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Scope and time of recording (Chapter I)																				
<i>A. General guidelines</i>																				
1. As a general rule, record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory (para. 1.2)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	0	
2. Trade below Customs and statistical thresholds: estimate and include if economically significant, trade below customs and statistical thresholds (para. 1.3).	New encouragement	Yes	Yes		NO	Yes	No	no	Yes	No	No		yes	yes	No	No	No	6	8	VC: customs includes all values
3. Change of ownership: Use as a criteria for recording of certain goods when the general guideline is not applicable or not sufficient (para. 1.4)	New encouragement	No	No		NO	Yes	No	no	No	Yes	No		yes	No	No	No	No	3	11	
Categories of goods where the criteria of change can be applicable for the recording of international merchandise trade transaction are ships and aircraft para 1.29), satellites and their launchers (para 1.33), power lines, pipelines and undersea communication cables (para 1.39) and mobile equipment that changes ownership while outside the residence of its original owner (para 1.39).																				
4. Time of recording: As a general guideline, record goods at the time when they enter or leave the economic territory of a country (para 1.8). In the case of customs based data collection systems this time can be frequently approximated by the date of lodgement of the Customs declaration (para 2.22)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	0	
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<i>B. Specific Guidelines</i>																				
5. Specific guidelines: Include certain categories of goods, include and separately identify (code) some which are of special interest for users, and exclude others (paras. 1.9-1.55)	Updated recommendation	No	No		YES	No	No	no	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	7	7	
6. Exclude but record separately: Exclude certain categories of goods but record them separately for use in balance of payments and national accounts and other purposes (paras. 1.19 and 1.56-1.60)	Updated recommendation	No	No		NO	Yes	No	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	No	No	7	7	
7. Media, whether or not recorded: Include at its full transaction value, except for media used for carrying customized software or software written for a specific client or originals of any nature, which should be excluded (para. 1.18)	Updated recommendation	Yes	No		NO	No	No	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	8	6	
8. Goods for processing with or without change of ownership: Include at their full (gross) value (paras. 1.19-1.20)	Updated recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	No	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	11	3	
9. Goods for processing as well as goods resulting from such processing where no change of ownership takes place: Include and explicitly identify (preferably by special coding) in your trade statistics (para. 1.21)	New encouragement	No	Yes but Not identified explicitly		NO	Yes	No	no	Yes	Yes	No		yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	6	7	
10. Goods which cross borders as a result of transactions between related parties: Include and separately identify (code) (para. 1.22)	New encouragement	No	No		NO	No	No	no	Yes		No		yes	No	No	No	No	2	11	

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11. Fish catch, minerals from the seabed and salvage; Bunkers, stores, ballast and dunnage: Include all transaction not only the ones taking place inside and but also the ones taking place outside the economic territory where economically or environmentally significant (paras. 1.31-1.32)	Updated recommendation	No	No		NO	No	Yes	no	No		No		yes	No	No	No	No	2	11	
12. Goods simply being transported through a country and Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched: Exclude (paras.1.41-1.44)	Updated recommendation	Yes	No		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes				yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10	2	
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Trade system (Chapter II)																				
13. Use of the Revised Kyoto Convention: ¹ Use, as far as possible, the definitions of the customs terms as contained in the annexes to the Revised Kyoto Convention (para. 2.3)	Unchanged recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes			yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	12	1	
14. Elements of the statistical territory: Make clear which elements exist and are included in the statistical territory (para. 2.3)	New recommendation	No	No		YES	No	no	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes	No	No	No	5	7	
15. Reimports and re-exports: Include and identify (code) separately for analytical purposes (paras. 2.16 and 2.18)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes, Re-ex		NO	Yes	no	Yes	Yes				yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	8	4	
16. Customs procedure codes: Make information about the customs procedure applied to individual transactions part of the dataset for trade statistics (paras. 2.19 and 8.6)	New recommendation	No	No		YES	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	Yes			yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	9	4	
17. Trade system: Use the general trade system for compilation of both import and export statistics (para. 2.20); if the special trade system is used, compile or estimate, as applicable, goods imported into and exported from premises for customs warehousing, premises for inward processing, industrial free zones or commercial free zones to allow estimation of data on a general trade system basis (para. 2.28)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	Yes			yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	11	3	
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Commodity Classifications (Chapter III)																				
18. Harmonized System (HS): Use HS for the collection, compilation and dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics (para. 3.11)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	12	1	
19. Standard International Trade Classification (SITC): Use SITC for the dissemination and the analysis of trade statistics according to user requirements (para. 3.19)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	13	0	
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Valuation (Chapter IV)																				
20. Statistical value: Record a statistical value for all goods covered in trade statistics, whether sold, exchanged or provided without payment (para. 4.1)	Updated recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	* Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	12	1	
21. WTO Agreement on Valuation: ¹⁷ Adopt the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation as the basis for valuation of international merchandise trade for statistical purposes (para. 4.4).	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	0	
22. Statistical value of exported and imported goods: Use free on board (FOB-type) valuation for exports (border of the exporting country) and cost, insurance and freight (CIF-type) valuation for imports (border of the importing country); countries are encouraged to compile FOB-type value of imported goods as supplementary information (para. 4.8).	Updated recommendation	Yes	Yes		NO	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	No	No	9	4	

