**Preparation of Unit Value Indices (UVI) Database**

The creation of UVI Database is based on certain decisions made in the process of converting the External Trade database to UVI database.

**Main fields of UVI database:**

The main fields exported from Customs Declaration Database to the database for compilation of UVI are as follows:

* Type (import/export);
* Date (or reference quarter or reference month);
* Identification number of trader organizations;
* Commodity code (by HS 11-digit level);
* Country code;
* Value in US Dollars;
* Measure of weight: kilograms;
* Supplementary Unit.

**Exclusions**

Some declarations from customs database should not be included in UVI database in order to avoid high fluctuations and to ensure consistency and equability of data. Extraction process covers declarations which contains data on the following commodities:

* + Mixed goods (Declared under 7700 code of HS);
	+ Goods with high value, export/import transactions of which take place very rarely (e.g. ships, aircraft);
	+ Freight intended for humanitarian aid;
	+ Goods imported/exported for processing purposes (mainly textile, gold catalytic nets etc.) – as they are recorded at not-market prices;
* Goods with very small value/weight - minimum level should be defined for the share of commodity (by 11-digit level of HS) in total export/import.

**Other points to note**

* Goods imported and/or exported by natural persons – natural persons will be grouped under one code and their share will be calculated by commodity groups. In case the share is very small the decision on exclusion of natural persons for UVI database could be made. Motor cars could be exception for which natural persons will be taken account regardless they are excluded from other commodity groups or not;
* Electricity and natural gas – as export/import transactions are prescribed to the one company and the price per unit is confidential at the country level, decision on inclusion (or not) in UVI database should be made after analyzing shares of electricity and gas in the relevant section;
* Minimum and maximum number of observations is also possible to define in the compilation process.