

ANNEX – CREDITOR REPORTING SYSTEM (CRS) PROFILE

The WTO Task Force defined Aid-for-Trade as projects and programmes that have been identified as trade development priorities in the recipient country's national development strategies. The Task Force underlined that clear and agreed benchmarks are necessary for the global monitoring of Aid-for-Trade efforts. To this end, it identified the following categories: [a] trade policy and regulations (inc. trade facilitation); [b] trade development; [c] trade-related infrastructure; [d] building productive capacity; [e] trade-related adjustment; and, [f] other trade-related needs.

The OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) database is used to track ODA flows from Development Assistance Committee (DAC) member countries. It offers the benefit of an existing data collection and a reporting system that can meet the need for enhanced monitoring identified by the WTO Task Force. The CRS can be used to track proxies of Aid-for-Trade volumes based on the categories identified by the Task Force. These proxies are covered by the CRS under three headings: (1) trade policy and regulations; (2) economic infrastructure (energy, transport & telecoms); and (3) building productive capacity.

The OECD is in the process of adapting the CRS to include a new category dedicated to track aid to “trade-related adjustment”. However, note that the CRS does not have a proxy for the Task Force category “other trade-related needs”.

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Line Number	Description	Content
TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS		
331	Trade Policy and Regulations	Covers support to aid recipients' effective participation in multilateral trade negotiations, analysis and implementation of multilateral trade agreements, trade policy mainstreaming and technical standards, trade facilitation including tariff structures and customs regimes, support to regional trade arrangements and human resources development in trade.
ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
210	Transport and Storage	Covers road, rail, water and air transport and storage, whether or not related to transportation.
220	Communications	Includes all communications (post and telecommunications, radio, television, print media), ICT.
230	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		
250	Business and Other Services	Includes business development and activities aimed at improving the business climate; privatisation.
240	Banking and Financial Services	Covers assistance to finance and banking in both formal and informal sectors.
311	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.
312	Forestry	Includes forestry policy, planning and programmes, fuelwood and charcoal projects, forestry education, research and development.
313	Fishing	Includes fisheries policy, planning and programmes as well as fisheries research and education.
321	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.
322	Mineral Resources and Mining	Includes mining and minerals policy and programmes, geology, and extraction of metals, minerals and fuels.
332	Tourism	Tourism policy and administrative management.
TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT		
<i>to be determined</i>	<i>From 2008 there will be a new category: Trade-related adjustment</i>	Unearmarked 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.

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The Annex details the information the OECD holds on the DAC members' ODA commitments to your country under these four headings and briefly describes the CRS codes used to proxy Aid-for-Trade categories. Please note that the CRS codes record the sector of destination of an activity and 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".

For further details on the definition of ODA, of commitments versus disbursements, and other methodological issues of the CRS, please see the Reporting Directives for the CRS [available online at: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/crs/directives>] For any queries about the CRS reporting, please contact the OECD Secretariat [dac.contact@oecd.org].

CRS Aid-for-Trade Proxies

Country : Oman		ODA Commitments: US\$ thousands, 2004 constant prices				
CRS code		2002	2003	2004	2005	2002-05 Average
TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS						
33110	Trade Policy and administrative management	0	0	0	0	0
33120	Trade facilitation	0	0	0	0	0
33130	Regional trade agreements (RTAs)	0	0	0	0	0
33140	Multilateral trade negotiations	0	0	0	0	0
33181	Trade education/training	0	0	0	0	0
sub-total		0	0	0	0	0
ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE						
21010 to 21081	Transport and storage	0	262	3913	2040	1553
22010 to 22040	Communications	0	8	48	36	23
23010 to 23082	Energy supply and generation	0	0	0	0	0
sub-total		0	270	3 961	2 076	1 577
BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY (including Trade Development)						
25010	Business support services and institutions	0	17	30	0	12
24010 to 24081	Banking and financial services	5	18	0	12	9
31110 to 31195	Agriculture	27	203	165	88	121
31210 to 31291	Forestry	0	1310	632	184	532
31310 to 31391	Fishing	0	8	0	0	2
32110 to 32182	Industry	0	26	34	241	75
32210 to 32268	Mineral resources and mining	0	107	0	26	33
33210	Tourism	0	20	0	0	5
sub-total		32	1 709	862	551	788
TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT ⁽¹⁾						
<i>to be determined</i>	Trade-related adjustment	--	--	--	--	--
sub-total		--	--	--	--	--
Aid-for-Trade Proxies Total		32	1 979	4 823	2 627	2 365

Source: Creditor Reporting System

1. Presently there is no proxy to cover this category within CRS, hence the data cannot be reported. However your government is invited to fill in these columns and provide necessary background information should such data exist.