



Foreign trade statistics in Latvia Data sources

- Trade with non-EU countries (Extrastat) customs data SAD declarations
- 2. Trade with EU countries (Intrastat) enterprises data Intrastat reports

Additional data sources:

- VAT declarations (State Revenue Service) data for Intrastat statistics
- Latvian Ship and Yacht Register (Maritime Administration of Latvia) – specific movements
- Latvian Aircraft Register (Civil Aviation Agency) specific movements

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State Revenue Service's data

Cooperation between the CSB and SRS is regulated by inter-service agreement from 16 April 2004. The Agreement on Use of Data Warehouse Systems ensures the CSB on-line access to VAT data for trade statistics purposes.

The SRS prepares the information from VAT reports in the form defined in the agreement and makes it available for the CSB in 45 days after the reference period.

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Information, available for the CSB of Latvia from VAT declarations



- VAT registration number
- Name of the taxable person
- Taxable amount of intra-Community acquisitions and deliveries of goods
- Tax period
- Partner country code
- Partner's VAT registration number
- Note about triangular trade (for dispatches)

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Use of VAT data

VAT data are used:

- to define the new providers of statistical information,
- to ensure the quality of intra-EU trade statistics comparing it with VAT information,
- to make adjustments for trade statistics below threshold and nonresponse for EU countries.

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Latvian Ship and Yacht Register



The agreement between the CSB of Latvia and Maritime administration of Latvia has been signed on 17 March 2006.

According to this agreement the CSB of Latvia has access to the Ship and Yacht Register on line, using Internet.

The CSB monthly controls changes in Ship and Yacht Register. In case of purchase from third countries the CSB examines SAD. In case the partner country is EU country, the enterprise is asked to submit Intrastat report. A special letter form has been created for such transactions, when the value of good exceeds Intrastat exemption threshold.

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Information, available for the CSB of Latvia from the Ship and Yacht Register Date of ship's enter to/remove from register

- Registration number
- Name of the ship
- Previous name of the ship
- Type of the ship
- Legal owner
- Place and year of construction
- Basic data of ship (tonnage, length, width, type of engine etc.)
- Bareboat charter status

In the frame of the Ship and Yacht Register, there is Ship's Owner Register, which contains information about registration number and name of the ship as well as name and contact information of legal owner.

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Shortcomings using Ship and Yacht Register



- Data search possibilities are not intended for statistical purposes, so it is not possible to search information by date of enter ship in register or remove it from register.
- There is no enough information about change of economic ownership.
- There is no information in register about previous place of registration of the ship (this information is not entered to the register from official documents), so it is not possible to detect partner country without contacting the owner.

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Latvian Aircraft Register



The agreement between the CSB of Latvia and Civil Aviation Agency of Latvia has been signed on 15 August 2008.

According to this agreement the CSB of Latvia each month on the 10th date after the reference period receives information from the Civil Aviation Agency about the aircraft registered in Latvian Aircraft Register and excluded from register.

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Information received from Latvian Aircraft Register



- Date of aircraft's enter to/remove from register
- Type of aircraft
- Serial number
- Name and place of construction
- Year of construction
- Name and contact information about legal owner and operator

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Shortcomings using Aircraft Register information



- There is no information in register about previous place of registration of the aircraft, so it is not possible to detect partner country without contacting the owner.
- It is not easy to detect the economic owner of the aircraft.

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The cooperation with State Revenue Service is very successful. The agreement was amended in 2010 and the CSB has the possibility to receive some additional information, which was not available in the frame of initial agreement. That is information about trade partner (country code, registration number) and note about triangular trade for dispatches.

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Conclusions

Both registers – Latvian Ship and Yacht Register and Latvian Aircraft Register are governmental-public administrations, which are managed centralised and updated daily.

The CSB of Latvia has possibility to receive information from both registers free of charge.

This is additional source of information, which allows to perfect the list of Intrastat respondents, as well as in some cases to supplement Extrastat data with vessels and aircraft, which are not reflected in customs data.

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