

## 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
- 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. The commentary in this release only gives reasons for increases and decreases of those HS categories that have **increased or decreased by five million dollars or more**.
5. **SOURCE:** Fiji Revenue & Customs Service (FRCS), except for Domestic Exports, where Sugar and Molasses data are sourced from the Fiji Sugar Corporation.