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Methodology of **Foreign Trade Statistics** in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

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Overview

Foreign trade statistics represent an important aspect of economic statistics and an essential pivot of development service, as data users are provided with important indicators that shed light on the level of economic development and openness to global markets that contribute to building trade policies and planning the economy properly, and working to provide correct and accurate information that contributes to the service of policy-makers, decision-makers, researchers, and general users.

Importance

Foreign trade statistics gain their importance from the vital role they play in economic and social life. Due to the significance of the topic, many specialized international institutions and agencies, such as the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Statistics Division (Unstat), have sought to create the appropriate environment for statistical work in this vital field and produce a set of classifications, definitions and terms related to international trade statistics, so that they can be used to provide correct and accurate information to decision- and policy-makers, researchers and other users in general.

Objectives

The Foreign Trade Section aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Providing a comprehensive monthly, quarterly and annual database of foreign trade statistics according to country, merchandise category, value, and quantity, and providing decision- and policy-makers, researchers, planners, ensuring accuracy, objectivity and timeliness of the information presented.
- Producing monthly analytical reports and annual tables on Abu Dhabi's foreign trade statistics and providing them to users to be used for their intended purposes.
- Applying the latest international recommendations in the field of foreign trade statistics, regarding various statistical concepts, definitions, methods, and techniques, and emulating the best experiences in this field.

Concepts & Definitions

Non-Oil Exports: Non-oil Exports are those goods that are locally and entirely produced or with local resources contributing to their production (excluding crude oil) that exit from the customs and economic zone of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi to the outside world to constitute a deduction from the emirate's goods stock balance.

Imports: Are the goods that enter the customs and economic zone of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi coming from various parts of the world, except for the other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates, whether these goods enter directly or are withdrawn from customs bonded warehouses, temporary entry, or the free zones inside the United Arab Emirates, and they are cleared from customs to become part of the goods balance of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Re-Export: They represent the goods imported from abroad and enter the customs and economic zone and become part of the goods balance of the Emirate, and then re-exported as is, without any modification to them outside the United Arab Emirates.

Exporter and importer register: Is an official book in the Department of Finance – Customs Administration and contains data about exports or imports of goods by individuals, companies and entities through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Exporter: Means the natural or legal person exporting goods.

Importer: Means the natural or legal person importing goods.

Individual sector: Represents natural persons residing in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (citizens and non-nationals) who import and export goods through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Business sector: Represents all local and foreign establishments operating in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi that have imported and exported merchandise through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Government sector: Represent all ministries, federal and local departments and diplomatic bodies operating in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi that have imported and exported through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Coverage (Geographical Coverage - Statistical Units)

The Geographical coverage at the level of the Emirate means the registration of all goods that enter the economic territory, which may coincide with geographical or customs borders and may not coincide according to the current situation in the concerned Country, and the customs region is the region in which the customs law of the Country is fully applied, and in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi only the traded goods that enter and exit customs borders through customs ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are covered.

Frequency

Statistical reports and tables for foreign trade statistics are prepared every month, quarter for exporter's and importer's register, and annual statistical tables covering exports, imports, and re-exports for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are prepared.

Classifications

There are several classifications used in foreign trade statistics. Prominent among those are the recommended classifications listed below:

- Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)
- Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)
- Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

Main Data Sources

The data have been sourced from the General Administration of Customs, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at the customs ports of the emirate of Abu Dhabi. They are tabulated, linked to other classifications, the results related to commodities and countries tables are extracted and analyzed.

Data Collection

- Available customs data from the General Administration of Customs.
- The electronic forms used for the electronic statistics of Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi.

Data Editing

The data is audited and reviewed based on the audits carried out by the Department of Foreign Trade affiliated to Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi, and Customs Directorate is informed of the audit results that are reflected in the data from its parent source and then they are formally reflected in the statistical reports, and this is done in all reports on foreign trade issued by Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi. As for data analysis, statistical tables have been developed for purposes of analysis and data collection based on Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) and Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), in addition to expanded tables according to Harmonized System (HS), and they are entered into the monthly reports and annual tables of international trade statistics to form a qualitative addition to the content of the bulletin and reports enriching the analysis and add a new dimension to private international trade data in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Outputs (indicators/ statistics)

Based on international standards regarding foreign trade indicators, several indicators have been built by collecting data on various classifications. These indicators provide an analytical dimension if they are attributed to other economic indicators, such as the gross domestic product and its multiple components.