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23. Compilation of data on freight and insurance: Countries which compile only CIF-type values of imports are encouraged to compile separately data for freight and insurance, at the most detailed commodity and partner level possible (para. 4.9)	Updated encouragement	No	No		NO	Yes	No	no	No	No	No		yes	Yes	No	No	No	3	10	
24. Valuation of special categories of goods: Follow additional recommendations (para. 4.15)	Updated recommendation	No	No		NO		No	no	Yes		Yes		yes	Yes	No	No	?	4	7	
25. Exchange rate for conversion: Where conversion of currency is necessary, use the rate of exchange duly published by the competent national authorities of the country, reflecting the current value of such currency in commercial transactions in terms of the currency of the reporting country, and which is in effect at the time of importation or exportation (para. 4.19).	Unchanged	Yes	N/A		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	13	0	
26. Exchange rate for conversion: If a rate is not available for the time of exportation or importation, use the average rate for the shortest period applicable (para. 4.20)	Unchanged	Yes	N/A		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	n/a	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	0	
27. Multiple official exchange rates: Where multiple official exchange rates are in effect, use the actual rate applicable to specific transactions (para. 4.21)	Unchanged	NO	N/A		Yes	Yes	yes	n/a	Yes	Yes			yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	1	
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Quantity measurement (Chapter V)																				
28. Compilation and reporting of quantity information: Collect or estimate, validate and report quantity information in WCO standard units of quantity ¹⁸ and in net weight on all trade transactions (para. 5.5)	Updated recommendation	Yes	No		NO	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	11	3	
29. Quantity conversion factors: Provide conversion factors to the recommended standard units in the metadata if units of quantity other than the WCO standard units are used or if units of quantity different from the one recommended for the specific commodity (HS six-digit subheading) are used (para. 5.5 (d))	Updated recommendation	Yes	No		NO	Yes	Yes	yes	n/a		Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	9	3	
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Partner country (Chapter VI)																				
30. Country of origin: Follow the relevant provisions of the Revised Kyoto Convention for determining country of origin (para. 6.7)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	0	
31. Attribution of partner country: Record for imports the country of origin and for exports the country of last known destination (para. 6.25)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	13	1	
32. Country of consignment: Record the country of consignment as the second partner country attribution for imports along side with country of origin; for exports the additional compilation of the country of consignment is encouraged (para. 6.26)	Updated recommendation	Yes	No		YES	Yes	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	No	No	No	9	5	
33. Calculation of trade balances: Use imports by country of origin and exports by country of last known destination (para. 6.27)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	*Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	11	2	
34. Economic territory of the trading partners: Use the economic territory of the trading partners as the basis upon which the statistics on trade by partner are compiled (para. 6.28)	Updated recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	13	1	
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Mode of transport (Chapter VII)																				
35. Compilation of mode of transport: Compile and disseminate international merchandise trade statistics by mode of transport at the most detailed commodity level (as a new data dimension) (para. 7.1)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	Yes	no	No	No	Yes		yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	5	9	

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36. Recording of mode of transport: Record as mode of transport the means of transport used when goods enter or leave the economic territory (para. 7.1)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		NO	No	Yes	no	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	9	5	
37. Classification: Clearly indicate the contents of the categories used; countries are encouraged to follow the suggested classification for the compilation and reporting of trade statistics by mode of transport (paras. 7.2-7.3)	New recommendation	Yes	No		NO	No	Yes	no	Yes		Yes		yes	No	No	No	No	5	8	
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Data compilation strategies (Chapter VIII)																		0	0	
38. Use of customs records: Use customs records as the main and normally preferred data source (para. 8.2)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14	0	
39. Allocation of customs procedures: Closely cooperate with customs experts in order to correctly allocate customs procedure codes and associated trade transactions according to the general or the special trade system (para. 8.4)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	no	No	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	2	
40. Use of non customs records: Supplement customs based data with information obtained from other sources, as necessary, to ensure full coverage of international merchandise trade statistics. Use non-customs sources as substitutes for available customs records only if they provide a cost effective way to improve quality of trade statistics (para. 8.9)	Updated recommendation	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	No	Yes		yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	11	3	
41. Integrated approach to data collection: In the case of the use of non-customs data sources such as enterprise surveys, use an integrated approach to data collection and make use of business registers and enterprise identification numbers in order to obtain the required information with minimal costs and burden on enterprise (para. 8.11)	New recommendation	Yes	No		NO	No	No	no	No		No			No	No	No	No	1	11	
42. Institutional arrangements: Consider the establishment of the institutional arrangements necessary to ensure the compilation of high quality trade statistics as a matter of high priority and periodically review their effectiveness (para. 8.17)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		NO	Yes	Yes	no	Yes		Yes			No	Yes	No	Yes	8	4	
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Data quality and metadata (Chapter IX)																		0	0	
43. Systematic approach to data quality: Follow a systematic approach to data quality and develop standards and related good practices covering the institutional arrangements, the statistical processes and outputs (the entire trade statistics program) (para. 9.4)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	No	no	No	No	No		yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4	10	
44. Standard for quality reports: Develop a standard for regular quality reports which cover the full range of statistical processes and outputs and are based on principles and standards (para. 9.5)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	No	no	No	No	No		yes	No	No	No	Yes	2	12	
45. Frequency of quality reports: Complete or update quality reports of international merchandise trade statistics at least every five years or more frequently if significant methodological changes or changes in the data sources occur (para. 9.6)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	No	no	No	No	No			No	No	No	No	0	13	
46. Contents of quality reports: Base quality reports on a set of quantitative and qualitative indicators for international merchandise trade statistics and on a checklist covering data collection, processing and dissemination to allow for an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses in the statistical process and to identify possible quality improvement actions (para. 9.7)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	No	no	No	No	No		yes	No	No	No	No	1	13	

