

# International trade in services

Algerian experience

Balance of payments,  
Bank of Algeria

## Introduction

- The Bank of Algeria is responsible for preparing the Algerian balance of payments.
- Every three months and every year, these statistics are issued according to the guidelines of the fifth edition of the Balance of Payments Manual since 1997.
- The most important sources of data for the balance of payments are the banks. The operations are reported according to the reporting systems of international transactions data.
- For the operations of state institutions (public administrations and ministries ...), these are settled by the Bank of Algeria. The latter prepares the same data (information) as the other banks and submits them to the body in charge of preparing the balance of payments.

## Method of Data Collection and Processing:

- It is mandatory for the banks to inform the Central Bank of all cash transactions between residents and non-residents. These data are reported by daily forms including:
  - Date of issuance of the transaction
  - Name of the local operator and of the foreign operator
  - Statistical number of the national operator (according to the National Institute of Statistics)
  - Value of the transaction and the country dealt with.
  - Currency and exchange rate
  - Type of transaction according to the table sent to commercial banks
  - After receiving the data, the persons in charge of the preparation shall examine it and store it in the database.
  - The transactions are recorded in the currency of payment, then converted to be expressed in a single currency. The data can be published automatically in Algerian Dinars or US dollars.

## Preparation of the service balance statistics

- Follow-up and classification of all transactions between residents and non-residents according to the type of service by the director in charge of studies and the latter remains in permanent contact with the domiciliation banks of concerned companies, for assistance and guidance, so that the appropriate category is allocated to the statement sent;
- Preparing a file for each category of services allows the definition of the evolution of the trend by type of service, in coordination with the file of definition of the operators (activity), so that it would be possible to refer to the data source in case of errors in the allocation.
- Interpretation and verification of the observed trend of external data and information, e.g. the correlation between the growth of flow of services in a particular area and the major projects launched in the same period.

## Specificity of some items

- The data relating to transport covers also the costs of carrying goods valued at 6% of the cost, insurance and freight value (CIF).
- With respect to the travel item, no assessment has been performed to include all the data; however, the compatibility reports are automatically prepared between the exchange statements issued by the banks and the issued statistical reports relating to foreign banknotes to correct the item.

The balance of payments includes thirteen items for services:

	Import					Export				
Services	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Transport	26,0%	20,5%	18,3%	19,2%	20,0%	25,4%	25,5%	27,4%	35,2%	37,6%
Travel	8,3%	6,1%	5,6%	5,7%	6,4%	4,0%	4,8%	4,0%	4,6%	4,0%
Communication Services	3,0%	4,7%	4,7%	6,2%	5,1%	0,9%	0,6%	0,6%	0,8%	1,2%
Construction services	6,2%	5,0%	3,7%	3,0%	3,2%	25,7%	21,6%	15,6%	18,5%	17,3%
Insurance Services	2,3%	2,1%	1,7%	2,4%	1,4%	1,6%	1,8%	1,6%	1,7%	2,0%
Financial Services	6,1%	6,2%	6,3%	6,1%	6,2%	0,6%	0,6%	0,3%	0,4%	0,5%
Computer and information services	0,5%	0,3%	0,5%	0,6%	0,4%	0,6%	0,4%	0,4%	0,4%	0,9%
Royalties and licences fees	0,1%	0,1%	0,0%	0,1%	0,0%	0,1%	0,8%	0,7%	1,3%	1,5%
Operating lease	0,6%	0,5%	0,3%	0,5%	0,6%	0,2%	0,1%	0,1%	0,4%	0,1%
Technical services	8,6%	9,6%	7,6%	8,9%	9,8%	35,2%	39,6%	43,1%	32,0%	27,5%
Other services	31,8%	43,3%	48,9%	42,6%	44,8%	1,6%	1,1%	1,5%	0,8%	2,3%
Personal, cultural services	0,1%	0,2%	0,2%	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%	0,1%	0,2%	0,3%
Government Services	6,4%	1,3%	2,2%	4,6%	1,8%	4,1%	3,1%	4,5%	3,8%	4,9%

These items are recorded according to the country dealt with and according to the commercial operators.

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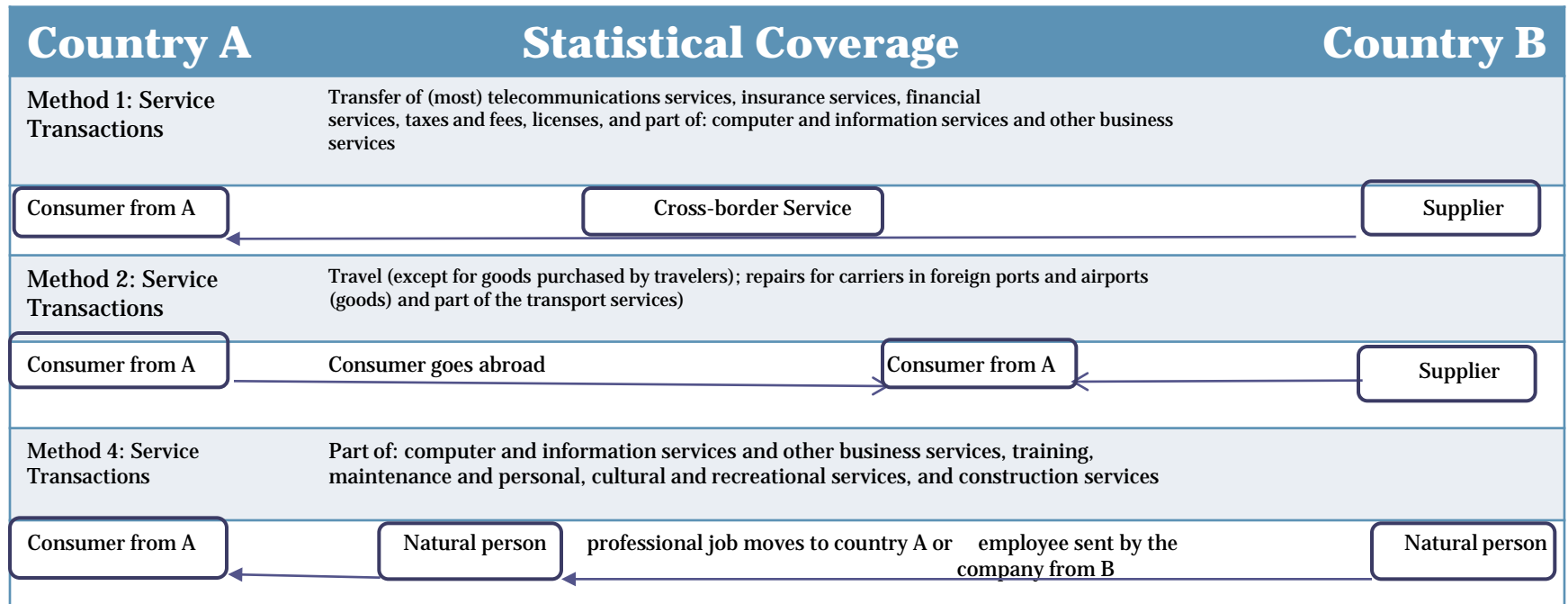
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## Synthesis View of the Supply Methods





For mode3, on trade foreign affiliates statistics, is not covered. The department of the Balance of Payments is not on direct relationship with the foreign investment partners.

- Thank you for listening and good follow-up