

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) aid activity database is used to track aid (ODA) flows from the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) member countries and multilateral organisations. It offers the benefit of an existing data collection and a reporting system that can meet the need for enhanced monitoring. The CRS can be used to track proxies of aid-for-trade volumes based on the Task Force-defined categories. These proxies are covered by the CRS under four headings: (a) **trade policy and regulations**; (b) **economic infrastructure** (energy, transport & communications); (c) **building productive capacity** (including trade development activities that are identified in the CRS via the "Trade Development Marker"); and (d) **trade-related adjustment** (a new CRS category commencing as from the 2008 data collection on 2007 activities). For donor agencies that report to the CRS, the global monitoring of aid-for-trade flows will be based on CRS data.

The accompanying worksheet "(2) CRS Profile" details the information the OECD holds on bilateral and multilateral donors' aid for trade (commitments & disbursements) to partner countries. However, note that CRS codes record the sector of destination of an activity, not the nature of the activity per se - e.g. a training programme for farmers aimed at increasing crop productivity will be recorded within "agriculture" and not "education". The worksheet "(3) Category Description" table describes the CRS codes used to proxy aid-for-trade categories.

For further information on the definition of ODA, of commitments versus disbursements, or other methodological issues (e.g. guidelines for Trade Development Marker and the purpose codes concerned), see the CRS Reporting Directives [available online at: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/crs/directives>]. For any queries about CRS reporting, contact the OECD Secretariat [E-mail: dac.contact@oecd.org].

| CRS code | Description | Clarifications / Additional Notes on Coverage |
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| TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS & TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT | | |
| 33110 | Trade Policy and Administrative Management | Trade policy and planning; support to ministries and departments responsible for trade policy; trade-related legislation and regulatory reforms; policy analysis and implementation of multilateral trade agreements e.g. technical barriers to trade and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (TBT/SPS) except at regional level (see 33130); mainstreaming trade in national development strategies (e.g. poverty reduction strategy papers); wholesale/retail trade; unspecified trade and trade promotion activities |
| 33120 | Trade Facilitation | Simplification and harmonisation of international import and export procedures (e.g. customs valuation, licensing procedures, transport formalities, payments, insurance); support to customs departments; tariff reforms. |
| 33130 | Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) | Support to regional trade arrangements [e.g. Southern African Development Community (SADC), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), African Caribbean Pacific/European Union (ACP/EU)], including work on technical barriers to trade and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (TBT/SPS) at the regional level; elaboration of rules of origin and introduction of special and differential treatment in RTAs. |
| 33140 | Multilateral Trade Negotiations | Support of developing countries' effective participation in multilateral trade negotiations, including training of negotiators, assessing impacts of negotiations; accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other multilateral trade-related organisations. |
| 33150 | TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT | Contributions to the government budget to assist the implementation of recipients' own trade reforms and adjustments to trade policy measures by other countries; assistance to manage shortfalls in the balance of payments due to changes in the world trading environment. |
| 33181 | Trade Education / Training | Human resources development in trade not included under any of the above codes. Includes university programmes in trade. |
| ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE | | |
| 21010 to 21081 | Transport and Storage | Covers road, rail, water and air transport and storage, whether or not related to transportation. |
| 22010 to 22040 | Communications | Includes all communications (post and telecommunications, radio, television, print media), ICT. |
| 23010 to 23082 | Energy Generation and Supply | Covers both the production and distribution of energy. Assistance towards the peaceful use of nuclear energy is reportable as ODA. This includes the construction and decommissioning of nuclear power reactors for civilian power supply, the development or supply of medical isotopes, and food irradiation and other industrial and commercial applications. Nuclear weapons research and other military applications of nuclear technology are excluded. |
| BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY including TRADE DEVELOPMENT | | |
| 24010 to 24081 | Banking and Financial Services | Covers assistance to finance and banking in both formal and informal sectors. |
| 25010 | Business Support Services and Institutions | Includes business development and activities aimed at improving the business climate; privatisation. |
| 31110 to 31195 | Agriculture | Including agriculture sector policy, agricultural development and inputs, management of land and agricultural water resources, crops and livestock population, agrarian reform, agricultural credit, co-operatives and research as well as veterinary services. |
| 31210 to 31291 | Forestry | Includes forestry policy, planning and programmes, fuel wood and charcoal projects, forestry education, research and development. |
| 31310 to 31391 | Fishing | Includes fisheries policy, planning and programmes as well as fisheries research and education. |
| 32110 to 32182 | Industry | Industrial policy, small business and craft development; all types of manufacturing, including agro-processing, chemicals and fertilisers, gas liquefaction and petroleum refining, fuel wood production, textiles and leather. |
| 32210 to 32268 | Mineral Resources and Mining | Includes mining and minerals policy and programmes, geology, and extraction of metals, minerals and fuels. |
| 33210 | Tourism | Tourism policy and administrative management. |
| ***** | TRADE DEVELOPMENT MARKER | An activity should be classified as trade development-oriented (score Principal or Significant) if it is intended to enhance the ability of the recipient country to: (a) formulate and implement a trade development strategy and create an enabling environment for increasing the volume and value-added of exports, diversifying export products and markets and increasing foreign investment to generate jobs and trade; or (b) stimulate trade by domestic firms and encourage investment in trade-oriented industries. The trade development marker is restricted to activities recorded under codes "240xx Banking and financial services", "25010 Business support services and institutions" (score principal by definition), "311xx Agriculture", "312xx Forestry", "313xx Fishing", "321xx Industry", "322xx Mineral resources and mining" and "33210 Tourism". |