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47. Dimensions of data quality: Take the following dimensions into account when developing a quality assessment framework: prerequisites of quality, relevance, credibility, accuracy, timeliness, methodological soundness, coherence and accessibility (para. 9.10)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	no	no	No	Yes	No			No	No	Yes	No	2	11	
48. Quality indicators: Ensure that the defined quality indicators satisfy the following criteria: (a) they cover all dimensions of quality; (b) are based on the consistent application of a sound methodology; and (c) the indicators are easy to interpret both by internal and external users (para. 9.15)	New recommendation	No	No		NO	No	no	no	No	No	No			No	No	Yes	No	1	12	
49. Cross-country data comparability: Countries are encouraged to periodically conduct bilateral and multilateral reconciliation studies or implement data exchanges (para. 9.18)	Updated encouragement	No	No		NO	No	no	no	No	No	No		no	No	No	Yes	No	1	13	
50. Metadata categories: Cover at least the categories of metadata provided in para. 9.23 (para. 9.23)	New recommendation	No	Yes		NO	No	no	no	No	No	No			Yes	No	No	Yes	3	10	
51. Metadata as high priority: View the development of metadata as a high priority and consider their dissemination an integral part of the dissemination of international merchandise trade statistics (para. 9.25)	New recommendation	No	Yes		NO	No	no	no	No	Yes	No		yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	5	9	
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Dissemination (Chapter X)																		0	0	
52. Confidentiality rules: Use passive confidentiality as much as possible, unless the use of active confidentiality is already the established, desired and accepted practice (para. 10.3)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		NO	No	Yes	no	No	No	Yes		yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	8	6	
53. Reporting of confidential information: Report information deemed confidential in full detail at the next higher level of commodity and/or partner aggregation that adequately protects confidentiality (para. 10.3)	Unchanged	Yes	Yes		YES	Yes	Yes	yes	No	Yes	Yes		yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	13	1	
54. Data dissemination timetable: Announce in advance the precise dates at which the statistics will be released and revised (para. 10.5)	Updated recommendation	No	No		NO	Yes	No	no	No	Yes*	No		no	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	10	
55. Publication of provisional estimates: Explore the possibility of publishing provisional estimates soon after the end of the reference period (para. 10.8)	New encouragement	No	No		YES	Yes	Yes	no	No	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	No	No	6	7	
56. Revision policy: Develop a revision policy which is synchronized with the release calendar (para. 10.11)	Updated encouragement	No	No		NO	No	no	no	No	No	No		yes	Yes	No	No	No	2	12	
57. Data dissemination: Treat all users equally and disseminate data without preference to any national or international user group. Choose the dissemination format that best suits the users' needs (para. 10.13)	New recommendation	Yes	Yes		NO	Yes	No	yes	No	No	Yes		yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	5	
58. External trade indices: Produce and publish volume (quantum) indices and either price or unit value indices for total imports and exports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. Calculate and publish such indices for commodity groups of particular importance to countries at least quarterly and annually (para. 11.1)	Unchanged	No	Yes		NO	No	No	no	No	No	No		no	No	No	No	No	1	13	
59. Seasonally adjusted data: Compile and publish, where appropriate, seasonally adjusted monthly and quarterly international merchandise trade data on a regular basis; provide information on the adjustment methods, data quality etc. in the metadata (paras. 11.3-11.4)	Updated encouragement	No	No		NO	No	no	no	No	No	No		no	No	No	No	No	0	14	

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60. Linking business and trade statistics: Integrate the trade register with the business register and take steps towards an integrated system of economics statistics for data compilation and analysis (para. 11.6)	New encouragement	No	No		NO	No	No	no	No	No	Yes		no	No	No	No	No	1	13	
NOTES																				
¹ World Customs Organization, International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (as amended) (Revised Kyoto Convention), Brussels, 2006.																				
² See World Trade Organization, The Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations: The Legal Texts, Geneva, 1995: Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Part I, "Rules on customs v																				
³ See World Customs Organisation, Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, second edition, Brussels, 1996, annex II.																				