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NOTE OF MONTENEGRO

Basic information about foreign trade statistics of Montenegro

Statistical Office of Montenegro – MONSTAT has processed the foreign trade data since 2005. Source of data for statistics on foreign trade of goods is the Single Customs Declaration-Customs Declarations (around 620,000 imports and 30,000 export declaration per year).

Customs Administration is responsible for collection and check data of external trade statistics and MONSTAT is responsible for data checking and dissemination. Monstat has been receiving data from Customs Administration every 5 of the month regarding information from previous month. Cumulative data is provided with monthly file.

We receive six files each month. These files are: Header information, detailed information (Assignment), Data regarding a previous document, Data regarding Appendices, Customs Duties and Data of Importers and Exporters of Montenegro.

For processing data, we use Eurotrace program which was donated by the Eurostat. Program is used for processing, control and dissemination of data. For each boxes in customs declaration we have control in program.

We publish data on the 25th day of the preceding month according to Special Trade system. We publish data according to our updated Calendar Release for the full year. We publish data by value (EURO), months, counties, territory and continents, chapters or SITC classification. Annual data are disseminated twice, first as preliminary (25 January) and then as final (31 March).

We use times series in *Releases on the trade of Montenegro*. We have monthly time series analysis, cumulative and annual level.

For monthly level we have series for 2 years at the total trade level.

For cumulative level we have series for 2 years at the total trade level, Chapter Level and Country Level.

For Annual level we have series for 5 years at the total trade level, Chapter Level and Country Level.

For detail data our user can sent us request and we sent these data.

Plan for the implementation of International Merchandise Trade statistics 2010

First, we will organization an official meting with Customs Administration and we will present to them new recommendation of IMTS 2010. We will present to them only new recommendation for which are charge Customs office.

Example: In Montenegro Customs Administration responsible for next recommendation together with Statistical office:

- Change of ownership
- Good for processing as well as goods resulting from such processing where no change of ownership takes place
- Goods which cross broders as a result of transactions between related parties
- Re/imports and Re/exports
- Customs procedures code
- Allocation of customs procedures
- Recording of mode of transport

For other recommendation, we are responsible. We were implementation a lot of new recommendation as:

- Calculation of trade balances (we use county of origin by import and country of last know destination by export)
- Use Standard International Trade Classification for the dissemination and analysis of trade statistics
- Use of customs records as the mean and only data source

Implementation new recommendation:

- Compilation of mode of transport

In future, we will disseminate International Merchandise Trade statistics by mode of transport for our user.

But we have problem because in department external trade statistics work only two person and IT person who is charge for program across processing data.

- Metadata

At the moment, we do not have dissemination of metadata. One of plans is preparation metadata for every survey and this year we works at the dissemination of metadata.

- Data quality

In the near future, we will implementation recommendation about data quality.

- Linking business and trade statistics

Implementations this recommendation depends on decision our director because we have different assistant director for business and trade statistics.