



# **International Trade in Goods Statistics – basic concepts helping to understand Brexit impact on data**

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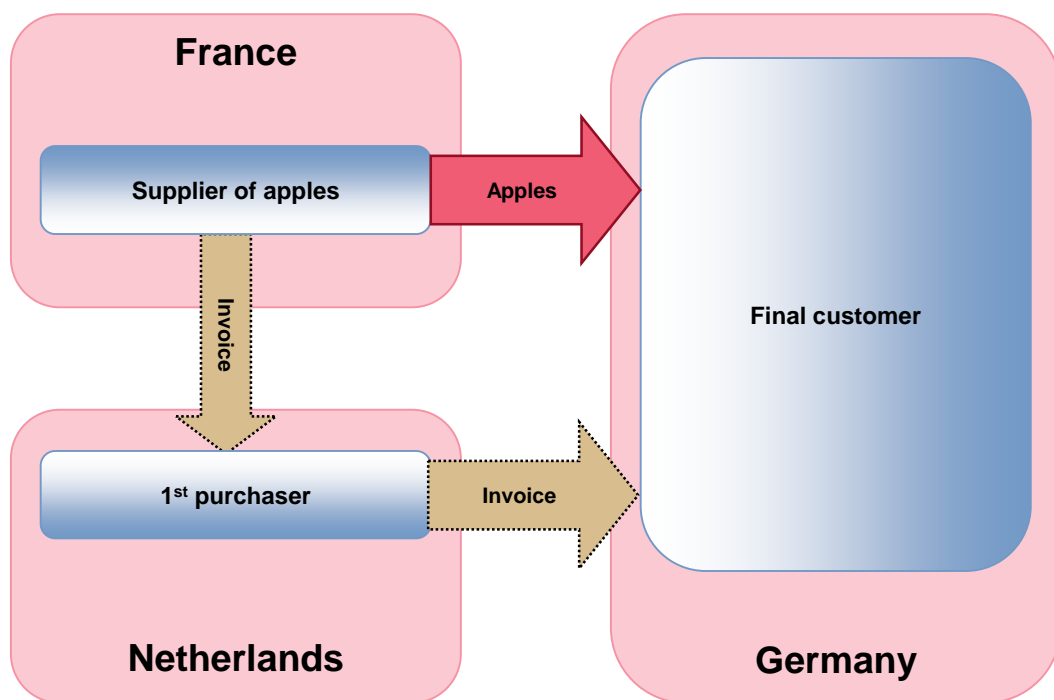
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# Basic concept in International Trade in Goods Statistics (ITGS)

- *As a general principle trade statistics record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (import) or leaving (export) its economic territory.*
- *ITGS records physical movement of goods independently from the ownership of the goods or various sales transactions.*

# ITGS records physical movement of goods

A company in NL bought apples from a farmer in FR and exported to DE. In ITGS FR export to DE and DE imports from FR will be recorded.

**Definition:**

France — MS of export

Netherlands — Intermediary

Germany — MS of import

# ITGS - data sources

## *Intra-Union trade*

- **Statistical survey (Intrastat)**
- Customs declarations
- VAT data
- Various administrative registers and additional data sources for some specific goods

## *Extra-Union trade*

- **Customs declarations**
- Various administrative registers and additional data sources for some specific goods

# Trade with the UK data collection particularities after 1 January 2021

- *EU Member States collect and send trade data for partner UK via two separate channels:*
  - UK (**excluding Northern Ireland**) data – code XU – are collected via customs declarations and sent to Eurostat 40 days after the end of the reference month.
  - UK (**Northern Ireland**) data – code XI – continue to be collected via statistical Intrastat declarations and sent to Eurostat 70 days after the end of the reference month.
- *Eurostat aggregates the data and publishes them for **partner UK**.*

# Partner country

## *Intra-Union trade*

### Import

- Member State of consignment

### Export

- Member State of destination

## *Extra-EU trade*

### Import

- Country of origin

### ● Export

- Country of last known destination

# Partner country definition in case of United Kingdom

- *As of 1 January 2021, data on **imports** from the UK are based on a mixed concept:*
  - the concept of **country of consignment** continues to be used for imports from Northern Ireland, while
  - the concept of **country of origin** applies for the imports from the UK (excluding Northern Ireland), as for any other extra-EU partner country.