Aid-for-Trade Flows: CRS Proxies

ODA: USD thousands, 2006 constant prices

| Country: | XYZ | Commitments | | | Disbursements | |
|---|--|--------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
| CRS purpose codes | | 2002-05 average | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS and TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT | | | | | | |
| 33110 | Trade Policy and administrative management | | | | | |
| 33120 | Trade facilitation | | | | | |
| 33130 | Regional trade agreements (RTAs) | | | | | |
| 33140 | Multilateral trade negotiations | | | | | |
| 33150 | TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT | | | | | |
| 33181 | Trade education/training | | | | | |
| | sub-total | | | | | |
| ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE | | | | | | |
| 21010 to 21081 | Transport and storage | | | | | |
| 22010 to 22040 | Communications | | | | | |
| 23010 to 23082 | Energy supply and generation | | | | | |
| | sub-total | | | | | |
| BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY <i>(Includes Trade Development activities (1))</i> | | | | | | |
| 25010 | Business and other services | | | | | |
| 24010 to 24081 | Banking and financial services | | | | | |
| 31110 to 31195 | Agriculture | | | | | |
| 31210 to 31291 | Forestry | | | | | |
| 31310 to 31391 | Fishing | | | | | |
| 32110 to 32182 | Industry | | | | | |
| 32210 to 32268 | Mineral resources and mining | | | | | |
| 33210 | Tourism | | | | | |
| | sub-total | | | | | |
| not applicable | Focus on Trade Development (1): | | | | | |
| | Principal objective | | | | | |
| | Significant objective | | | | | |
| | sub-total | | | | | |
| OTHER TRADE RELATED NEEDS (2) <i>(USD thousands or national currency)</i> | | | | | | |
| not applicable | <i>These data will form part of donors' reporting to the WTO under the three-tier monitoring system.</i> | | | | | |
| TOTAL AID-for-TRADE | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SECTOR ALLOCABLE ODA | | | | | | |

Source: OECD, Creditor Reporting System

1. Trade development activities are identified in the CRS via the Trade Development policy marker. The amounts shown represent Productive Capacity building activities marked as contributing principally or significantly to trade development. Note however that some CRS reporting donors may not use the Trade Development policy marker and that the amounts presented under this category cannot be added up when reporting on the global flows.

2. The data covered under this category are not separately identifiable as AFT within the CRS. If so desired, your government is invited to complete the columns for 2007 data (commitments and disbursements) and to provide the relevant CRS sectors.