



Globalization Task Team (GZTT)

State of play

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Outline

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GZTT: Overview of the Work

- Official joint task team **Advisory Expert Group (AEG) on National Accounts/ IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics** (Committee)

AEG identified the following issues as a first priority:

- ▶ CIF-FOB valuation of imports/exports
 - ▶ Economic ownership and recording of intellectual property products (IPPs)
 - ▶ Treatment of multinational enterprises (MNEs) and special purpose entities
 - ▶ Intra-MNE flows
 - ▶ Identifying economic presence and residency
- Additional Guidance notes (GNs) rolled over from the defunct Intellectual Property Products Task Team (IPTT) into GZTT work program.
 - ▶ Transfer pricing within MNE group
 - ▶ Payments for “knowledge-based” (non-produced) capital
 - Many issues of the Task Team are intertwined and should be considered holistically
 - Ongoing collaboration with other TTs: Current Account Task Team (CATT), Direct Investment Task Team (DITT) and Digitalization Task Team (DZTT).

G.1 Valuation of Imports and Exports (CIF-FOB adjustment)

- Guidance note on the adoption of transaction (invoice value) for the valuation of imports and exports
 - Further consultation and testing to understand the practical feasibility of the preference for recording of exports and imports of goods at their observed transaction value.
- Objectives of the testing:
 - (i) the extent of the difficulties in obtaining external trade data at observed invoice (transaction) values from customs data,
 - (ii) the practical implementation of this change, and
 - (iii) whether the benefits of the change shall outweigh the disruption (and cost) to the statistical system.

Testing Strategy: Online Questionnaire

- Target both national accounts and balance of payments compilers to either send separate responses or a single coordinated one.
- Two-staged approach

Stage 1: Wider Audience

A wider set of economies, reflecting geographical representation and different stages of statistical development, will also set the pace for a more detailed investigation to follow.

Stage 2: Targeted approach with selected countries

- Countries in Stage 1 will be asked to volunteer for a more detailed testing to be undertaken on a targeted approach in the second phase
- Launched on March 12, 2021 simultaneously on UNSD and the IMF's BPM6 update webpage. Responses for stage 1 due April 12, 2021.
- **Stage 1 now closed, next presentation shows preliminary results**

G.2 Treatment of MNE and Intra-MNE Flows

- **GN proposes highlighting MNEs**- recommend a breakdown (e.g., **foreign-controlled corporations and national private/public corporations which are part of domestic MNEs**) in the national accounts through the institutional sector accounts (ISAs), eSUTs (extended supply-use tables), and/or gross value-added (GVA) should be determined by:
 - national agencies dependent on their statistical production process,
 - users' analytical and policy needs.
- If GN is adopted changes required to the 2008 SNA:
 - A refined definition for MNE, emphasizing “control”.
 - Update paragraphs 4.81 and 21.47 of the 2008 SNA to reflect the full alignment to the definition of the *BPM6* and *BD4* with regards to control.
 - A decision tree to guide national compilers which includes the allocation of MNE and SPE units to institutional sectors, as a replacement for Figure 4.1 of the 2008 SNA.
 - Identify additional subsectors: **national private/public corporations which are part of domestic MNE** for both the nonfinancial/financial corporations sectors.
 - More emphasis on **foreign-controlled corporations** (currently included in 2008 SNA).
- Next steps: **Ready for Global Public Consultation.** =< expect launch **May-June 2021**

G.4 Treatment of Special Purpose Entities and Residency

- GN recommends:
 - **No change** made to the residency principle in the SNA and BOP frameworks, SPEs with non-resident parents should continue to be classified as institutional units in the economic territory in which they are located.
 - A **definition** of SPEs that is **consistent between national accounts and external sector statistics**.
 - Entities incorporated in the same economic territory as their parents but not consolidated on account of being autonomous (households or securitization vehicles) **will not be termed as SPEs** for purposes of separate identification or data collection. These units will be classified based on the specific type of activity, e.g., domestic securitization vehicle or trusts.
 - Distinguishing **separate “of which” category** (within the non-financial and financial corporations’ sectors) for foreign-controlled SPEs, aligns the treatment of SPEs in the national accounts and external sector statistics.
 - Option of **extending the SNA or BPM core framework** (i.e., SPEs should be reclassified to the economies of its parents) be considered on a **supplemental basis** for countries for which these statistics would be of added value.
- SPEs incorporated by Government, to maintain consistency, will be addressed in DITT’s GN D.5 “*Eliminating imputations for entities owned or controlled by general government for fiscal purposes*”.
- Detailed guidelines have been developed to assist data collection on SPEs for external sector statistics, given the GN proposes the same definition of SPEs, can be used for identifying SPEs in the context of the institutional sector accounts.
- Next steps: **Ready for Global Public Consultation.** <= **expect launch May-June 2021**

Forthcoming GNs

Issue No.	Research Topic	Classification	Links to other TTs	Status
High-priority items				
G.1	Valuation of imports and exports (CIF-FOB adjustment)	H	CATT	Draft guidance note publicly posted Stage 1: Questionnaire posted March 12, 2021; responses due by April 12, 2021 Stage 2: Detailed pilot study due August 30, 2021
	Treatment of multinational enterprises (MNE) and special purpose entities (SPE), Identifying economic presence and residency, and Intra-MNE flows			
G.2	Treatment of MNE and Intra-MNE Flows	H	DITT	Guidance note presented at October 2020 and April 2021 AEG meetings. Consulted with the BPTT. Ready for global consultation: expected launch May/June 2021
G.3	Transfer pricing within MNE group [#]		DITT	To be drafted after G.5
G.4	Treatment of special purpose entities and residency	H	DITT	Guidance note presented at October 2020 and April 2021 AEG meetings. Consulted with the BPTT. Ready for global consultation: expected launch May/June 2021
G.5	Economic ownership and recording of intellectual property products [#]	H	DZTT, DITT	Initial draft to be circulated to GZTT for discussion by June 2021
Medium-priority items				
G.6	Merchandising and Factoryless goods producers and recording of their transactions	M	CATT	Initial draft to be circulated to GZTT for discussion by June 2021
G.7	Global value chains and trade in value-added	M		Initial draft to be circulated to GZTT for discussion by July 2021
G.8	Typology of global production arrangements	M		To be drafted after G.6
G.9	Payments for “knowledge-based capital” [#]	M	DZTT	Initial draft to be circulated to GZTT for discussion by July 2021

[#]Added from the roll-over of the former Intellectual Property Task Team into the GZTT

Thank you

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