## Partner country - definitions

- **Member State/country of consignment** means a country from which goods were dispatched.
- **Member State/country of destination** means the last country to which it is known at the time of reporting that the goods are to be delivered.
- **Country of origin** means a country where the goods were wholly obtained or produced or where the goods underwent their last, substantial transformation.

# Reference period

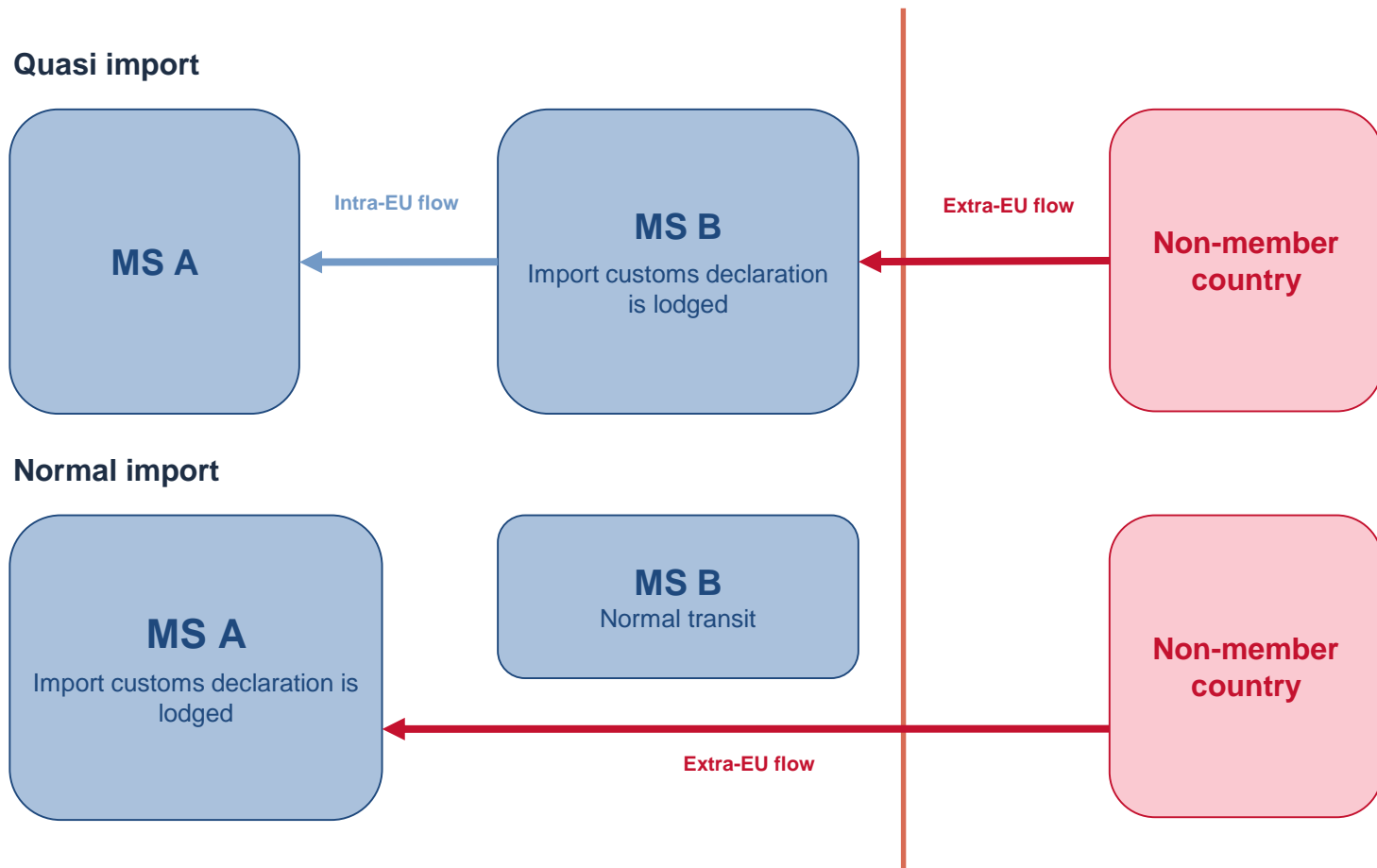
## ***Intra-Union trade***

- calendar month of export or import of the goods
- calendar month during which chargeable event occurs for intra-EU supplies/acquisition

