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PREFACE

The *2012 International Trade Statistics Yearbook* (2012 ITSY) is the sixty-first edition of this yearbook. Its objective is to inform about the detailed merchandise imports and exports of individual countries (areas) by commodity and partner country (volume I), the world trade in individual commodities (3-digit SITC groups) (volume II) and total world trade - up to the year 2012. The two volumes are prepared at different points in time during 2013: *Volume I - Trade by Country* is made electronically available in June, and *Volume II - Trade by Commodity*, in December, as the preparation of the tables in Volume II requires additional country data which, normally, become available later in the year.

Beginning with the 2008 edition, the yearbook is published in a redesigned format in respect to the presentation of data for individual countries and commodities to provide a more analytical and condensed view of the international merchandise trade data. The detailed information about the trade of particular countries by commodity and partner (values and quantities) contained in the tables and graphs for individual countries in Volume I and commodities in Volume II are taken from the publicly available database UN Comtrade (<http://comtrade.un.org/db/default.aspx>). Users are advised to visit UN Comtrade for additional and more current information as it is continuously updated.

The *International Trade Statistics Yearbook* is prepared by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section, Trade Statistics Branch of the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. Under the general supervision of the Chief of Branch, Ronald Jansen, the programme manager is Luis Gonzalez Morales and the chief editor is Marjorie Imperial-Damaso, assisted by Melissa Paca. Bekuretsion Amdemariam has the leading role in the processing of the data for UN Comtrade. However, all staff of the section are involved in the generation of the data and the yearbook. Markie Muryawan, Salomon Cameo and Luis Gonzalez Morales developed the software which is maintained by Salomon Cameo. Matthias Reister and Nelnan Koumtingue made very substantial contributions to this redesigned yearbook as its first programme manager and first chief editor, respectively. Comments on the present yearbook are welcome. They may be sent to comtrade@un.org or to United Nations Statistics Division, International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section, New York, New York 10017, USA.

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