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ABSTRACT

Foreign trade statistics is a core activity of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and is being compiled on regular basis since 1973-74. It is classified according to harmonized commodity description and coding system. Data on imports and exports are presented at 2 to 7 digit level HS codes. Information on unit, quantity, value, country of origin by commodity following international classification and format are presented in this report. Exports and imports data by chapter, direction of trade (country) and major head of accounts and commodities are presented and are also available in computer readable form. Eight tables on imports and eight tables on exports by commodity at 2-7 digit levels are provided in the report.

For users convenience, time series and comparable data in tables similar to earlier ones are presented. Summary and key foreign trade statistics are also furnished for ready reference.

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has been publishing foreign trade statistics (FTS) since 1976-77. This report is the 9th issue in the publication series. It contains information on exports and imports for the fiscal year 1994-95 classified conforming to harmonized commodity description and coding system (HS).

The Officers and staff of Foreign Trade Statistics (FTS) branch of ILS & NI wing of BBS deserve thanks for their sustained efforts in collection, compilation and analysis of data presented in this report. Our thanks to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and all concerned Custom -Stations for their cooperation in making available all trade documents used in preparing this report.

We hope this publication will be found useful by the users in general and research workers, planners, policy makers and business community in particular.

We shall be grateful to receive comment/s and suggestion/s that the readers may have to make our future publications more useful.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

Scope

NOTES

Indices of imports and exports are designed to measure the overall position and direction of movements of values and quantities of commodities bought and sold in international markets. Calculation of indices is based on published data. Three indices, "value index" "volume index" and "unit price index", are calculated:

value index

1) It indicates overall direction of movement of total value of commodities bought and sold in international markets.

Volume index

2) It measures direction of change of the total volume of commodities bought and sold in the international markets.

Unit price index

3) It represents overall direction of price movements of commodities bought and sold in international markets. Price valuation is based on FOB values of exports and CIF values of imports.

Coverage

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The fiscal year 1988-89 (July-June) was taken as the base year mainly because

In 1988-89 BBS adopted the Harmonized Commodity Description and coding system (HS) in place of BSTC which listed 3571 commodities. In H.S.coding system the total number of commodities is 8123. For better classification some new commodities as well as further subdivisions of items of BSTC system were incorporated in H.S.code. Also classifications, section and groups of items in BSTC system were rearranged in various sections, chapters, groups in H.S. Coding System. These changes made it difficult (almost impossible in some cases) to maintain and show one-to-one correspondence between BSTC and HS indices for both values and quantities of imports and exports. Hence 1988-89, the year of introducing H.S.code, is chosen as the base year.

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Overview

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

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Data Collection Mode

Other [oth]

Data Collection Notes

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics compiles Foreign Trade Statistics from Customs returns. The primary sources for seaborne 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 two sea ports, Chittagong and Mongla for every consignment imported into Bangladesh or interned for export from Bangladesh by Sea. The bills of entry and the shipping bills are received from the two sea ports every month. The land borne export and import 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. In addition daily lists received from Chittagong and Mongla Customs houses are used as supplementary sources for compilation of import/export data and publication of the Monthly Advance Release.

Questionnaires

Data Collectors

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Data Processing

Data Editing

Document collection

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 after matching with the daily lists and customsentry register. Land borne trade returns are directly received from the concerned land Custom stations and air borne trade returns are collected from the air freight unit of Dhaka. Foreign Post Office directly forward their returns to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Classification of commodity

The foreign trade statistics of Bangladesh are compiled and classified on the basis of the "Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)" which is based on the SITC-R3. These classifications are arranged into 21 sections and 99 chapters which cover all commodities of international trade. They have given broad heading of commodity at 4 digits level and detailed description at 6.digits level. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has prepared the HS at 7 digits level accordiflg to the need of the country.

Recording of quantity

The quantity, value and duty are recorded as they are shown on the trade bills and checked by the Customs officials. The weight recorded is the net weight. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics follows Metric system for compiling and publishing the quantity of exports and imports. Missing quantity data are estimated, wherever possible, on the basis Qf unit value calculated from the reported items.

Recording of value

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 Principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trades (GATT) with the object of providing a comparable system of valuation. Under BDV, the dutiable value of goods imported for home consumption is calculated at normal price, i.e. the price which they fetch at the time when the duty becomes payable on a sale in the open market. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics records import value on CIF basis and export value on FOB basis.

Other Processing

Coverage of data

Foreign Trade Statistics includes all goods and commodities entering into the country and leaving from the country excluding goods such as military goods and equipments, gold, bullion, courenncy notes, coins, goods in transit,etc.

Processing of data

After receipt of trade bills, entries are made in the control register and 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 distributed among the coders for coding the information. The basic information, such as commodity specified by type, quantity of each commodity according to units prescribed in the HS,value,duty, importing and exporting country and other relevant information are coded, checked and edited properly on the documents. When coding work is completed, the value is taped from the documents. Total of these sheets are entered in the control register for subsequent matching with computer totals. The batches are then sent for capturing data into diskettes.

Tabulation of data

Though tabulations are usually made as per Harmonized commodity description and coding system, tabulations are also 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.

Data Appraisal

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