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• Methodology and Manuals

• Country Notes
• Data quality and metadata (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
• IMTS: Concepts and Definitions, Rev. 3 (2010)
• Calculation of dollar value in trade statistics - Current value or constant dollar value
• Quantity and Weight Data in UN Comtrade
• Methodology for estimating bilateral trade flows
• IMTS: Concepts and Definitions Rev.2 1998
• New Canadian International Trade Price Index: Brief Overview
• Special trade system
• National Practices in Compilation and Dissemination of External Trade Index Numbers

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• IMTS: Supplement to the Compiler's Manual (2008)
• Price and Quantity Measurement in External Trade: Two studies of national practice
• Trade valuation
• Conversion from volume (code 7) and number (code 5) to weight (code 8)
• Asymmetry in foreign trade statistics in Mediterranean partner countries
• Methodological synthesis of the Mexican international merchandise trade statistics
• Bilateral asymmetries
• Eurostat - Manual on the FATS
• IMF Data Quality Assessment Framework
• Mirrors statistics
• Reconciliation statistics - Example: Germany
• Chile: Supplementary Topics
• Eurostat: Measurement of Processing Activities in the European Community Trade Statistics
• Eurostat: The INTRASTAT system
• National Quality Assurance Frameworks
• Quality Framework for OECD Statistical Activities
• System of National Accounts 2008 - 2008 SNA
• Guidelines on Principles of a System of Price and Quantity Statistics

**Publications**

• Allocating Data from HS 6 Digit to HS 2 Digit
• Analytical Tables (Publications)
• Conciliación de las estadísticas del comercio internacional de mercancías México - Estados Unidos - Canadá, 1998 y 1999
• e-unwto
• International Trade Statistics Yearbook (ITSY)
• Introduction of Publication Notes
• Mexico: Publicación de Estadísticas de Comercio Exterior de Mercancías en Internet
• Monthly Bulletin of Statistics Tables
• OECD: Globalisation and Trade Indicators
• Report on business registers (UNSC, 2011)
• Strategies for Price and Quantity Measurement in External Trade - A Technical Report
• Trade indicators - ITC

**UN Comtrade Guidelines**

• UN Comtrade Monthly Data - Bulk Download
• UN Comtrade and UNData
• UN Comtrade Community Forum
• UN Comtrade Glossary
• UN Comtrade Data Availability (via Comtrade Web Services)
• What is UN Comtrade
• Use UN Comtrade via World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)
• Comtrade User Guide
• Using a predefined group for "world" as reporter
• Reported and Converted Data / Conversion Issues
• Eligible Favored Country List for UN Comtrade database
• My Account (Manual)

**Services**

• Publications SITS
• ECLAC: Activities in International Trade Statistics
• Enterprises survey (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
• Improvement in business registers (ECLAC, Rio de Janeiro 2009)
• Trade in services in ECLAC countries (ECLAC, Rio de Janeiro 2009)

**SITS Profiles**

• Antigua and Barbuda - SITS profile
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*Classifications*
- Data dissemination (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
- EBOPS 2002
- EBOPS classification (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
- Modes of Supply
- Sectoral Classification List (W/120)

*Manuals and Methodology*
- 38th UNSC - Report of the SG and the WTO on tourism statistics
- Balance of Payments, 5th Edition
- Balance of Payments - BPM6
- Bilateral Trade Asymmetries in Trade in Services
- Difference BoP - Foreign Trade statistics - Eurostat, 2004
- FDI statistics (Eurostat, Hanoi 2010)
- Foreign Affiliates Statistics (WTO, Rio de Janeiro 2009)
- IMTS Methodology
- IRTS 1993
- IRTS 2008
- MSITS 2002
- MSITS 2010
- Negative values in trade in services
- Overview of EU tourism statistics (Eurostat, Chisinau 2010)
- Overview of the BPM6 (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
- Overview of the IRTS 2008 (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
- Overview of the MSITS 2010 (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
- Tourism statistics in the CIS countries (CISSTAT, Chisinau 2010)
- TSA: RMF 2008
- UN ServiceTrade Data Collection

*Trade in Services Statistics and Tourism*
- Bulgaria Profile
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*User Guides & FAQs*

- Definitions
  - Definitions: Economic Territory and Statistical Territory
  - Definition: Temporary admission (of goods) for inward processing
  - Re-exports and Re-imports
  - Definition: Customs Union

- "Exclude" in Commodity Codes selection/query
- Advance facility on data query through UN Comtrade References (via Comtrade Web Services)
- Aggregation Option in Basic & Express Selection
- Annual Totals Table (ATT) for Imports and Exports
- Asynchronous Web Service (DEPRECATED)
- Data Availability in UN Comtrade
- Data Exchange Suite (DES)
- Data Extraction Using Comtrade Web Service
- Differences between Imports and Exports, Reporters and Partners
- Download format in UN Comtrade
- EU-27 in UN Comtrade
- Explanatory Notes Via Web Service
- Finding 6-digit detailed commodity codes in HS Classification in UN Comtrade
- First Time User
- Free Access to UN Comtrade
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- How can I download data greater than 150,000 records from UN Comtrade?
- How do I get world exports to and from various groups of countries, i.e. how do I aggregate partners and reporters?
- How do I select the type of classification?
- How to get top ten commodities in UN Comtrade
- How to query for ‘all countries’?
• How to use "Batch Processing" feature in UN Comtrade
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• How to use UN Comtrade
• IMTS Publication List
• Intra-regional trade for EU countries: 1999 onwards
• North Korea import/export of luxury goods as defined by UN Comtrade
• Obtaining data for commodities by 6-digit code
• Payment of Royalty Fees
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• Measurement of iron trade, specifically in used cars
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• How to show missing trades from 2 different years (example)
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• Comtrade SDMX, Web Services and Data Exchange
• ComtradeTools (BETA)
• How to use the "Express Selection" feature in the Data Query
• Most Favorable Country List for UN Comtrade database
• UN Comtrade SDMX
• EG-IMTS: UN Expert Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
• Template
• Country Code
• Definition: Customs warehousing
• How to load a CSV file into MS Access
- Foreign Affiliates Statistics (Eurostat, Hanoi 2010)
- European Statistics Code of Practice
- Tariff Line
- The Canadian International Merchandise Trade Statistical Program
- Change in Statistical Territory of Italy
- Definition: Customs Territory
- Síntesis metodológica de la estadística del comercio exterior de México
- Trade Value Estimation
- Who Procues for Whom in the World Economy?
- Bolivia: Commodity classification and quantity measurement
- Angola: Trade indicators on National level
- Workshops and technical assistance missions
- Cooperation with international and regional organizations
- BEC - SITC Rev. 4 correspondence
- International cooperation and workshops

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- Add links to popular how-to and troubleshooting articles.
- Highlight important documentation.

**Need more help?**

- Link to resources such as your service desk, questions & answers or a forum.
- List contacts for getting additional help.