



Regional Workshop for ECLAC countries
Statistics of International Trade in Services: Challenges and Good Practices

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Purpose of the questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information on ECLAC countries practices in compilation of statistics of international trade in services. The information obtained from this questionnaire will be used in a number of ways, including for:

- Assessment of the current status in compilation of service trade statistics in the ECLAC countries in terms of their scope, coverage, timeliness and compliance with relevant international recommendations;
- Identifying challenges and good practices in collection, compilation and dissemination of trade in services statistics in the region;
- Providing inputs for the preparation of future manuals that will assist compilers of trade in services statistics.

Recording responses to questions

Please use the questionnaire to complete your answers. Where appropriate, you are encouraged to provide descriptive answers in reply to the individual questions. Please provide also any further information/supporting documents that your country considers important for the compilation of trade in services statistics.

Due date

The United Nations Statistics Division would very much appreciate it if you complete the questionnaire by **Friday, 6 November 2009**. Please, send your responses and any supporting documents to our mailbox (tradeserv@un.org).

Your response is highly appreciated and we thank you very much for your time in completing this questionnaire and your cooperation in this important study.

Please provide your contact details:

Country: _____
Name of Institution: _____
Contact person: _____
Position: _____
E-mail: _____
Fax: _____

1. The legal and institutional framework

1. Does your country have the necessary legal framework for the conduct of Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS)?

Yes - Please indicate all that applies:

- Law on statistics
- Other legislative acts/laws
- Other, please specify:

No

2. Which agency(ies) are involved in collecting and processing data?

- Central/national bank
- National statistical office
- Trade ministry
- Other agency(ies), please specify:

3. Do you have any cooperation agreement with other agencies working on the field of SITS?

- No
- Yes, please specify:

4. Which organization is responsible for the official publication of SITS?

- Central/national bank
- National statistical office
- Other agency(ies), please specify:

No publication

II. Methodological framework

5. Which methodological framework is used in SITS in your country?

Please check all applicable:

- Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services
- Balance of Payment Manual, 5th edition (BPM5)
- Balance of Payment Manual, 6th edition (BPM6)
- Eurostat methodological recommendations
- National methodology

III. The availability of data

6. Trade in services between residents and nonresidents containing information on:

Please check all applicable:

Data are available by:

- BPM standard categories
- Extended Balance of Payment Services classification (EBOPS) categories. Please specify at what level of details of EBOPS data are available

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- Partner countries
 - Supplementary items of EBOPS
 - Memorandum items of EBOPS
 - Central Product Classification (CPC) categories. Please specify at what level details of CPC data are available

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- National classification categories. Please specify at what level of national classification categories data are available
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7. If you do not compile service trade statistics with a partner country break-down at the moment do you plan to introduce partner country break-down in your statistics in the coming years?

- No
- Yes – please specify when:

8. Is trade in services statistics available in your country through foreign affiliates?

- No
 Yes, please explain what data is collected:

9. Are there any data on foreign direct investment in your country?

- No
 Yes

10. Are there any data on your country's direct investment in other countries?

- No
 Yes

IV. Data sources and data collection methods

A. The system of international transaction reporting system (ITRS)

11. Is an ITRS system used in your country?

- Yes
 No -> go to question 15

12. Which institution has the primary responsibility to run the ITRS?

- Central Bank
 National Statistical Office
 Other institutions - *Please specify:*

13. Which data items are collected by ITRS in your country?

Please mark all applicable

- Type of operations (f.ex. purchase / sale of currency, etc.).
 Purpose of the payment
 Currency used
 Value of the transaction
 Country of the nonresident party
 Other - *Please specify:*

14. How do you convert currencies? *Please explain:*

B. Surveys of enterprises

15. Is there a survey of enterprises used to produce statistics on international trade in services?

- Yes
 No → Please go to question 21

16. Do you have a business register that defines the total population of units in international service trade statistics and provides the basis for sample surveys?

- Yes
 No → Skip to question 18

17. How often is the business register updated?

- On a continuous basis
 Annually
 Other - *Please specify:*

18. If your country does not have a business register, how is the survey frame for international service trade derived?

Please select all applicable

- Based on periodically updated list of enterprises
 The latest enterprise/establishment census list
 On the basis of administrative register
 By territorial survey
 Based on the list of enterprises, from various sources prepared specially for the statistical survey for SITS

19. What is the basic statistical unit used for the compilation of international service trade statistics?

- Establishment
 Enterprise
 Other way - *Please specify further:*

20. Are these surveys of the enterprises always full coverage or on a sample based?

- Full coverage
 Sample
 Other way - *Please specify further:*

C. Other data sources

21. Does your country use other data sources for compiling SITS like:

- Household surveys
 - Cross border visitors surveys
 - Partner countries' statistics
 - Statistics on commodity trade
 - Other data sources - *Please specify further:*
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D. Data sources by main EBOPS service categories

22. Based on the general answers you gave on data collection please specify the main data sources for the main service categories in EBOPS in the table below:

1. Transportation

2. Travel

3. Communication services

4. Construction services

5. Insurance services

6. Financial services

7. Computer and information services

8. Royalties and license fees

9. Other business services

10. Personal, cultural and recreational services

11. Government services n.i.e.

V. Dissemination and use of international trade in services statistics

23. Do you publish trade in services statistics?

- On a regular basis, according to a release calendar
- On an ad-hoc basis
- Not published

24. Which way are you publishing international trade in services statistics?

Please select all applicable

- Regular, printed publications
- Selected tables that are published at the web-site
- Database on SITS through the web-site
- Other way - *Please specify further:*

25. Do you produce and disseminate metadata on international trade in services statistics?

- No
- Yes – Please explain what metadata are provided and how are the published?

26. Who are the main users of statistics of international trade in services in your country?

Please select all applicable

- Government institutions/agencies
- Institutions representing your country in trade negotiations
- Compilers of Balance of Payment Statistics
- Compilers of National accounts
- Universities, research institutes
- Media
- International and regional organizations
- Other - *Please specify:*

VI. The problems and their solutions experience

27. List the most important and still unresolved problems: that are not covered in the questions above:

28. What are the problems that you were able to solve in the past few years and experience which you could share with other countries:

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Thank you for your answers.