

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL*
CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF TRADE DATA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS DIVISION

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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING that the Harmonized System has been widely adopted by Member countries and Customs or Economic Unions for their Customs tariff and statistical nomenclatures,

CONSIDERING that one of the stated aims of the Harmonized System is to facilitate the collection, comparison and analysis of international trade statistics,

CONSIDERING that a close correlation should be maintained between the Harmonized System and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) of the United Nations,

HAVING REGARD to the obligation under Article 3 of the Harmonized System Convention for Contracting Parties to make publicly available their import and export trade statistics in terms of the Harmonized System,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the needs of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) to have trade statistics based on the Harmonized System,

RECOMMENDS that Member administrations and Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention report their import and export trade statistics to the UNSD in terms of the Harmonized System,

REQUESTS Member administrations and Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention to notify the Secretary General of their acceptance of this Recommendation and of the date of its application.

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