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EXTERNAL TRADE

LEGAL BASIS

The survey on external trade of Republika Srpska is carried out in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026-2029 and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska" No.85/03).

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AIM AND CONTENT

The aim of this statistical survey is to present data on external trade of Republika Srpska.

OBSERVATION UNITS / REPORTING UNITS

Data on export and import refer to legal entities with headquarters in Republika Srpska.

SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

The source of data for external trade statistics is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) on import and export of goods.

Single Administrative Document is a document submitted by the declarant (business entity or other authorised person, e.g. shipping agent) to the customs office for the customs clearance. Data on customs clearance and data for statistical and other users' needs are recorded in the Single Administrative Document. Indirect Taxation Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Department for customs is responsible for the collection and control of the validity of the Single Administrative Document. The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics takes over controlled Single Administrative Documents prepared for automatic data processing from the Indirect Taxation Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Institute processes these statistically and publishes them in accordance with international recommendations

COVERAGE

External trade statistics covers entire turnover of goods that are exported and imported from and to the country, homogenous by type, country of origin, destination, method of payment, and time (moment) of border crossing.

In accordance with the European standards, data are covered pursuant to the system of special trade, which means that besides regular export and import, also included are export and import based on refinement process (processing and finishing), while temporary export and import and excluded.

Export and import realised by physical entities are excluded from the total value of export and import.

Export values are calculated according to the FOB parity (Franco on Board). FOB parity implies that invoiced value is decreased for transport costs and other costs from Bosnia and Herzegovina borders to the place of delivery abroad, if delivery is contracted abroad. If delivery is contracted within the country, invoiced value is increased for costs from the place of delivery to Bosnia and Herzegovina borders.

Import values are calculated according to the CIF parity (Cost, Insurance and Freight). CIF parity implies that invoiced value is increased for transport costs and other costs from the place of delivery to Bosnia and Herzegovina borders, if delivery is contracted abroad. If delivery is contracted within the country, invoiced value is decreased for costs from Bosnia and Herzegovina borders to the place of delivery in the country.

CLASSIFICATIONS AND NOMENCLATURES

Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the World Customs Organisation (HS) is used for the collection of data on export and import of goods and declaring in the customs procedure.

Data on external trade are presented in accordance with the Classification of Economic Activities (NACE Rev.2) and Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

The country of origin is considered the partner country in import, while in export it is the country of the last known destination. If the information on country of origin or destination is unavailable, the country of dispatch is considered the partner country. In case of import it is the country of consignment, while in case of export it is the first country goods arrived to.

Grouping of countries is done in accordance with the classification of countries Geonomenclature EU ISO (alpha code).

PUBLISHING

Data are published for the Republika Srpska level, in monthly and annual releases “External trade of Republika Srpska (export and import)” and “External trade bulletin”, as well as in the publications “Monthly Statistical Review”, “Statistical Yearbook of Republika Srpska” and “This is Republika Srpska” and “Republika Srpska Sustainable Development Indicators”.

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