

# Training Course on "Basic Data Analysis for Price and Foreign Trade Data"

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# Data Quality and Data Validation





"Fitness for its intended use"

### Basic aspects of data quality;

- Characteristics of data collection process
- Characteristics of the statistical product
- Perception of the statistical product by user

### Basic aspects of data quality;

Process Quality



**Product Quality** 



**User Needs** 

Identification and measurements of key process variables effecting quality and cost

User demand product quality; timeliness, accuracy and accessibility

Determines quality indicator

# Components of data quality;

- 1. Relevance
- 2. Accuracy
- 3. Timeliness and punctuality
- 4. Accesibility and clarity
- 5. Comparability
- 6. Coherence

### Relevance

Requires identification of user groups and their needs

- Coverage of the required topics
- Use of appropriate concepts

Characterised by the degree to which the data serves to address the purposes for which they are requested by users

### **Accuracy**

Closeness between the values provided and the unknown true values

- Sampling errors
- Non-response rate

Characterised by the degree to which the data Correctly estimate or describe the quantities or charecteristics they are designed to measure

### **Timeliness and punctuality**

The length of the time between availability of data and the phonemonen they describe

It implies the existence of a publication schedule and reflects the degree to which data are released in accordance with it.

### **Accesibility and clarity**

How readily product can be located and Accessed and user can easily be understand and properly use data

It requires different modes of dissemination availability of metadata and user support services to ensure proper use and analysis of the data by the user

### Comparability

Adherence to the international standards

It requires compliance with international standards in terms of methodology and Classifications used

### **Coherence**

It is the degree to which they are logically connected and mutually consistent

Within data set
Across data set
Over time
Across countries

Table 1: List of Standard Quality Indicators (Eurostat 2005d)

Quality com- ponent	Indicator		1=Key 2=Supportive 3=Advanced
Relevance	R1.	User satisfaction index	3
	R2.	Rate of available statistics	1
Accuracy	A1.	Coefficient of variation	1
	A2.	Unit response rate (un-weighted/weighted)	2
	A3.	Item response rate (un-weighted/weighted)	2
	A4.	Imputation rate and ratio	2
	A5.	Over-coverage and misclassification rates	2
	A6.	Geographical under-coverage ratio	1
	A7.	Average size of revisions	1
Timeliness and Punctuality	T1.	Punctuality of time schedule of effective publication	1
	T2.	Time lag between the end of reference period and the date of first results	1
	Т3.	Time lag between the end of reference period and the date of the final results	1
Accessibility and Clarity	AC1.	Number of publications disseminated and/ or sold	1
	AC2.	Number of accesses to databases	1
	AC3.	Rate of completeness of metadata information for released statistics.	3
Comparability	C1.	Length of comparable time-series	1
	C2.	Number of comparable time-series	1
	C3.	Rate of differences in concepts and measurement from European norms	3
	C4.	Asymmetries for statistics mirror flows	1
Coherence	CH1.	Rate of statistics that satisfies the requirements for the main secondary use	3

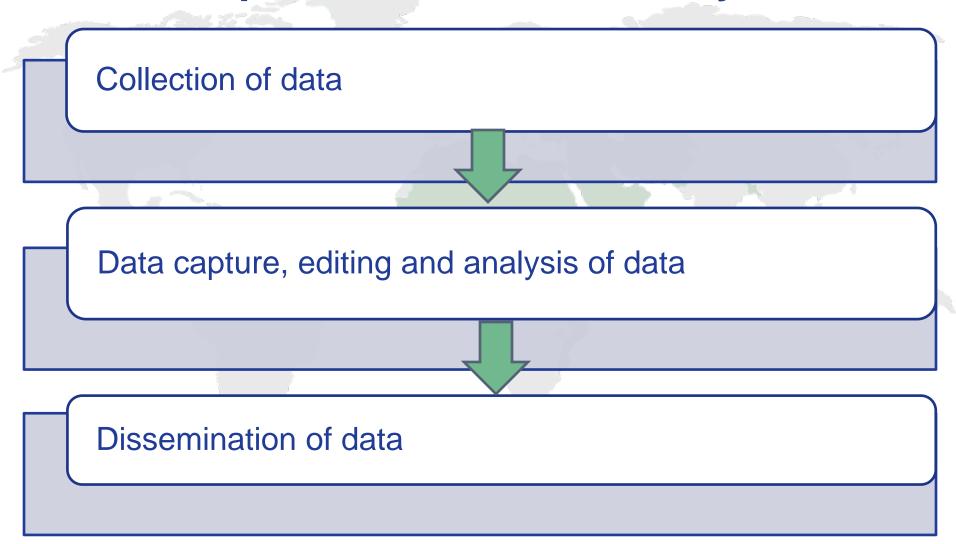
### **Data Validation**

### Basic steps in a statistical activity

Definition of data requirements Planning of data collection methodology Preparing questionnaire and metadata files

