

CARICOM Economic Statistics Meeting: Strategising for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in the Region: 19-20 June, Barbados (Merchandise Trade)

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St. Kitts & Nevis	Monthly data available			1) Assistance in migrating to the Windows version of Eurotrace. 2) Building an interface so it can work with the customs program	
Cayman Islands	Trade data compiled at the 4 digit level.	Annual trade report published.	1) Compilation of quarterly trade reports. 2) More detailed trade data. 3) Imports in units. 4) Trade indices.	1) Review and improvement of the trade data collection, compilation and publication procedures. 2) Training and assistance in trade indices.	
Jamaica	1) Methodology and Processes to be utilized in the compilation of the Import and Export Trade Indices 2) Evaluation of Weights used in the compilation of the Indices 3) Use of other prices as proxies for unreliable unit values from the trade data 4) Completion of 2003 – 2004 Unit Value Import Index by Sections 5) Completion of 2003 –	1) Compilation of prices from London Metal Exchange (LME) regarding specific Metals 2) Compilation of Unit Value Import and Export Indices by Sections for outstanding years	1) Compilation of Imports and Exports Volume and Value Trade Indices by Sections and Imports Unit Value, Volume and Value 2) Index by End Use Free Zone Statistics 3) Trans Shipment Statistics	1) Technical assistance in the compilation of the areas of the Trade Indices not yet completed and reviewing what has been done Compilation of Free Zone Statistics Trans Shipment Statistics	

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	2005 Unit Value Export Index by Sections				
Barbados	Compiled on a monthly basis. Latest month available is April, 2008:	Ongoing compilation.	Assistance to be provided by CARTAC in compilation of Indices	Training required.	Challenge: need for training in Data Base Development and Management in the Trade Division, resulting from loss of personnel skilled in this area.
Bahamas	<p>1) 2007 data completed and available.</p> <p>2) First quarter 2008 completed.</p> <p>3) Obtained consultancy from CARTAC to assist in producing Price Indices.</p> <p>3) Upgraded the software used in the production of trade tables (from IMPS to CSPRO).</p> <p>4) Revision of HS codes in progress – to be implemented by end July.</p>		<p>1) Absence of Trade Price Indices</p> <p>2) Data for input into the Price Indices not yet determined.</p>	Need for training in the production of price indices and the analysis of trade data.	Very little training in the area of trade statistics and analysis.
St. Vincent and The Grenadines					The introduction of ASYCUDA++ has resulted in a backlog of the trade statistics since Sept 2008. We have only been able to resume processing earlier this month.

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BVI	1999-2004		1) Quantity information lacking only CIF. 2005 – 2007. 2) 2005 and 2006 being entered manually.	1) Trade software development 2) Import/Export Price Index	Trade data from the major ports of entry will soon be available electronically. (hopefully by the end of 2008). This should also address the absence of accurate quantity import data.
Bermuda	1) Trade by SITC, HS, country and commodity group	1) Quarterly imports data published three months after the reference quarter in a Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics	1) Data by importer not forthcoming 2) High value import items (ships and aircraft) typically not captured in import data by HM Customs 3) No comprehensive coverage of quantities (volume) of imports	1) Reconfiguration of the Eurotrace database in alignment with Bermuda's Customs Automated Processing System (CAPS)	
Dominica	Data available up to 2007.	Production of data sustained.	Current data on Export/Import Price Indices	Training in the new version of EUROTRACE.	
Guyana	Provisional Annual data for 2007 has been compiled and submitted to CARICOM and other Regional Organizations	-	Import data are still not of a desirous quality to generate import price indices. However the export data by major sector is now considered robust enough to commence the compilation of export price indices with year 2006 as the	Further training is required for staff in the compilation of Import/Export Indices	Some of this training is expected to be meet under the current project by the US Bureau of Census. A Detailed Trade database is now being provided monthly by the Customs Dept. using the TRIPS

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			base year to coincide with the base for the revised National Accounts.		system which has replaced the ASYCUDA system from which the detailed Trade statistics are being generated.
Ant. & Bar.	Data compiled on a monthly basis.	Sustained	Gaps in back dated before the 1 st quarter of 2004.		
Monsterrat	Compiled monthly	Data is being collected, compiled and analysed consistently and on time.			Need to Migrate to Eurotrace Windows
Anguilla	Monthly, quarterly and annual data available is available	Release and Publication of Merchandise Trade Statistics is available.		Assistance in migrating from the DOS Based Version of Eurotrace and ASYCUDA 2.7 to the Windows version of Eurotrace in conjunction with the ASYCUDA ++ used by HM Customs.	
Suriname	1) ata disseminated locally and Internationally (CARICOM) 2) First mission of CARTAC XMPI consultant; April 12-18	1) Identified the important commodities and enterprises 2) Preliminary weights for exports 3) Draft work plan for	1) Trained staff Trade section	1) Follow-up hands on assistance by CARTAC	

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		developing the XMPis			
St. Lucia	1) Monthly, Quarterly and Annual trade data published with a one (1) month lag	1) Sustained timely production and publication of trade data	1) Gaps exist as it relates to re-exports	1) Urgent need in training as it relates to the implementation and use of the Windows Version (Eurotrace)	-