

## Kiribati

### Table B. Data Categories and Indicators External Sector

<b>DATA CATEGORY:</b> National Descriptor: <i>(if different, please indicate)</i>	Merchandise Trade International Trade
<b>CORE INDICATORS:</b>	Total exports and total imports
<b>ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:</b> <i>(as applicable)</i> Country-Specific Indicator: <i>(if different, please indicate)</i>	Major commodity breakdowns with longer time lapse
<b>Information applies to:</b> <i>(select from drop down list)</i>	Data Category Only

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#### **I. Data Characteristics**

##### **Coverage**

*Briefly describe the key characteristics of the data; i.e., the features of which a user must be aware to use the data appropriately. These include the unit of measure, scope (e.g., geographic, institutional, product), statistical characteristics (e.g., seasonal adjustment, index number base year), basic data source, and accounting conventions.*

All trade activities that takes place between Kiribati and the rest of the world. The main source of trade information is the Custom import/export bills.
<b>Periodicity:</b> <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i>
Annual trade reports are prepared and published annually
<b>Timeliness:</b> <i>Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.</i>
6-8 months

<b>II. Quality</b>
<b>Documentation of Methodology:</b> <i>Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.</i>
There are no documented methodology used however a brief description of the data sources is mentioned in the foreword of each publication.
<b>Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness:</b> <i>Describe the kind and extent of detail of published data, the statistical frameworks (including accounting identities and statistical relationships), and the comparisons and reconciliations that are available to assist users in assessing the quality of the data.</i>
Customs officials are always consulted if there are any queries regarding the value or quantity of traded commodities.

<b>III. Plans for Improvement</b>
<i>Describe short-term (in the next year) and medium-term (2-5 years) plans for making improvements in the data category and note any improvements that have been implemented in the past two years. Technical or other assistance needs that may be required for implementing these plans should also be noted, if applicable. If it has been determined that there are no shortcomings that need to be addressed, this determination should be explicitly stated.</i>
<b>Recent Improvements:</b>
<b>Short-Term Plans:</b> To setup a uniform computer system both in the Customs and Statistics department to improve efficiency in data entry and editing. To publish a quarterly trade bulletin
<b>Medium-Term Plans:</b> To publish a monthly trade bulletin.
<b>Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:</b>
<b>Short-Term:</b> TA to coordinate the implementation of a new computer system.
<b>Medium-Term:</b> None

<b>IV. Dissemination Formats</b>
<i>For each publication or data release, check the box corresponding to the frequency of release and indicate the title and language(s) on the next line. Identify an appropriate contact person, if different from first page.</i>
<b>Hard Copy:</b> <b>News Release:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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