

# 2009: THE TRADE STATS THAT COUNT

**#1**

China's ranking among the major exporters of merchandise

**12,682,000**

MILLION US DOLLARS  
 World total merchandise imports

**-23**

PERCENT  
 Unprecedented drop in world exports of transportation services

**-23**

PERCENT  
 Drop in world merchandise trade in value terms

**#2**

Rank of India among the major exporters of computer and information services

**870**

BILLION US\$  
 World total exports of travel

**-13**

PERCENT  
 Decline in exports of agricultural products

**-12**

PERCENT  
 Drop in world total merchandise trade in volume terms

**-12**

PERCENT  
 Decline in world total exports of commercial services

**5.9**

PERCENT  
 LDC's share in world exports of clothing

**45**

BILLION US\$  
 Switzerland's total exports of pharmaceuticals

**21,651**

**M**illion US dollars

United States' imports of iron and steel

**3,350,200**

MILLION US DOLLARS

World total exports of commercial services

**-2.4**

PERCENT  
 DECLINE IN GDP

# TRADE IN VALUE ADDED GLOBAL MANUFACTURING: "MADE IN WORLD"

**G**lobal manufacturing is characterized by vertical integration of production processes and offshoring. Trade in intermediate goods is increasing in each step of the production chain, value is added to the intermediate products. In other words, specialization is no longer based on the overall balance of comparative advantage in producing a final good, but on specific advantages that "trade in tasks" add to each step of the global value chain.

The speed and the depth of these changes call for an adaptation of national statistical systems and international norms. The traditional concept of country of origin for manufactured goods is gradually becoming obsolete as various operations from the design of a product to the manufacture of its components, their assembly and related marketing, have spread around the world.

**H**ow should the impact on trade of this international sharing of the production chain be measured?

While providing useful indicators for analysing trade patterns, traditional trade statistics measure trade flows across borders on a gross basis and double-count vertical trade flows. Using international input-output tables and bilateral trade data on goods and services, WTO and IDE-JETRO are currently producing a joint study on measuring the domestic content of exports (trade in value added) for the Asian region. It allows tracing of the content that domestic sectors add to exports. Results of this study will be published in March/April 2011.

## STATISTICAL TOOLS 2009 DATA IN TIME FOR **WORLD STATISTICS DAY 20.10.2010**

### ITS, TARIFF PROFILES, TRADE PROFILES 2010

Now available in electronic format and in print version. [International Trade Statistics \(ITS\) 2010](#) includes the details of merchandise trade by product and trade in commercial services by category. [World Tariff Profiles 2010](#), a joint publication of the WTO, International Trade Centre (ITC) and UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), provides comprehensive tariff information on all WTO members and other countries. [Trade Profiles 2010](#), a quick reference tool for anyone looking for essential trade, provides the latest information on trade flows and the trade policy measures of WTO members, observers and other selected economies.

### SHORT-TERM INDICATORS

3rd Quarter 2010 merchandise trade data now available! World merchandise trade in value terms was 18% higher in the third quarter of 2010 than in the same period of 2009. (read [more](#))

### WORLD COMMODITY PROFILES

To complement world and regional merchandise export profiles by origin and destination, tabulated profiles of world agricultural, fuel and mining and manufacture products now available in the WTO statistics webpage.



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18-20 August Lusaka, Zambia	National workshop on Scheduling
23-25 August Harare, Zimbabwe	National workshop on Tariff Analysis
14-17 September Panama City, Panama	Regional Seminar for Latin American Countries on NAMA negotiations
29 September Geneva, Switzerland	ATPC Session on HS transpositions
5 October Geneva, Switzerland	ATPC Session on Merchandise Trade: Statistical tools and databases
2-4 November Cotonou, Benin	Regional Trade Policy Course
30 November - 1 December Kunming, China	The 5th International Seminar on Trade in Services

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