

Chapter 3

The Circumstance of Foreign Trade Statistics in CLMV Countries

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Introduction

CLMV countries; Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, consisting of ASEAN have being highlighted recently in the field of their economic development. It is said that their economic circumstance are strongly affected by ASEAN and adjacent China that completed high economic growth. In addition East Asian country like Korea and Taiwan as well as Japan are approaching for foreign investment as industrial site. These recent development of CLMV countries urges the researcher and policy makers concerned to study the ability of their economic development. In these background the various economical statistic data of CLMV countries is needed. In our study project called as “Compilation and Application of Trade Indices”, we launched to collect the foreign trade statistic of CLMV countries since there years ago for cooperation of the statistic organization concerned in each CLMV countries. As a result we was able to get some trade data through various organization of each country.

We present the circumstance of foreign trade statistic of CLMV countries. using those statistical data.

1. The availability of foreign trade statistics concerned in UN database

Table 1. indicates that the data of Laos and Cambodia

are very old: Laos 1974, Myanmar 1992. Furthermore the digit of most detail of HS code is 2 or 3 digit all of CLMV countries.

2. The availability of our collecting foreign trade statistic through CLMV countries called as original data

Refer to Table 2. Cambodia: A part of data like 2007 is quarterly base. Data are available both by commodity code by country and by country by commodity code. Commodity value is valued by Cambodia currency riel. Latest year is for 2007. HS code: 8 digit. Laos: Quarterly base. Commodity value are valued by Laos currency Kip. Estimation data is included. Latest year is for 2006. HS code: 8 digit. Myanmar: Annual base. Commodity value are valued by US dollars. Latest year is for 2007. HS code: 10 digit. Vietnam: Annual base. Latest year is for 2004. HS code: 6 digit.

3. The estimation of HS 2 digit level data using original data

Unit of value is one hundred US dollar. All of data are total value of export and import as follow. The data of Vietnam refer to UN Comtrade database.

Cambodia: In the Appendix 3 the export value to Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam are respectively 2057,

702 and 460452. In the appendix 5 the import of Laos from Cambodia is null. In the appendix 7 the import from Myanmar is 220. In the appendix 9 the import from Cambodia is 1602109.

Laos: In the appendix 4 the export value to Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam are respectively null, null and 662297. In the appendix 3 the import of Cambodia from Laos is 368. In the appendix 7 the import of Myanmar from Laos is below 100 US \$. In the appendix 9 the import of Vietnam from Laos is 975414.

Myanmar: In the appendix 6 the export value to

Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam are respectively null, 12 and 341247. In the appendix 3 the import of Cambodia from Myanmar is 5830. In the appendix 5 the import of Laos from Myanmar is null. In the appendix 9 the import of Vietnam from Myanmar is 457780.

Vietnam: In the appendix 8 the export value to Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar are respectively 5556386, 692041 and 119775. In the appendix 3 the import of Cambodia from Vietnam is 1664510. In the appendix 5 the import of Laos from Vietnam is 382478. In the appendix 7 the import of Myanmar from Vietnam is 84875.