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• Country Notes
• Data quality and metadata (UNSD, Hanoi 2010)
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• 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
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