Technical Workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Focusing on goods traded under the preferential trade agreements

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Summary – Trade Statistics and ASYCUDA

- 1. Preferences in ASYCUDA
- 2. Standard reports
- 3. User defined reports
- 4. OLAP / dashboard



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Preferences in ASYCUDA

- MSG members are all using ASYCUDA World
- In a presentation to MSG trade officials, unique ability of ASYCUDA to record trading under MSGTA was highlighted
- Issue: To date, data are hardly accessible at national level

<u>Objective</u>: Demonstrate operational aspects of ASYCUDA to capture import and export trade data facilitated through trade agreements (Preferences)



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Preferences in ASYCUDA

 Preferences allow the set up of different trade preference groupings or agreements that apply in the country

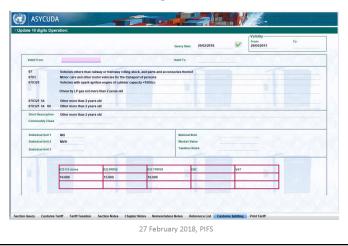




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Preferences in ASYCUDA

• Commodities subject to different rates under different preferences can be configured in the tariff table



Preferences in ASYCUDA

• Setup requires inclusion of the appropriate countries for which the preference is applicable



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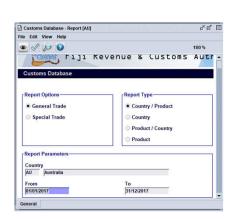
Preferences in ASYCUDA

 Preference code is captured at item level where it validates against the declared country of origin and applies the associated taxation rule



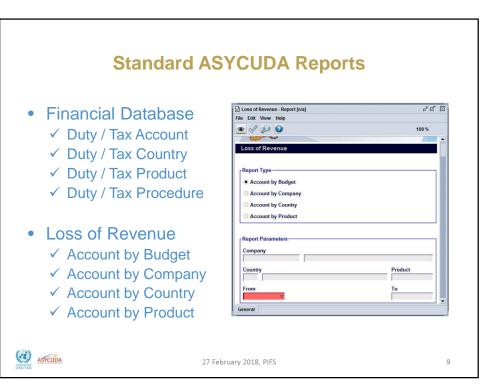
Standard ASYCUDA Reports

- Customs Database
 - ✓ Country / Product
 - ✓ Country
 - ✓ Product / Country
 - ✓ Product
- Economic Database
 - ✓ Account by Country
 - ✓ Account by Product
 - ✓ List by Country
 - ✓ List by Product
 - ✓ Balance per Company





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User-Defined ASYCUDA Reports

ASYCUDA Reports Server – open-source reporting server



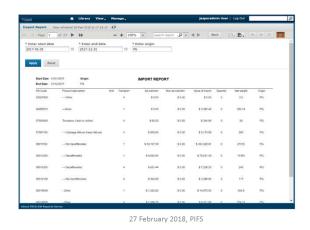
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User-Defined ASYCUDA Reports

 Allows the extension of standard reports and creation of country-specific reports that can be generated in different formats



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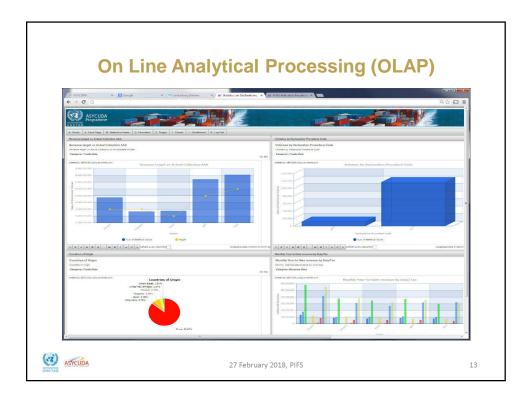
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On Line Analytical Processing (OLAP)

- OLAP makes information readily available in the hands of senior executives in the Ministry of Finance and customs administrations to support decision making
- At operational level, improves efficiency and achieve the required balance between the need for control and trade facilitation

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Conclusion

- Data collected and processed by customs administrations through ASYCUDA as part of the respective customs clearance operations are available in real-time for data mining and reporting
- Challenges to address:
 - ✓ Political will (?)
 - ✓ Coordination within and between agencies
 - ✓ Data quality
 - ✓ Lack of familiarity with customs system features
 - ✓ Suitable ICT infrastructure
 - √ Capacity of technical team
- Way forward



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Vinaka vaka levu Thank you

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