



## Explanatory Notes on Main Statistical Indicators

**Total Imports and Exports at Customs** refer to the real value of commodities imported and exported across the border of China. They include the actual imports and exports through foreign trade, imported and exported goods under the processing and assembling trades and materials, supplies and gifts as aid given gratis between governments and by the United Nations and other international organizations, and contributions donated by overseas Chinese, compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao and Chinese with foreign citizenship, leasing commodities owned by tenant at the expiration of leasing period, the imported and exported commodities processed with imported materials, commodities trading in border areas (excluding mutual exchange goods), the imported and exported commodities and articles for public use of the Sino-foreign joint ventures, cooperative enterprises and ventures with sole foreign investment. Also included is import or export of samples and advertising goods for which CIF or FOB value are beyond the permitted ceiling (excluding goods of no trading or use value and free commodities for export), imported goods sold in China from bonded warehouses and other imported or exported goods. The indicator of the total imports and exports at customs can be used to observe the total size of external trade in a country. In accordance with the stipulation of the Chinese government, imports are calculated at CIF, while exports are calculated at FOB.

**Import or Export Value by Location of China's Foreign Trade Managing Units** refers to actual value of imports and exports carried out by corporations which have been registered by the local Customs house and are vested with right to run

import export business.

**Import Value of Commodities by Place of Destination and Export Value of Commodities by Place of Origin in China** The former indicator refers to the value of import commodities of the places of their consumption, utilization or the places of their final destination. The latter indicator refers to the value of export commodities of the places of their origin or the places of the commodities dispatched.

**Foreign Investment** refers to investment in China by legal or natural persons of foreign countries and of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, in the form of cash, physical assets, intangible assets and equity and others. Foreign direct investment refers to investment by investors from foreign countries and from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan in a non-listed company, or the investment of over 10 percent or more in a listed company.

**Foreign Direct Investment** refers to foreign investment in China through the establishment of foreign invested enterprises, cooperative exploration and development of petroleum resources with domestic investors and the establishment of branch organizations of foreign enterprises. Foreign investment can be made in forms of cash, physical investment, intangible assets and equity, in addition with reinvestment of the foreign enterprises with the profits gained from the investment.

**Star-rated Hotels** refer to hotels rated with stars as evaluated (accepted) by the relevant tourism authorities according to GB/T14308-2010 standard with reference to their infrastructure, facilities and service levels.