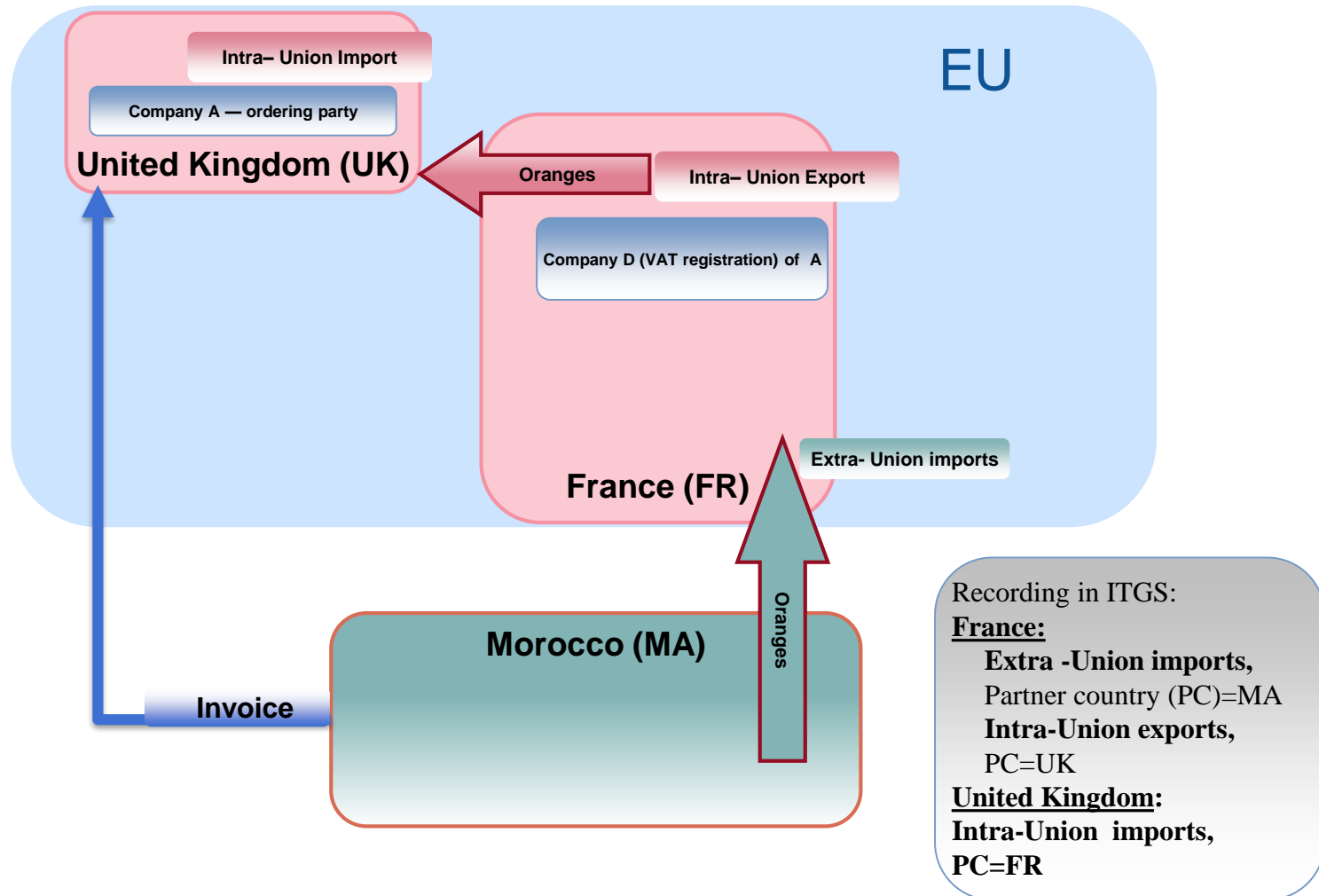
## ***Extra-EU trade***

- calendar month when the customs declaration is accepted by customs authorities

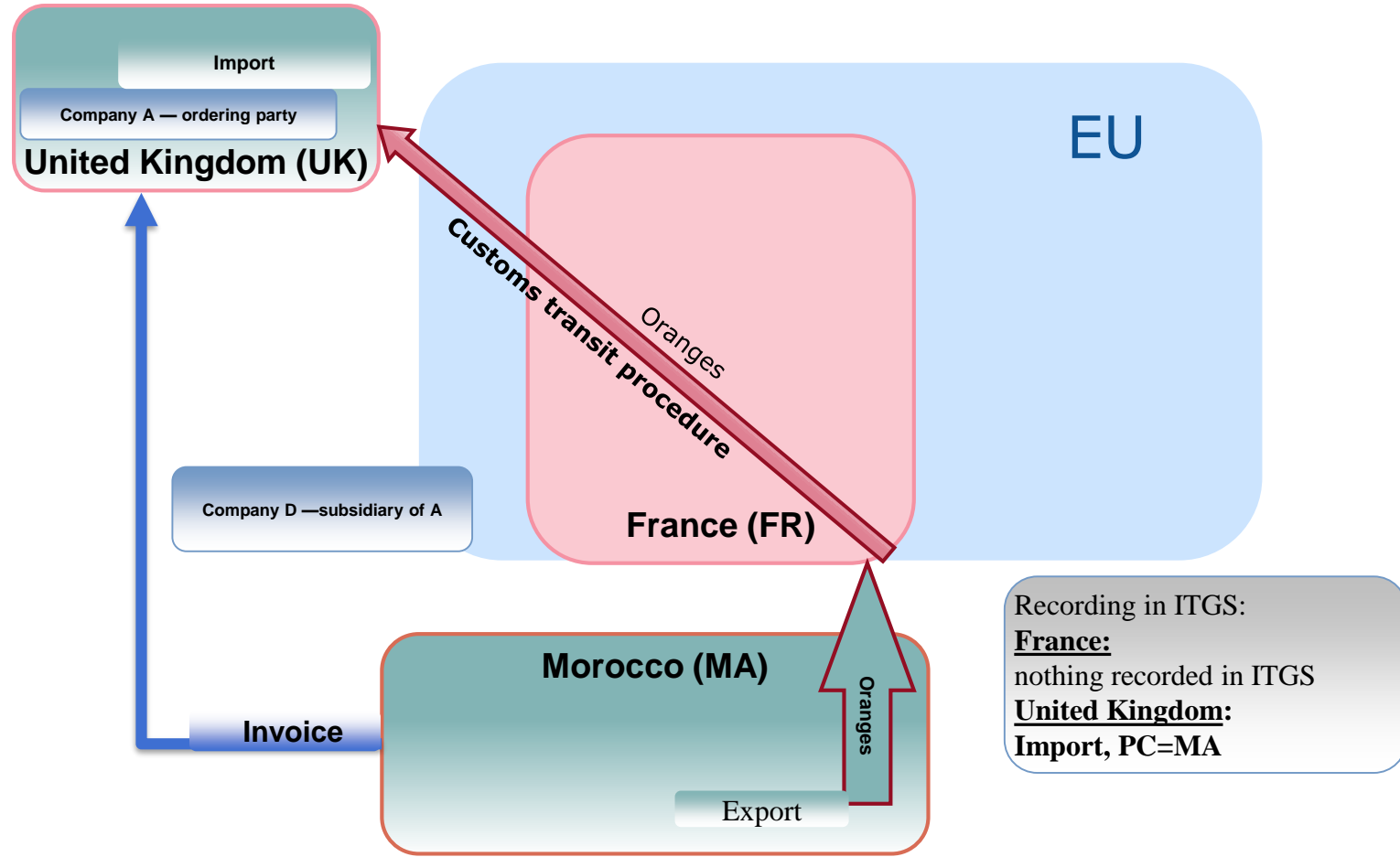
# Quasi imports



# Statistical recording of quasi imports

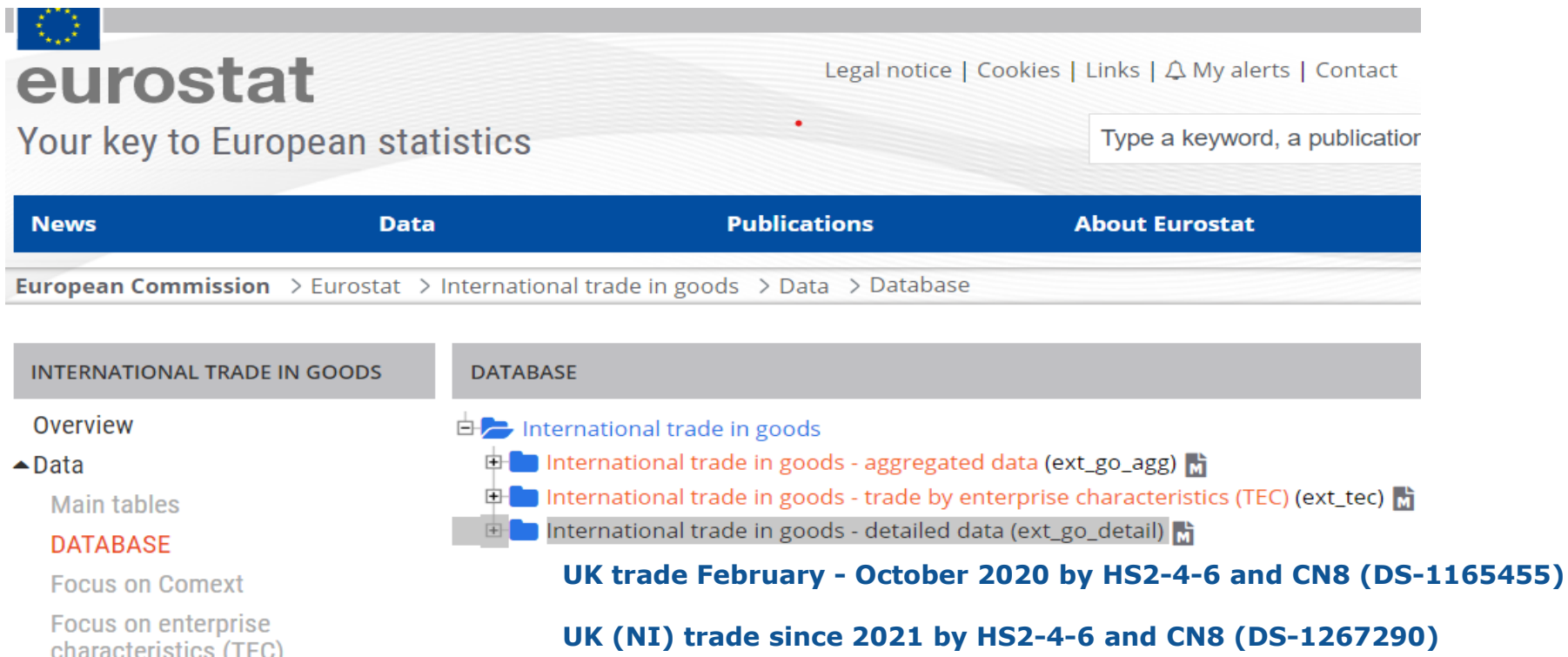


# Statistical recording depending on administrative procedures



# Publication of the UK data (1)

- The aggregated and detailed data can be found under this link:
  - <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/international-trade-in-goods/data/database>



The screenshot shows the Eurostat website interface. At the top, the Eurostat logo and tagline "Your key to European statistics" are visible. Navigation links include "Legal notice", "Cookies", "Links", "My alerts", and "Contact". A search bar prompts the user to "Type a keyword, a publication". Below this is a blue navigation bar with tabs for "News", "Data", "Publications", and "About Eurostat". A breadcrumb trail reads: "European Commission > Eurostat > International trade in goods > Data > Database".

On the left sidebar, under the "INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS" section, there are links for "Overview", "Data", "Main tables", "DATABASE" (highlighted in red), "Focus on Comext", and "Focus on enterprise characteristics (TEC)".

The main content area, under the "DATABASE" heading, lists three data categories:
 

- International trade in goods
- International trade in goods - aggregated data (ext\_go\_agg)
- International trade in goods - trade by enterprise characteristics (TEC) (ext\_tec)
- International trade in goods - detailed data (ext\_go\_detail) (highlighted in grey)

Below the database list, two specific publications are highlighted in blue text:
 

- UK trade February - October 2020 by HS2-4-6 and CN8 (DS-1165455)**
- UK (NI) trade since 2021 by HS2-4-6 and CN8 (DS-1267290)**

# Publication of the UK data (2)

- In **COMEXT** data set the UK data sets are grouped under heading **Non-EU data sets**.*

