

## TECHNICAL NOTES

1. The interpretation of the symbols and abbreviations used in this release is as follows:

**0** Nil

**[p]** Provisional. Statistics are **provisional** and can change as new data become available. However, current six months data should strictly be treated as “provisional information”.

**[r]** Revised

**YTD** Year to date

**n.e.s** Not elsewhere specified

**cif** Cost, insurance and freight

**fob** Free on board

**HS** Harmonized System

**EEZ** Exclusive Economic Zone

2. Total values are subject to rounding off.

3. Concepts and Definitions

All concepts and definitions are based on *United Nations International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions*.

- Coverage – Goods that add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory are recorded.
- Time of Recording – Goods are to be included at the time when they enter or leave the economic territory of a country; in the case of customs-based data collection systems, the time of recording should be the date of lodgment of the customs declaration.
- Trade System – General Trade System of data recording is used since the statistical territory coincides with the economic territory.
- Commodity Classification – The Harmonized System (HS) is used. From 2009, SITC Revision 4 is being used.
- Valuations – Cost, insurance and freight (CIF) valuation is used for all imports and free on board (FOB) is used for all exports.

4. **SOURCE:** Fiji Revenue & Customs Service (FRCS), except for Domestic Exports, where Sugar and Molasses data are sourced from the Fiji Sugar Corporation.