



MINISTRY OF REVENUE & CUSTOMS

Trade & Customs Division

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**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE
STATISTICS: *FOCUSING ON GOODS TRADED UNDER PREFERENTIAL TRADE
AGREEMENTS.***

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

- 1). PROCESS OF CLAIMING PREFERENTIAL RATES UNDER TRADE AGREEMENTS.
- 2). HOW IS THIS RECORDED WHEN DECLARATION IS ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM.
- 3). PROCESS OF PROVIDING MONTHLY STATISTICS TO BUREAU OF STATISTICS.
- 4). CHALLENGES IN COMPILATION OF TRADE STATISTICS.



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3). PROCESS OF PROVIDING MONTHLY STATISTICS TO BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Statistics Department requested trade data on every first week of the month to the Head of Customs.



Head of Customs approved and refer the task to the Trade Division.



Trade Division run the requested data from their system known as "Customs Management System" (CMS)



Electronic copy of trade data is handed to Statistics Department for further actions.



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4). CHALLENGES IN COMPILATION OF TRADE STATISTICS.

- Mistakes made by the customs brokers leads to inaccuracy of data collected e.g wrong tariff codes, wrong description of goods, wrong warehouse sizes etc.
- Inconsistency of data compilation due to factors such as:
 - Manual processing of customs entries.
 - Lack of capacity building among the staffs.
 - Poor management of information systems.
 - Data from informal sector is not collected.
 - Lack of know-how by private sector.
 - Poor record keeping, especially Customs office from outer islands.



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