
Preface

On our way towards International Standards and comparability of data worldwide, it is fundamental to have common understanding of concepts and definitions amongst the data suppliers, compilers and end users. The International Organization like International Monetary Fund, World Bank, International Accounting Standard Board (IASB), Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB), Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) and others along with national bodies are working towards the achievement of the goal of convergence on a single set of high-quality standards around the world.

Statistics & DWH Department of the State Bank of Pakistan being the sole compiler of Balance of Payments, Monetary and Corporate Sector Statistics is very ambitious in adopting standard practices of data collection, compilation and dissemination. In connection with the compilation of Balance of Payments statistics, the major share of information is received from Authorized Dealers (ADs) in Foreign Exchange, which report data through International Transactions Reporting System (ITRS).

ITRS is the most comprehensive system of data collection on foreign exchange transactions used by the compilers of BOP. ITRS data of banks is the major data source for the current account transactions of the BOP. It is very helpful to counter check the flows in the financial account and provide timely and most accurate data on the BOP.

The Foreign Exchange Regulation Act 1947 confers the authority to the State Bank of Pakistan for the monitoring of the foreign exchange transactions in and out of the country. State Bank of Pakistan made it mandatory for the ADs to report all the transactions in foreign exchange described under Chapter XXII of Foreign Exchange Manual. Code guide for reporting the foreign exchange transactions through ITRS was amended in 2003 for adopting BPM5.

State Bank of Pakistan has adopted methodologies of compilation of Pakistan's Balance of Payments according to the guidelines provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Balance of Payments Manual-6th Edition (BPM6-2009). Previously the code guide was revised with the implementation of BPM5. In order to cope up with reporting requirements under BPM6 and capture transactions for which codes are not available, the "Code Guide" has been revised. The "Code Guide" is also available at (www.sbp.org.pk) to facilitate accurate classification of foreign exchange transactions in ITRS.

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