

Data Dissemination Policy

DGCIS compiles and publishes export and import data on India's Merchandise Trade. The methodology and compilation procedure followed by DGCIS for compiling India's Merchandise Trade Statistics is as per the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and contained in the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Revision 2 (**IMTS, Rev.2**): Compilers Manual. The detailed **metadata** relating to trade statistics has been made available to all stakeholders on DGCIS website.

Foreign trade data is disseminated by DGCIS in following manner:

- I. Dissemination of trade data through "Foreign Trade Data Dissemination Portal "
- II. Dissemination of trade data from the Foreign Trade database as per user's request.
- III. *DGCIS also disseminates summary information on India's foreign trade through "EXIM Analytics" dashboard***

The Directorate releases trade data for any particular month as per the "Advance Release Calendar" as available on DGCIS website.

Dynamic Data Revision Policy:

According to the data revision policy adopted by DGCIS while releasing the data of a particular month, the data of the previous months (both for principal commodities and 8-digit HS codes) will also be revised by taking into account the late receipted data in the respective months, which were received after the initial release of data for that month. This will establish comparability, as monthly data if added up from April to any particular month will tally with the cumulative figures shown against that month in the latest monthly data release. This revision policy has been implemented with effect from 2009-10.

Copyright

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Data Accessibility or Type of data disseminated

Transaction level data (Shipping Bill/ Bill of Entry wise, Shipment/Consignment/Invoice wise, Daily Date wise) is not disseminated. Company/Firm/Vendor/Organization/IEC/Exporter/Importer wise data is also not disseminated. The type of data that is disseminated is at aggregated level of:

- 1) Commodity wise (2/4/6/8 digit HS level and Principal Commodity wise)
- 2) Country wise
- 3) Port wise
- 4) 'Commodity x Country' or 'Country x Commodity' wise
- 5) 'Commodity x Port' or 'Port x Commodity' wise
- 6) 'Country x Port' or 'Port x Country' wise
- 7) 'Commodity x Country x Port' or 'Country x Commodity x Port' wise
- 8) 'Export by State of Origin'

Validated transaction level data is supplied for Anti-dumping duty investigations to the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) and also to interested parties on recommendations of DGTR. Transaction level data is also supplied to Ministries/Government Departments/agencies on the basis of the approval of DGFT.

Online Data Dissemination System:

DGCIS disseminates trade data through a dedicated foreign trade data dissemination portal available on DGCIS's website www.dgciskol.gov.in, where three types of user login are available:

- 1) Official – for accessing data free of charge
 - 2) Guest
 - 3) Subscriber
- } – for accessing data on payment basis.

However, users may also send their requirements directly to this office and data cost for the same is informed through e-mail. After receiving the payment through Demand Draft, the data is sent through e-mail (if required, in CD form also by paying CD and postal charges) to the user.

Data Cost:

Trade data is disseminated free of cost only to Government Ministries/Department, the Reserve Bank of India, Indian Embassies abroad and United Nations Bodies according to their specific requirements. ***Principal commodity level data for the past 24 months are also disseminated free of cost to private users through the foreign trade data dissemination portal.***

No request for free supply of data is entertained in case of Private Bodies or other agencies not specified above. All private users are required to make payment for their specific data requirements. The applicable charges for procuring data is ***Rs. 1.00 for each record/row of data.***

Mode of Payment

- The Indian users of data dissemination portal can make online payment using debit card / net banking facility.
- Foreign data users can make payment through **SWIFT** transfer, the details of which are made available on request.

Subscription charges for Annual Bulk Data (All Commodities x All Countries x All Ports) (Month-wise data):

- (i) **For Indian users:** INR 350,000/- per year for current year,
- (ii) **For Foreign users:** USD 7500.00 per year

Discounted Data Cost:

The facility of Institutional Subscription is based on IP address recognition allowing individual members of Institution/Organization to have automatic access with full functionalities including download of data. Indian Academic/Research Institutions or Libraries opting for such IP address recognition based subscription will be offered a discount of 60% to the annual bulk data cost, provided a written undertaking stating that the data obtained shall be used only for non-commercial purpose, is submitted to the Director General, DGCIS and the same is approved in advance.

Data use and re-dissemination:

DGCIS data are provided for internal use only and may not be re-disseminated in any form without the written permission from Director General, DGCIS. DGCIS allows the use of trade data within data extraction and/or visualization/analytical applications, either free of charge or with fees. In both cases, a written permission from the Director General, DGCIS is necessary and a royalty fee may be applied. Permission will be granted without royalty fee if the amount of data used does not exceed 1000 records.

The following procedure is followed for determination of Royalty Fee:

1. If data being re-disseminated are substantially different from the data provided by DGCIS, then no royalty fee is required.
2. If data being re-disseminated is same as the data provided by DGCIS, then a royalty fee is charged based upon:
 - The number of records being re-disseminated or type of application (data visualization/analytics or data extraction oriented);
 - whether data is re-disseminated for a fee or free-of-charge; and,
 - whether access to this data is limited to a specific users or open to the public in general.

Royalty Fee Structure		
	Free-of-charge re-dissemination	
Number of records	For both limited access to specific users and open access to public in general	
<100,000	4% of data cost	
≤5,000,000	10% of data cost	
> 5,000,000	20% of data cost	
	Re-dissemination involving fees	
Number of records	Limited access to specific users	Open access to public in general
<100,000	10% of data cost	20% of data cost
≤5,000,000	30% of data cost	60% of data cost
> 5,000,000	50% of data cost	Annual data cost