

Quality declaration - Trade of goods by CIS and other countries of the world

0 General information on statistical product		
0.1	Name	Trade of goods by CIS and other countries of the world
0.2	Subject area	Foreign Trade
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0.4	Purpose and History	The information is necessary to receive summary data on goods circulation with CIS countries and other countries of the world and to use it for compilation of RA balance of payments, as well as to provide users with necessary information on volumes of export and import by separate countries.
0.5	Users and Application	The main users of statistical information are the state government and local self-government bodies, public, scientific-educational, financial organizations, business society, mass media, international organizations, etc. Indicators of trade of goods by CIS countries and other countries of the world are applied in the field of economy for the purposes of strategy development, solutions of strategic tasks, analysis of foreign investments in the economic fields, analysis of business environment, revealing social development trends and other purposes.
0.6	Information Sources	The source of data is the customs statistics.
0.7	Legal Authority to Collect Data	The data are collected based on the Law on "Official Statistics" and "Five Year Statistical Program", as well as the Resolution No. 05-N of RA State Council on Statistics "On Approval of the Procedure for the collection of statistical data" dated 20 June 2016 and Resolution "On Approval of Annual Statistical Program".

0.8	Response Burden (Primary information providers)	The response burden is not measured.
<b>1 Content</b>		
1.1	Description of content	Trade of goods by CIS and other countries of the world include the data on volumes of export and import by CIS countries, the countries of the European Union (EEU) and other countries of the world.
1.2	Statistical concepts	<p><b>Export</b> is goods brought out of the borders of country for free circulation in the economic territories of other countries, which reduce the reserves of the material resources of the country. Goods are deemed to be exported at the moment, when they are exported from the economic territory of the country. Volumes of export are calculated in FOB prices.</p> <p><b>FOB value of goods</b> includes the value of the goods and services, which are provided by the time the goods are shipped to the border of the importing country, after which all expenses and risks are covered by the buyer.</p> <p><b>Import</b> is the goods imported into the economic territory of the country for free circulations, which add to the reserves of material resources of the country. The goods are deemed to be imported at the moment, when they are imported into the economic territory of the country. Imported volumes are calculated in CIF prices.</p> <p><b>The CIF value of goods</b> includes the FOB value of goods and the value of the services, which are provided starting from the country border up to the border of the importing country, i.e. all expenses and risks up to the border of the importing country are carried out by the seller.</p> <p>Characteristic features of partner countries are highly emphasized during import, which are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. characteristics of the partner country by the country of goods origin,</li> <li>2. characteristics of the partner country by goods delivery (by exporting country),</li> </ol>

		<p>3. characteristics of the partner country by the country, which concluded purchase agreement (by trading country).</p> <p>In order to determine the partner country characteristics by features of the goods origin the following main principles are taken into consideration: entirely produced, received in the given country.</p> <p>In order to define the characteristics of the country attribute by goods delivery the following main principle is taken into account: from which country the goods are directly shipped.</p> <p>In order to determine the characteristics of partner country by purchase - the feature of the country concluding a contract, the following main principles taken into account - the resident of which country the buyer has implemented the contract with.</p> <p>Money gold, securities in circulation, banknotes and coins, transit goods, the goods being imported and exported through operational lease, the goods sent to territorial enclaves or received are not included in the volumes of export and import.</p> <p><b>The economic territory of the country</b> covers the geographical territory, which is under control of the government and where goods, persons and capital are freely moved.</p> <p><b>RA resident:</b> According to the IMF balance sheet methodology, the RA resident is a physical person, household, any legal entity (enterprise) or any economic entity functioning in the territory of RA that permanently resides (for physical persons the place of residence) and whose center of economic interests (for individuals the center of vital interests) is the Republic of Armenia.</p> <p><b>Geographical coverage</b></p> <p>The geographical coverage of the Republic of Armenia corresponds to the economic territory of the country. The economic territory of the Republic of Armenia is adjusted to its customs territory in order to implement international trade statistics.</p>
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<b>2 Time</b>		
2.1	Reference period	Monthly
2.2	Date of publication	Monthly (operative) data is published on the 25/27 <sup>th</sup> of the month following the reference period, the first monthly publication-on the 35/37 <sup>th</sup> day following the reference period and the annual indicators are published in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of the year following the reference period.
2.3	Punctuality	Data is published in accordance with the schedule of publications according to annual programs and no delay from the scheduled date has been reported.
2.4	Frequency	Monthly
<b>3 Accuracy</b>		
3.1	Overall Accuracy	There are no specific quantitative evaluations related to the overall accuracy.
3.2	Sources of Inaccuracy	Data collection is implemented based on data of the customs declarations of legal persons, statistical form on "Registration of goods transportation" from Customs Service of RA State Revenue Committee, and trade organized by physical persons, as well as on the basis of the information on a monthly basis.
3.3	Measures on accuracy/	Accuracy of data of customs declarations, trade implemented by

