China, Macao SAR Metadata

Comtrade Explanatory Notes

National Compilation and Reporting Practices (NCDP)
The Trade Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division has conducted national compilation and reporting practices surveys in 2006 and 1996. They contain metadata, inter alia, coverage, trade system, commodity classification, valuation, quantity measurement, and partner country.

2006 Survey: N/A
A summary of the surveys and a comparison between 2006 and 1996 results, as far as possible, are available on the main page: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradereport/introduction_MM.asp

Comtrade Publication Notes
Information as to when and from where data was received: http://comtrade.un.org/db/mr/daPubNoteDetail.aspx?r=446

Responsible Agency, National WebPages for Data and Metadata
• Responsible agency and national web page: Following a 29.11.2001 request from the People’s Republic of China, “all communications between the UN and [Hong Kong and Macao], including the UN’s distribution of materials to and its collection of statistical data to the two SARs shall be made through the Central Government of China” (i.e., Mission to the UN).
• Data: N/A
• Metadata: N/A

IMF Data Dissemination Standards GDDS/SDDS on Merchandise Trade
The IMF’s data dissemination standards consist of two tiers: the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS), which would apply to all Fund members, and the more advanced Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS), for those members countries having or seeking access to international capital markets. In general, a country subscribes to either GDDS or SDDS

GDDS provides information on Trade Data Characteristics, Quality, Plans for Information, Dissemination Formats, and Contact Persons. http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/gdds/gddscountrycategorylist/?strcode=MAC

Additional Information about Country Metadata
Other information regarding the metadata provided by the country:
- Commodity code information

For concepts and definitions, please go to the Glossary of this Knowledgebase: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradekb/Glossary/

Attachments:
Commodity Code - ..._03_Country).pdf
• How to use UN Comtrade
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  • api

• Data Exchange Suite (DES) (Comtrade)
  • user
  • tutorial
  • comtrade
  • des
  • sdmx

• Timetable for data availability of country (Comtrade)
  • user
  • comtrade
  • use
  • data_availability
  • qa

• Quantity unit tons in detailed level data (Comtrade)
  • user
  • comtrade
  • use
  • commodity
  • qa