Explanatory Document on the Published Data

Name (please insert survey name) Economic Statistics/Foreign Trade

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Objective and historical reference:

The foreign trade department aims to:

-Issuing monthly reports and a comprehensive annual bulletin of foreign trade statistics

-Providing a comprehensive statistical database for monthly and annual foreign trade statistics by type, country, means of transport, economic purposes and transit

-Inventory and monitor the trade exchange between countries (the trade balance)

-Providing researchers, planners and decision makers with accurate information on foreign trade statistics

Historical reference: (Please write the year in which implementation was started)

1970

Users and applications

Users: Directorate of National Accounts, relevant government institutions, planners, policymakers, economic research centers, university students, and commercial companies interested in relevant market studies

Applications: Building and installing national accounts and the national economy. And detailed studies of the various economic sectors

The sources:

-The General Customs Department as a main source

-Official books issued by major companies

The authority authorized to collect and publish data

Department of General Statistics under Law No. 12 of 2012

Contents .

Description of the contents

Statistical unit: It includes all the data received from the Customs Department on a monthly basis, which includes data on the commodity and its symbol according to the(H.S) and the value of the commodity, quantity and country of origin, whether imports, exports or re-exports

variants

The value of monthly import, export and re-export, as well as the monthly trade balance deficit, and the value of trade exchange between Jordan and the rest of the world

Categories

The most important types of classifications:

-Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

-International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)

- Broad Economic Categories (BEC)

-Central Products Classifications (CBC)

-Harmonized System (HS)

time

The report is executed on a monthly basis

Reference period

The data covers an entire calendar month

Date

Available : The monthly date for the publication of this data is predetermined by the statistical calendar for the publication of statistical data

Commitment to publish

There is an obligation to publish according to the internal statistical agenda originally linked to the SDDS

repetitions

A monthly report is done

Availability of a time series

A monthly time series of key data and variables is available from 1994-2021

Accuracy Level

overall accuracy

Errors in the data are corrected, whether from customs data or from official books data from large companies, and new statements are extracted to be audited in the same way. In the event of errors, either through the coding mechanism or from the data entry, and then statements are extracted for the third time. That the data has been highly revised, as the .auditors re-check it and ensure the correctness of the data in it

Sources of inaccuracy

Errors in customs data

available accuracy scales

Descriptive accuracy metrics

Comparison

Comparison over time

This data is comparable with previously produced data due to the use of the same methodology and the application of international standards

Comparison with other statistics

This data is comparable with other statistics that use the same international definitions and classifications

Access to data

Publication Format

The data is published in paper in an annual bulletin available in the library of the Department of Statistics and electronically on the website of the Department of Statistics

http://www.dos.gov.jo