

Uzbekistan
Metadata
Foreign trade statistics

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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics acts independently in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” adopted on August 11, 2021.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

On September 2, 2017, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics” was approved, which defines the mandate, functions and structure of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, which is the main body responsible for coordination, monitoring and supervision of the National Statistical System, as well as for collecting, processing, analysis and dissemination of data. Its functions include providing a unified statistical methodology that meets international standards.

In accordance with article 14 of the Law, state statistics bodies have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;
- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for

submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order №O-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within the framework of this system.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

According to the Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, the State Committee on Statistics has the right to conduct statistical observations of the activities of legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and use the data obtained for statistical purposes, also ensures the confidentiality of the statistical data obtained, the protection of statistical data, containing state secrets.

The State Committee on Statistics employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the State Committee on Statistics is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

The formation of foreign trade statistics in the Central Office is dealt with by 9 employees, in the territorial statistical bodies - by 3 employees each. All employees have higher education and at least once every 2 years undergo training at the courses of the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics.

Each workplace is provided with a personal computer connected to the local network.

The software is developed directly at the State Committee on Statistics, that allows, if necessary, to make updates and changes to it in accordance with existing and emerging tasks.

Sufficient protection of electronic computing resources is provided, including by providing the emergency support systems for restoring the statistical information.

The provided financial resources are sufficient for fulfilling the works provided for by the statistical program on the foreign economic activity and trade statistics. Periodic checks of the work of personnel are carried out. State statistical bodies request, when necessary, the external assistance from experts.

1.Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

In the production of this statistical information, government intervention is not allowed, and professional independence is fully ensured.

When selecting the employees and appointing them to senior positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Improvement of the qualification of the department’s employees is ensured through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Employees of the department give lectures at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. The placement of scientific articles of the department’s employees in the mass media has been organized.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (clause 15) determines that The State Committee on Statistics has the right to consider and provide

clarifications on cases of misuse and interpretation of statistical information and statistical data. That is, The State Committee on Statistics may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the Committee (www.stat.uz). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at www.lex.uz. Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by The State Committee on Statistics prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that the information published for the public in print statistical publications, information bulletins and in mass media is produced by the State Committee on Statistics.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee on Statistics notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The State Committee on Statistics posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

1.3. Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Rules of Conduct for The State Committee on Statistics employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of The State Committee on Statistics is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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Formation of foreign trade statistics is carried out in accordance with:

the law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics”;

“International Merchandise Trade Statistics Concepts and Definitions-2010”;

“Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services-2010”;

“International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008”;

“Regulation on the methodology for collecting and processing the data of state and customs foreign trade statistics”, approved by the Resolution of the State Committee on Statistics (No. 11), of the State Customs Committee (No. 01-02/15-23), of the Ministry of Economy (No. 31) and of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments and trade (No. EG-01/10-4715) dated August 27, 2007 (reg. No. 1717 dated September 20, 2007).

When forming the foreign trade statistics, the following methodological documents are used as a guide:

- Methodological provisions for the organization of statistical accounting of foreign trade in goods - No. 2, dated February 28, 2020;
- Methodological provisions for the organization of statistical accounting of foreign trade in services - No. 1, dated January 19, 2018.

2.2 Scope

2.2.1 Scope

2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

Foreign trade statistics are formed from foreign trade in goods and services:

the initial data in the formation of statistics on foreign trade in goods are the data of customs statistics of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan based on the indicators of the cargo customs declaration (CCD) and the data of statistical observations about goods, the ownership right of which has passed from a resident to a non-resident, without crossing the border of the country and not taken into account in customs declarations;

the formation of statistics on foreign trade in services is carried out on the basis of the data of statistical observations.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

There are no exceptions.

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

There is no.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

For the generalization and aggregation of information on foreign trade, a classifier of countries of the world is used, prepared by the Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the basis of the official publication of the United Nations Secretariat (UN) “Standard codes of countries or areas for use in statistics”.

For the classification and coding of goods in the statistics of foreign economic relations, the classifiers “Commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, built on the basis of the Nomenclature of the harmonized system for describing and coding the goods (*Harmonized System 2017*), “Standard International Trade Classification 2008”, “Classification by Broad Economic Categories” are used.

When forming the statistical data on export-import of services, the names of elementary types of services and their aggregated groups correspond to the classification of the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services.

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

The valuation of the cost of goods is made in US dollars and national currency at the prices of contracts or covenants indicated in the cargo customs declarations.

The cost of services and fulfilled works is taken into account in US dollars and national currency at the prices of contracts or covenants, with a recalculation at the rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan (regardless of the currency of the contract) at the time of drawing up the act of fulfilled works and services.

2.4.2 Recording basis

The time of recording the transactions is made using the accrual-based accounting method. Transactions show up in at the moment when an exchange, transfer, transformation, creation or disappearance of economic values happen. This point in time may differ from the point of the actual payment.

Transactions with goods show up in at the time of transfer of ownership right of them, services show up in at the time when they are provided.

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

The procedures for calculation the gross/net indicators are carried out in accordance with the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, sixth edition (BPM 6).

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

The object of statistical observation is exported and imported goods.

The unit of statistical observation is the legal entity or person, carrying out the foreign economic activity.

CCD indicators are used for forming the statistics on foreign trade in goods.

