

# Chapter 8 International transaction reporting system

8.1. One of the sources used for statistics on international trade in services is the international transactions reporting system (ITRS). Chapter 8 describes how the ITRS can be used and discusses its advantages and disadvantages as a data source. It should be noted that MSITS 2010 and the present *Compiler's Guide* deal with the use of the ITRS for the compilation of statistics on international trade in services. In doing so, they are consistent with the IMF *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Compilation Guide* that discusses the ITRS<sup>[1]</sup> as a source for compiling BOP and international investment position statistics.

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[1] See *BPM6 Compilation Guide* for more information on the use of the international transactions reporting system (ITRS) for other parts of the balance of payments at <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/bop/2007/bop6comp.htm>.