Bangladesh - Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh 2004-2005

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ABSTRACT
Collection and compilation of foreign trade statistics (FTS) is one of the core activities of Bangladesh Bureau .of Statistics (BBS). BBS collects information on exports and imports in electronic form (CDs) from National Board of Revenue (NBR) and hard copies as shipping hills from various customs stations.. The collected information are dully coded and edited by National Accounting Wing and then pass on to Computer Wing for onward data processing.

This foreign trade statistics issue (19th issue) is slightly different from the previous one. For minimizing the time lag, data on exports and imports for the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given together in this issue. So, the foreign trade statistics under the caption "Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh 2003-04" will not separately. be . published. This report has been published in two volumes: volume-I on exports and volume-Il on imports.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

Scope

NOTES
Foreign trade statistics include all commodities which pass through the boundary of customs territory (in the case of import, all goods and commodities entering the country and for exports all goods and commodities leaving the country) excluding certain items such as military hardware, bullion, currency notes, coins and goods in transit.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National Coverage

UNIVERSE
All imports and exports of the country along with EPZ (Export Processing Zone) exports and imports are covered in the foreign trade statistics. The entire exports and imports by various routes viz, sea, airand land including postal parcels are covered.

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Questionnaires

Overview

Data Collection

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End
2005

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N/A

Data Collection Mode

Other [oth]

Data Collection Notes

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics compiles foreign trade statistics from custom returns. The primary sources for sea-borne trade data are the "bills of entry" for imports and "shipping bills" for exports. For customs clearance the importers and exporters submit these bills to the customs houses at the two sea ports, Chittagong and Mongla for every consignment imported into Bangladesh or intended for export from Bangladesh by Sea. The shipping bills are received from the two sea ports every month along with bill of entry for back to back imports of ready-made garments (RMG). Recently the NBR has started computerization of every consignment imported into Bangladesh (bill of entry) since 1993-94 and providing import data in the floppy diskettes to BBS on monthly basis. The land borne exports and imports data are compiled from the monthly returns received from land customs stations which deal with border trade with the neighbouring countries. Air borne trade data are compiled from the air-borne trade returns (bills of entry for imports and customs statements for exports) received from the air freight unit at Dhaka.
Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has its own collection units in Chittagong and Mongla Customs houses. The staff posted at these units collect the documents and carry them to Dhaka twice or thrice every month. Data in floppy diskettes are collected from the NBR, Dhaka office on monthly basis.

Questionnaires

Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Statistics and Informatics Division	SID	Ministry of Planning

Data Processing

Data Editing

Previously, foreign trade documents (import and Export) were collected from Chittagong Customs Office. Now data in CD ROM are collected by Foreign Trade Section of BBS from NBR on monthly basis. On receipt of export import information from NBR. the said diskettes are sent to BBS Computer Section for re-arranging, processing etc. After completion of the job, data are sent to Foreign Trade Section, BBS which does the work of correction, compilation and editing and then sent to the Computer Section for rearranging the said data. Again, the Computer Section send the printed export-import data to FTS. Fimially, after correction and amendment by FTS these are again sent to the Computer Section for print out of final data.
On receipt of the trade bills from Burimaii (Land Customs) and shipping bills from Khulna, entries are made in the control register and the bills are sorted out according to the date and type of trade. After sorting the documents are bound in the form of a book which is known as batch. Each batch consists of 50-60 bills covering the bills of a particular date. The batches are distribuied among the coders for coding the information. The basic informatin, such as commodity specified by type. quantity of each commodity according to uints prescribed in the HS, value, export destination and other relevant information are coded, checked and edited properly on the documents. On completion of coding work, the value is taped from the documents. Batch totals are entered in the control register for subsequent matching with computer totals. Batches are then sent to the Computer Will, for capturing the data in diskettes.
Though most of the tabulations are made according to Harmonized commodity description and coding system, selected tabulations are made on the basis of category of goods by different exporting or importing accounts. Selected monthly tables are published in the Monthly Statistical Bulletin and other annual and monthly publications of BBS. Foreign Trade Statistics are published on fiscal year basis i.e. July 1 to June 30.

Other Processing

Foreign trade statistics of Bangladesh are compiled and classified on the basis of "harmonized commodity description and coding system (HS)" which is based on the SITC Rev. 3. These classifications are arranged in 21 sections and 98 chapters which cover all commodities of international trade. They include broad headings of commodities at 4 digit level and detailed description at 8 •digit level. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has prepared the I-IS ift 2 to 8 digit level to meet the need of the country. Imports are recorded by country of consignnieiit and exports by country of last known destination.
Quantities and values are recorded as shown in the trade bills and checked by customs officials. The weight recorded is the net weight. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics follows metric system .of weight for compiling and publishing the quantity of exports and imports. Missing quantity data are estimated, wherever possible; on the basis of unit price calculated for the reported i tenis.
The BBS follows the Brussels definition of value (BDV) for the purposes of valuation. The Brussels definition of valuation of goods has been accepted by almost all countries of the world. The BDV was introduced in December, 1950 under the Prircijles of the General Agreementon Tariffs and Trades (GATT) with the, ohject'of providing a comparable system of valuation. Under the BDV, the dutiable value of goods imported for home consumption is calculated at normal price, i.e. the price which they could fetch at flie time when the. duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market. in practice, valuation of goods is rather tricky and depends on expediency of revenue collection. Currently, tariffvalues Or the inteinalional prices perceived by the C'Llstoms Authority form the fl'oorlevel for the purpose of determining customs and related duties. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics records import value on CIF basis and export value on FOB basis.

Data Appraisal

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