

1. NAME OF SYSTEM

International Trade Data Bank

2. PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM

To identify markets for Canadian Products in comparison to other countries.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM

The system uses basic information from the U.N. Statistical office in New York. The tapes use the Standard International Trade classification. This system can reformat and extract information using custom software developed by ABATIC consultants. The system is run on a cost recovery basis.

4. SCOPE

Data from 66 countries are included in the tapes received from the U.N.. Details on the tapes are under the control of the reporting country. Data are available from 1962 onwards.

5. KEY USERS

See attached list.

6. OPERATED BY

The system is run on the IST (Amdahl) in Montreal. In addition to the custom software developed for retrieving information the System uses the IBM TSO (Time Sharing Option) System software.

There are two service orders with IST; one for \$20,000 for maintenance and one for \$25,000 for client services. The latter amount is set up to pay IST but recovered from clients. In addition line charges of \$5000 are paid to IST. \$6,600 is paid to BNR for rental of hardware.

7. FREQUENCY OF RUNS

Updates occur as new tapes are received from the U.N. office.

8. KEY INPUTS

Data from U.N. statistical office.

9. KEY OUTPUTS

Reports, magnetic tape, and microfiche.