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Start Import and Export Survey

For the compilation of international merchandise trade data of St.Maarten the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) will be conducting an import and export survey from September 5th until November 30th, 2008.

The main purpose of the import and export survey is to compile and disseminate international merchandise trade statistics of St.Maarten. International merchandise trade statistics are economic statistics which serve a variety of needs. These trade statistics combined with other basic statistics provide an input to national accounts and the balance of payments statistics. There are many users of international merchandise trade statistics, including governments, commercial enterprises, national and international organizations, researchers, and the public at large.

The import and export survey will be conducted among businesses with more than 10 employees. Businesses with less than 10 employees a selected sample is taken. Additionally all enterprises in the wholesale and retail trade sector are included in the survey.

The survey is focused on the annual import and export of merchandise in 2006 and 2007. The questions on the survey form refer to the trade data specified by kind of product and value of import and export.

All businesses are required to follow and comply with the questionnaire as this is required by law in the Statistics Ordinance (Publicatieblad 1976 no.145). All information supplied to the Central Bureau of Statistics is held in strictest confidence.

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