



SCREENING CHAPTER 18 STATISTICS

TRADE OF GOODS

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Overview

- Foreign Trade Statistics are one of the oldest statistics in Turkey
 - Annual publication from 1923
 - Database from 1969
- A protocol was signed with Undersecretariat of Customs in 2004 to receive the foreign trade statistics data



Responsible Institution and Stakeholders

- Undersecretariat of Customs (compiling trade data)
- Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade (compiling free zone data)
- Turkish Statistical Institute (analysing, publishing and disseminating data)



Methodology

Coverage

- Turkey's Foreign Trade Statistics cover trade of goods between Turkey and rest of the world
- Data are compiled on a special trade basis
- Statistical territory coincides with customs territory



Methodology (cont'd)

Coverage

Exclusions:

- Shuttle trade
- Transactions under 100 \$ (statistical threshold)
- Repairs
- Transit trade
- Monetary gold
- Temporary exports and imports
- Banknotes, securities, coins not in circulation and foreign currencies

Methodology (cont'd)

Data sources

- Main source of foreign trade statistics is customs documents
 - Single Administrative Document (SAD) has been used for data collection since 1996
- Petroleum, natural gas and electricity information are obtained from importer/exporter
- Free zone data from Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade

Methodology (cont'd)

Classification

Commodity Classification

- 12-digit commodity codes (GTIP)
- First 6 digits - HS
- First 8 digits - CN

Country Classification

Geonomenclature is used for classifying trading partner countries (3-digit numeric)



Methodology (cont'd)

Periodicity

- Foreign trade statistics are published monthly as press release
- Reference month is the calendar month in which the goods are imported or exported



Methodology (cont'd)

Dissemination

- TURKSTAT is responsible for disseminating foreign trade statistics in Turkey
- Data are available by SITC, ISIC, BEC, CPA and CPC
- Data are available since 1969

Methodology (cont'd)

Dissemination (cont'd)

- Data transmission to Comext database (Eurostat)
 - Monthly data have been sent to Eurostat since 2002 according to Doc.400 transmission rules
 - eDAMIS is used for data transmission
 - Transmission delay is approximately 30 days after the end of the reference month

Foreign Trade Indices

- Unit Value Indices (Export and Import)
 - **Method:** Chain index method
 - **Classifications:** SITC, BEC, ISIC Rev3 and CPA
 - **Currency:** US Dollar and New Turkish Lira
 - **Coverage:** 87% for Exports, 80.5% for Imports

- Volume Indices
 - Derived from value indices



Future plans

- General Trade System in 2008
- Intrastat pilot project before membership
 - The studies will start with the Intrastat pilot project