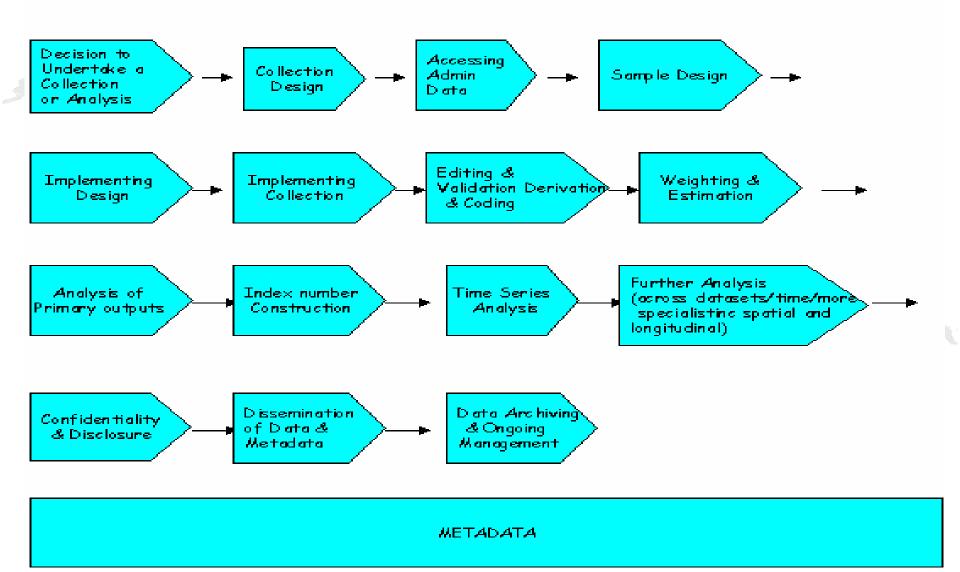
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### **Data Validation**

### STATISTICAL VALUE CHAIN



Data editing; is the application of checks that identify missing, invalid or inconsistent entries or that point to data records that are potentially in error.

40% of resources used

Most difficult and time consuming process in data collection

### **Data Editing Process**

### 1. Survey managament

- Completeness checking (survey and questionnaire level)
- Quality control

### 2. Data Capture

Conversion of data to electronic media

- Heads down no error detection
- Heads up data entry with a review at time of entry requires subject matter knowledge by the individuals entering the data

### **Data Editing Process**

3. Data review; Error detection and Data analysis

Manual data review may occur prior to data entry. The data may be reviewed and prepared/corrected prior to key-entry.

Automated data review may occur in a batch or interactive fashion. It is important to note that data entered in a headsdown fashion may later be corrected in either a batch or an interactive data review process. CATI and CAPI Interactive data

3. Data review; Interactive fashion

Computer-Assisted Interviewing (CAI) combines interactive data review with interactive data editing while the respondent is an available source for data adjustment.

Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI) Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) Computer Assisted Web Interniewing (CAWI)



can perform validation at the time of data collection but requires more qualified staff

### 3. Data review;

Item level - Validations at this level are generally named "range checking".

Example: age must be > 0 and < 120.

Questionnaire level - This level involves across item checking within a questionnaire.

Example: If married = 'yes' then age must be greater than 14.

Hierarchical - This level involves checking items in related sub-questionnaires.

Example household questionnaires the sum of the individual's data for an item does not exceed the total reported for the household.

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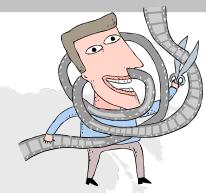
4. Data adjustment; Manual or automated imputations

**Deterministic** - where only one correct value exists, as in the missing sum at the bottom of a column of numbers. A value is thus determined from other values on the same questionnaire.

**Model based** - use of averages, medians, regression equations, etc. to impute a value. It requires use of specialised softwares (expert systems)

### **Macro Editing**

 A set of checks based on statistical analysis of respondent data



e.g., the ratio of two fields lies between limits determined by a statistical analysis of that ratio for presumed valid reporters.

A statistical edit may incorporate cross-record checks

e.g., the comparison of the value of an item in one record against a frequency distribution for that item for all records.

 It may also use historical data on a firm-by-firm basis in a time series modelling procedure.

### Classification



Grouping and organising information meaningfully and systematically into a standard format that is useful for determining the similarity of ideas, events, objects or persons

### Statistical classification

A classification having a set of discrete categories which may be assigned to a specific variable registered in a statistical survey or in a administrative file, used in the production and presentation of statistics

### International standard classifications (ISC)

developed and adopted by international organisations to ensure correct implementation of agreements and standardise national and international communication. They are the products international agreements among NSOs.

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Classifications of economic activities cover all economic activities - from agriculture to services

ISIC Rev.3 International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

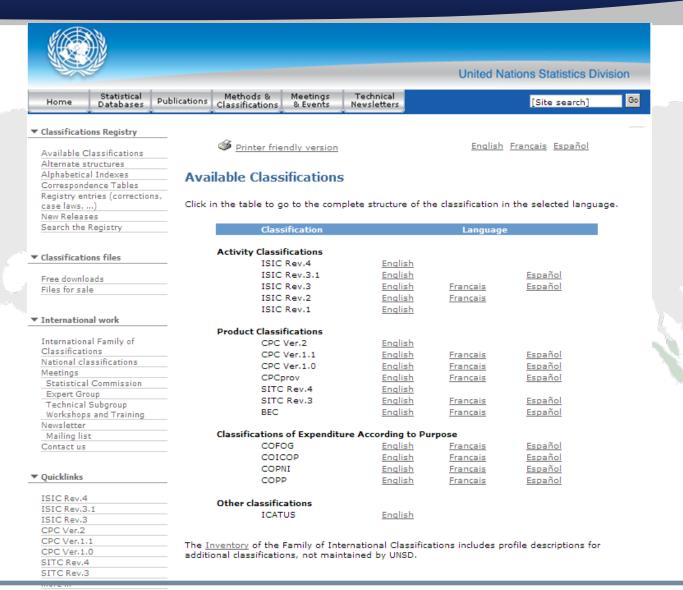
Classification of products used for statistics on many aspects of the production and use of products CPC Ver.2 Central Product Classification
SITC Rev.4 Standard International Trade Classification

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ISCED2011- UNESCO -International Standard Classification of Education – Education Statistics

ISCO-08 – ILO - International Standard
Classification on Occupation – Labour Force

ICF 2001 – WHO- International Classification on Functioning, Disability and Health – Health Statistics



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