


**CEFTA Trade Statistics**  
**Key User Focus Meeting**

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## Objective

- to present the overall framework of CEFTA Trade Statistics, and the objectives of CEFTA Secretariat in collecting and publishing CEFTA Trade Statistics

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## Main features of CEFTA Trade Statistics

- Regional Scope:**
  - Regional trade in CEFTA,
  - Trade between CEFTA Parties and their preferential trade partners, (EU, EFTA, and Turkey)
  - Trade with other important trade partners (Russia and China)
- Statistical Classifications :**
  - Harmonised System Chapter level (2 digits) in intra-CEFTA Trade,
  - Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev 3 Section level, System of National Accounts (SNA) / Broad Economic Classification (BEC)(excluding Moldova and Kosovo\*) in trade with third countries

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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## Main features of CEFTA Trade Statistics

- Collection and Publication Intervals:**
  - Twice a year
  - Processed data published in November during CEFTA Joint Committee, and June during CEFTA Deputy Ministers Meetings
- Source:**
  - Raw data are collected from National Statistical Offices through Ministers of Economy and Trade
  - Processed by the CEFTA Secretariat
  - Published by the CEFTA Secretariat

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## Objectives

- Transparency**
  - Providing a reliable source for data in the Regional Trade which are periodically available
  - Processing publicly available data for easier and better analysing the dynamics of the Regional Trade in CEFTA
    - 6 different sets of data are requested from CEFTA Parties. Using those data sets, 14 different computations made per each Party and 16 different aggregated computations made for the Regional trade
- Facilitate to Measure Impact of Trade Measures on Trade Flows**
  - All CEFTA Transparency Databases (such as CEFTA Market Access Barriers Database, CEFTA SPS Database) employs Harmonised System
  - Historical Trade Data Available on HS Chapters and linked to those Databases
  - On ad-hoc basis trade data at HS Subheading level are collected to measure impact of measures on the trade of specific products

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## Objectives

- Providing a Better Monitoring Tool for the SEE 2020 Strategy**
  - Some sets of data sets and computations in CEFTA Trade Statistics are not available in other international databases
  - SEE 2020 Monitoring Process benefits from CEFTA Trade Statistics

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### Further Improvements Scope and Capacity

- **Extending Scope of CEFTA Trade Statistics**
  - **Objective 1:** Better measuring dynamics of trade between CEFTA and EU
    - To include disaggregated data for the trade with EU Member States
  - **Objective 2:** To measure the impact of EU accession on CEFTA trade
    - To re-include Croatia in the scope of CEFTA Trade Statistics
  - **Objective 3:** Focusing on thematic statistics to serve better the strategic objectives as defined by SEE 2020
    - Joint Publication of Statistics Trade and Transport Data to measure trade flows by transport corridors and by supply chains
- **Capacity Development:**
  - Developing Management Information System Capacity in CEFTA Secretariat to link all the available trade related data on CEFTA electronically and processing them to improve data quality to serve the objectives and priorities of CEFTA and SEE 2020

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### CEFTA TRADE STATISTICS BROCHURE

- <http://www.cefta.int/statistics>

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