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PREFACE

The *2017 International Trade Statistics Yearbook* (2017 ITSY) is the sixty-sixth edition of this yearbook. Its objective is to inform about the detailed merchandise and services imports and exports of individual countries (areas) by commodity and service categories and by partner countries (volume I), the world trade in individual commodities (3-digit SITC groups and 11 main EBOPS categories) (volume II) and total world merchandise trade up to the year 2017. The two volumes are prepared at different points in time: *Volume I - Trade by Country* is made electronically available in June-July, and *Volume II - Trade by Product,* in December, as the preparation of the tables in Volume II requires comprehensive statistics which normally become available later in the year.

Beginning with the 2017 edition, part 1 of the yearbook was completely redesigned to consider new additions of graphs, tables and analytical text; world trade profiles for international merchandise trade as well as trade in services. The data used in the tables and graphs in both volumes of the yearbook were taken at a specific time (December 2018) from the publicly available UN Comtrade database[1]. Users are advised to visit the database for additional and more current information as it is continuously updated.

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