

Chapter 26 Dissemination

26.1. *Introduction.* The present chapter is based on chapter X, on dissemination, of IMTS 2010. It describes the factors to be taken into consideration when establishing the dissemination policy for international merchandise trade statistics at the responsible national agency. These factors include: variables to be made available; timeliness; coherence between disseminated data sets; statistical confidentiality; revision policy; users needs; formats and means of dissemination; and dissemination of metadata and information on data quality. The last section of the chapter addresses issues related to the dissemination of statistics on international trade in goods combined with the dissemination of statistics on international trade in services.

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