1. Exports of non-oil goods
2. Exports of non-oil capital goods
3. Exports of non-oil final consumption goods
4. Growth rate of exports of non-oil goods(%)
5. Growth rate of exports of non-oil goods by Sections of HS(%)
6. Growth rate of exports of non-oil goods by countries(%)
7. Export of non-oil goods by Mode of shipping (% of non-oil goods exports)
8. Export of non-oil goods by Continent
9. Export of non-oil goods by GCC Countries
10. Top Trade Partners for Export of non-oil goods (% of non-oil goods exports)
11. Agricultural raw materials exports (% of non-oil goods exports)
12. Food exports (% of non-oil goods exports)

13. Manufactured products exports (% of non-oil goods exports)
14. Ores and metals exports (% of non-oil goods exports)
15. Intermediate goods non-oil exports
16. Non-oil exports (% of GDP)
17. non-oil merchandise exports by SITC
18. non-oil merchandise exports by BEC
19. Growth rate of non-oil exports by BEC (%)
20. External balance on goods (% of GDP)
21. Total non-oil export/Import coverage ratio
22. Total non-oil export/Import coverage ratio by sections of HS (%)
23. External balance on non-oil goods
24. External balance on non-oil goods by HS
25. Foreign trade of non-oil goods by BEC
26. Foreign trade of non-oil goods by SITC
27. Imports of non-oil goods
28. Natural gas imports
29. Non-oil imports (% of GDP)
30. Growth rate of imports of non-oil goods by Sections of HS(%)
31. Imports of non-oil goods by GCC countries
32. Growth rate of imports of non-oil goods by countries(%)
33. Imports of non-oil goods by mode of shipping (% of non-oil goods Imports)
34. Imports of non-oil goods by continent
35. Growth rate of imports of non-oil goods(%)
36. Manufactured products imports (% of goods imports)
37. Ores and metals imports (% of goods imports)
38. Food imports (% of goods imports)
39. Final consumption goods non-oil imports
40. Capital goods non-oil imports
41. Imports of intermediate non-oil goods
42. non-oil merchandise imports by SITC
43. non-oil merchandise imports by BEC
44. Growth rate of non-oil imports by BEC (%)
45. Top trade partners for imports of non-oil goods (% of non-oil goods imports)
46. Growth rate of re-exports of non-oil goods(%)
47. Re-export of non-oil goods
48. Growth rate of re-exports of non-oil goods by Sections of the HS(%)
49. Growth rate of re-exports of non-oil goods by countries(%)
50. Re-exports of non-oil goods by mode of shipping (% of Re-exports)
51. Re-exports of non-oil goods by continent
52. Re-exports of non-oil goods by GCC countries
53. Top trade partners for re-exports (% of re-exports)

54. Final consumption goods re-exports
55. Capital goods re-exports
56. Intermediate goods re-exports
57. non-oil merchandise re-exports by SITC
58. non-oil merchandise re-exports by BEC
59. Growth rate of non-oil merchandise re-exports by BEC (%)
60. Exports of creative goods
61. Exports of high-tech Product
62. Exports of information and communication technology goods.
63. Re-export of creative goods
64. Re-export of High-tech Product
65. Re-export of information and communication technology goods
66. Imports of creative goods
67. Imports of high-tech product
68. Imports of information and communication technology goods

Timeliness

Data on foreign trade is published as monthly with a total of (12) reports in a year, 75 days after the end of the reference month and quarterly with a total of (4) reports in a year 105 days after the end of the reference quarter for the exporters and importers registry report, and tables in Statistical yearbook after six months of the reference year.

Dissemination

Monthly and quarterly reports and tables in statistical year book are available on the website of Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi.



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