	Measurability	physical persons, as well as of the statistical form on “Registration of goods transportation” in the reference period of the current year is carried out by comparing with the relevant data submitted for the same period of the previous year.
<b>4 Comparability</b>		
4.1	Comparability over Time	Before 2003, the indicator has been presented in accordance with the CIS Commodity Nomenclature of External Economic Activity rev.2. In 2003-2007 the Commodity Nomenclature of External Economic Activity rev.3 has been implemented, in 2007-2012 the CIS Commodity Nomenclature of External Economic Activity rev.4 has been implemented, in 2013-2014 the CIS Commodity Nomenclature of External Economic Activity rev.5 has been implemented. Started from 2015 the EEU Commodity Nomenclature of External Economic Activity is implemented.
4.2	Comparability with Other Statistics	There is no comparability with other statistics.
4.3	Coherence between Provisional and Final Statistics	Data published for the first time is qualified as preliminary. Modified data is accompanied with explanatory footnotes while carrying out modifications.  Preliminary data is reviewed on a monthly basis based on corrections and other verifications submitted by Customs Service of RA State Revenue Committee. The final data is presented in annual publications.
<b>5 Accessibility</b>		
5.1	Forms of Dissemination	<b>Publications</b>  <b>Monthly Publications</b>  "Socio-Economic Situation of the Republic of Armenia" monthly information report (Armenian, Russian).  <b>Annual publications</b>  "Statistical Yearbook of Armenia" (Armenian, Russian, English). "Armenia in figures" statistical handbook (Armenian and English).

		<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Foreign Trade of the Republic of Armenia (according to commodity nomenclature of external economic activity 2-digit level) yearbook (Armenian, English).</p> <p>Foreign Trade of the Republic of Armenia (according to commodity nomenclature of external economic activity 4-digit level) yearbook (Armenian, English).</p> <p>"Foreign Trade of the Republic of Armenia (according to commodity nomenclature of external economic activity 10-digit level) yearbook (Armenian, English).</p> <p><b>Databases</b></p> <p><a href="https://armstatbank.am/pxweb/en/ArmStatBank/?rxid=602c2fcf-531f-4ed9-b9ad-42a1c546a1b6,602c2fcf-531f-4ed9-b9ad-42a1c546a1b6">https://armstatbank.am/pxweb/en/ArmStatBank/?rxid=602c2fcf-531f-4ed9-b9ad-42a1c546a1b6,602c2fcf-531f-4ed9-b9ad-42a1c546a1b6</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=160">https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=160</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b></p> <p>Electronic versions of publications are available in Armenian (full), Russian, English at the following addresses:  <a href="https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=82">https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=82</a></p>
5.2	Basic material: Storage and Usability	<p>The information is kept in electronic forms. Electronic databases include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) number of the customs declaration,</li> <li>b) date of import or export of goods,</li> <li>c) codes of basic custom's procedures,</li> <li>d) codes of extended customs procedures,</li> <li>e) product code according to Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity (CNFEA),</li> <li>f) code of the designation country,</li> <li>j) code of trading country,</li> </ul>

		<p>h) codes of the country of origin,</p> <p>i) the vehicle type codes,</p> <p>j) code of the country of vehicle belonging,</p> <p>k) currency code and exchange rate,</p> <p>l) the statistical value of the goods (in currency (USD) and in national currency);</p> <p>m) gross and net weight of the goods,</p> <p>n) code for additional measurement unit and the amount of the goods calculated by it,</p> <p>o) number of customs declaration filled in by the physical persons.</p>
5.3	Documentation	<p>Additional documentation is available in the Metadata subsection of the Statistics section of the Armstat official website, in line with IMF Special Data Dissemination Standards, in Armenian, Russian and English languages, at <a href="https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=549">https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=549</a>:</p>
5.4	Other information	<p>Methodological clarifications are available in "Statistical Yearbook of Armenia".</p>
<b>6 Supplementary documentation</b>		
6.1		<p>Information is available under the General Statistical Business-Process Model at <a href="https://www.armstat.am/file/model/en/21.1.pdf">https://www.armstat.am/file/model/en/21.1.pdf</a>.</p>