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# Notes

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The term “dollars” (\$) refers to United States dollars unless otherwise stated. The term “billion” signifies 1,000 million.

Annual rates of growth and changes refer to compound rates. Exports are valued f.o.b. (free on board) and imports c.i.f. (cost, insurance, freight) unless otherwise specified.

Use of a dash (–) between dates representing years, e.g. 1981–1990, signifies the full period involved, including the initial and final years. An oblique stroke (/) between two years, e.g. 1991/92, signifies a fiscal or crop year.

Two dots (..) indicate that the data are not available, or are not separately reported.

A hyphen (-) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible.

Details and percentages do not necessarily add up to totals, because of rounding.

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# Abbreviations

<b>DAC</b>	Development Assistance Committee
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product
<b>GNI</b>	gross national income
<b>HDI</b>	Human Development Index
<b>LDC</b>	least developed country
<b>MPI</b>	Multidimensional Poverty index
<b>ODA</b>	official development assistance
<b>ODC</b>	other developing country

# Country groups and product classifications used in these tables

## LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

### Geographical/structural classification

Unless otherwise specified, in this Report the least developed countries (LDCs) are classified according to a combination of geographical and structural criteria. The small island LDCs that are geographically in Africa or Asia are thus grouped with the Pacific islands to form the island LDCs group, due to their structural similarities. Haiti and Madagascar, which are regarded as large island States, are grouped together with the African LDCs.

**African LDCs and Haiti:** Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

**Asian LDCs:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Yemen.

**Island LDCs:** Comoros, Kiribati, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

### Export specialization

UNCTAD has classified the LDCs under six export specialization categories, according to which type of exports accounted for at least 45 per cent of total exports of goods and services in 2014–2016.\* The group composition is as follows:

**Agricultural and food exporters:** Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Solomon Islands, Somalia.

**Fuel exporters:** Angola, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Yemen.

**Manufactures exporters:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Haiti, Lesotho.

**Mineral exporters:** Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, Zambia.

**Mixed exporters:** Benin, Burundi, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania.

**Services exporters:** Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kiribati, Nepal, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu.

\* No merchandise exports data are available for South Sudan.

### Other developing countries (ODCs):

All developing countries (as classified by the United Nations) that are not LDCs.

## Product classification

**Goods:** The figures provided below are the codes of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), revision 3.

**Primary commodities:** Sections 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, division 68 and groups 667 and 971.

**Agriculture and food:** Sections 0, 1, 2, and 4, excluding divisions 27 and 28.

**Minerals:** Divisions 27, 28, 68, and groups 667 and 971.

**Fuels:** Section 3.

**Manufactures:** Sections 5, 6 (excluding division 68 and group 667), 7 and 8.

**Labour-intensive and resource-intensive manufactures:**

Divisions 61, 63, 64, 65, 82, 83, 84, 85, 66 (excluding group 667).

**Low-skill- and technology-intensive manufactures:**

Divisions 67, 69 and groups 785, 786, 791, 793, 895, 899.

**Medium-skill- and technology-intensive manufactures:**

Divisions 62, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77 (excluding group 776), 81, and groups 781 to 784, 893, 894.

**High-skill- and technology-intensive manufactures:**

Section 5, divisions 75, 76, 87, 88 and groups 776, 792, 891, 892, 896, 897.

**Section 9** (Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC) has been included only in the total of exports of goods and services, but not in the goods classification above, except for group 971 (Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)), which has been included in Minerals.

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