

ASEAN requirements for SITS

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Background

- SITS is one initiative needed for ASEAN integration
- ASEAN MS signed agreement to start GATS negotiations in 2005
- Plans for single market for services in ASEAN
- Requires harmonised SITS (planning, decision making, trade negotiation etc)

ASEAN policy context

- SITS is a key element in ASEAN integration
- Needed for GATS negotiations
- Moving towards free flow of (skilled) labour
- Improve regional transport integration
- Improve opportunities for e-commerce

Statistical framework for SITS

- BPM5 leading to BPM6
- MITS – stepwise approach
- GATS – classifications close to BPM5
- ASEAN current situation by country report
- [ASEAN SITS assessment.doc](#)

MITIS core elements

- BPM5 – meet concepts
- EBOPS first part – disaggregated component data
- FDIS – flows, levels and income by industry
- FATS basic variables eg turnover, employment
- Partner country

MITIS – second priorities

- Extended EBOPS (inc. memo items)
- FATS further details (eg assets, taxes etc)
- Persons working abroad (in line with GATS)
- Trade between related and unrelated parties
- GATS modes of supply

ASEAN user needs

- EBOPS (11 categories + 21 sub-components)
- Partner country – individual AMS plus major trading partners
- Inward FATS by ISIC
- Services by the 4 modes of supply
- Annually (within 9 months), with a quarterly subset

Proposed ASEAN requirements

- Based on a paper to be presented at (now cancelled) ASEAN workshop in November 2010.
- Therefore these are proposals only at this stage.
- Will be finalised at rearranged Task Force in 2011
- Will allow initial assessments to be completed

Data transmission

- Minimum requirements now
- Expand in future
- Collect from all countries
- Annual and quarterly data
- Initially for construction of ASEAN totals
- No publication of individual country data
- First year (2011) as a pilot

Pilot Requirements

- 11 BPM5 product split (annually 2005-2008)
- ASEAN/non-ASEAN country split for
 - Transportation
 - Travel
 - Other services
 - Govt services
 - Total
- Inward FATS data (where available)
- Delivered in June 2011?

Quarterly requirements

- Data from 2005Q1 to 2010Q1
- Supplied in June 2011
- Minimum of 4 service breakdown
- Expanded to 11 services where available.