Data on the export-import of goods, the ownership right of which has passed from a resident to a non-resident, without crossing the border of the country and not taken into account in customs declarations and customs statistics (i.e. they are placed in the export mode without their actual export outside the Republic of Uzbekistan) are taken into account based on monthly statistical observations.

The formation of summary final data on foreign trade in services is carried out:

- monthly on the basis of statistical reporting of large enterprises and statistical assessment of exports (imports) of services of small enterprises and micro-firms and of the data from sample surveys of inbound and outbound tourism;
- annually on the basis of statistical reporting covering the large, small enterprises and micro-firms and the data from sample surveys of inbound and outbound tourism.

The volume of exports and imports of tourism is determined based on the results of surveys conducted by specially trained interviewers according to the forms of statistical observation approved by the State Committee on Statistics (survey questionnaire).

3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

Goods are taken into account at the time of importation or exportation outside the economic territory of the country, when the right of ownership passes.

The source of primary information on export-import transactions with services are commercial contracts, on the basis of which all transactions are carried out, as well as invoices issued for performed services, as well as registration records of monetary and financial authorities.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The data collection program is regulated by the statistical program. Respondents are informed of the established deadlines for submitting the reporting.

Information on goods formed according to cargo customs declarations is provided by the State Customs Committee on a monthly basis until the 7th day after the reporting month.

Data on services from large enterprises are collected monthly not later than the 5th day of the

month following the reporting period and for small enterprises and micro-firms – annually not later than the 27th of February.

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

The compilers of foreign trade statistics systematically carry out the assessment of initial data and, if the necessity arises, initiate the process of modifying them in order to improve the statistical reporting and other observations.

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

The cost of imports is estimated in CIF prices – the cost of the goods and the expenses for its insurance and transportation to the border of the importing country.

The cost of exports is estimated at FOB prices – the cost of goods and expenses for transportation to the border of the exporting country. Taking into account the geographical location of Uzbekistan and the absence of maritime borders, the FOB price will be equal to DAF price.

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

In the foreign trade in goods, adjustments for seasonal fluctuations are not made.

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

The data received from the respondents are analyzed and undergo the mandatory control.

3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

If there are any discrepancies and unexplained large fluctuations in data, their causes are investigated during the direct contact with the respondent.

3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

Statistical inconsistencies are monitored periodically.

3.5 Revision studies

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

The trade statistics are not revised. Periodic reviews ensure the adequacy and consistency of the data.

4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Calculations of the indicator of total exports and total imports are carried out monthly.

4.1.2 Timeliness

The publication of data is carried out in accordance with production program for foreign trade, data are disseminated in the form of bulletins, in information and analytical collections, in the form of press releases, and placed on the website of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

The statistical series are characterized by internal comparability.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

Dynamic series are formed by indicators of exports and imports (by countries, structure of exports and imports, broad economic categories) since 2000.

(<https://stat.uz/en/official-statistics/merchandise-trade>)

4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

Statistical surveys of foreign trade in the necessary sections are consistent with the requirements of the balance of payments and the SNA.

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

According to the statistical program, the preliminary data for January-December are specified in accordance with the annual statistical reporting within the time limits stipulated by the program.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

The published data are clearly marked by logo and footnotes of State Committee on Statistics.

4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

The statistical collections indicate that separate indicators are being revised for the previous year. The revised (final) data are disseminated through publications of the State Committee on Statistics and on the official website (www.stat.uz).

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Statistical publications on foreign trade contain the next main data characterizing the state of foreign trade of the republic: exports and imports in general, with a breakdown into countries and by groups of goods, data on exports and imports in physical and value terms for goods in the Commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity and Standard International Trade Classification codes. Data on foreign trade are published monthly, quarterly and annually.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

Statistical and analytical information is provided in the form of printed editions, on electronic media and published on the official website of the State Committee on Statistics (www.stat.uz).

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

Export-import of goods and services.

5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

Section of statistical collections “Socio-economic situation of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, “Statistical review of the Republic of Uzbekistan”.

5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

Export-import of goods and services.

5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

Statistical and analytical information is provided according to the submitted applications or the formed mailing list, as well as upon one-time requests.

“Statistical Review of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, macroeconomic indicators, time series in the form of electronic spreadsheets are published on the website of the State Committee on Statistics (www.stat.uz) on a quarterly basis.

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

Statistical and analytical information is provided according to the submitted applications or the formed mailing list, as well as upon one-time requests.

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

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5.1.4 Simultaneous release

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5.1.5 Dissemination on request

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics”, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics”, the Regulations for the organization of works on the preparation and dissemination of statistical information and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon their request in accordance with the established procedure. The dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing upon the written request of legal or physical entities in the form of printed or electronic spreadsheets, statistical collections, bulletins, express information, as well as by providing in accordance with the agreements of the parties on information interaction.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

The methodological manuals and provisions on foreign trade statistics are placed on the website of the State Committee on Statistics (<https://lib.stat.uz/ru/features-3/vneshneekonomicheskaya-deyatelnost-i-torgovlya>).

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

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9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Upgrading the qualification of employees involved in the compilation of international trade statistics, improvement of current forms of statistical observations related to the formation of foreign trade statistics, improvement of data quality and maximum coverage of recommended sources of information for the formation of indicators.

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

Revision and making amendments in the methodological provisions.
Revision and expansion of the classifier for the formation of statistical data on the export-import of services.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

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9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

Financing is provided within the framework of the annual statistical program.

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