwide coverage and improved timeliness. Unfortunately, **your country is not represented in UN ServiceTrade at this time**. In this connection I would like to invite you to make available to UNSD your annual statistics of external trade in services for 2000-2005. The data should contain official totals of exports and imports of services detailed, to the most possible extent, by your trading partners and for each partner, by service categories of

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Towards a Global database on SITS (5/5)

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Annex

Details on required data fields and UNSD data processing

The annex sets out the minimum required data fields plus some meta-data information to accompany the data files.

Field Name	Recommended Field Content
Reference Year	Gregorian calendar January to December
Trade Flow	Exports (Credits) and Imports (Debits)
Partner country or area	International nomenclature
Service Category	According to the Extended Balance of Payments Services (EBOPS) or by National Classification if EBOPS is not used
Value	International currency or US dollars (please indicate unit of measurement)

If any of the recommendations cannot be met, please clarify, specifically:

- Coverage: Except for the EBOPS Categories as listed in the *Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services* (MSITS), do you include or exclude other categories of services? If yes, please list.
- Service Classification: Please provide descriptions of codes, which are not based on the EBOPS system.
- Mode of Supply: If Mode of Supply is available, please add it to each data record.
- Notes on Data Compilation: Please add any further information relevant for a better understanding of your trade in services data.

→ The received data will be processed at the most detailed level available. The processing includes, whenever necessary and possible, the following conversions: (a) service codes to codes used in the Extended Balance of Payments Services (EBOPS), (b) country and area codes to UN 3-digit standard codes, (c) values expressed in terms of national currency to values in US dollars. The processing may include certain adjustments to achieve a better compliance with MSITS recommendations. The processed data at all levels of the service category / partner breakdown are:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION