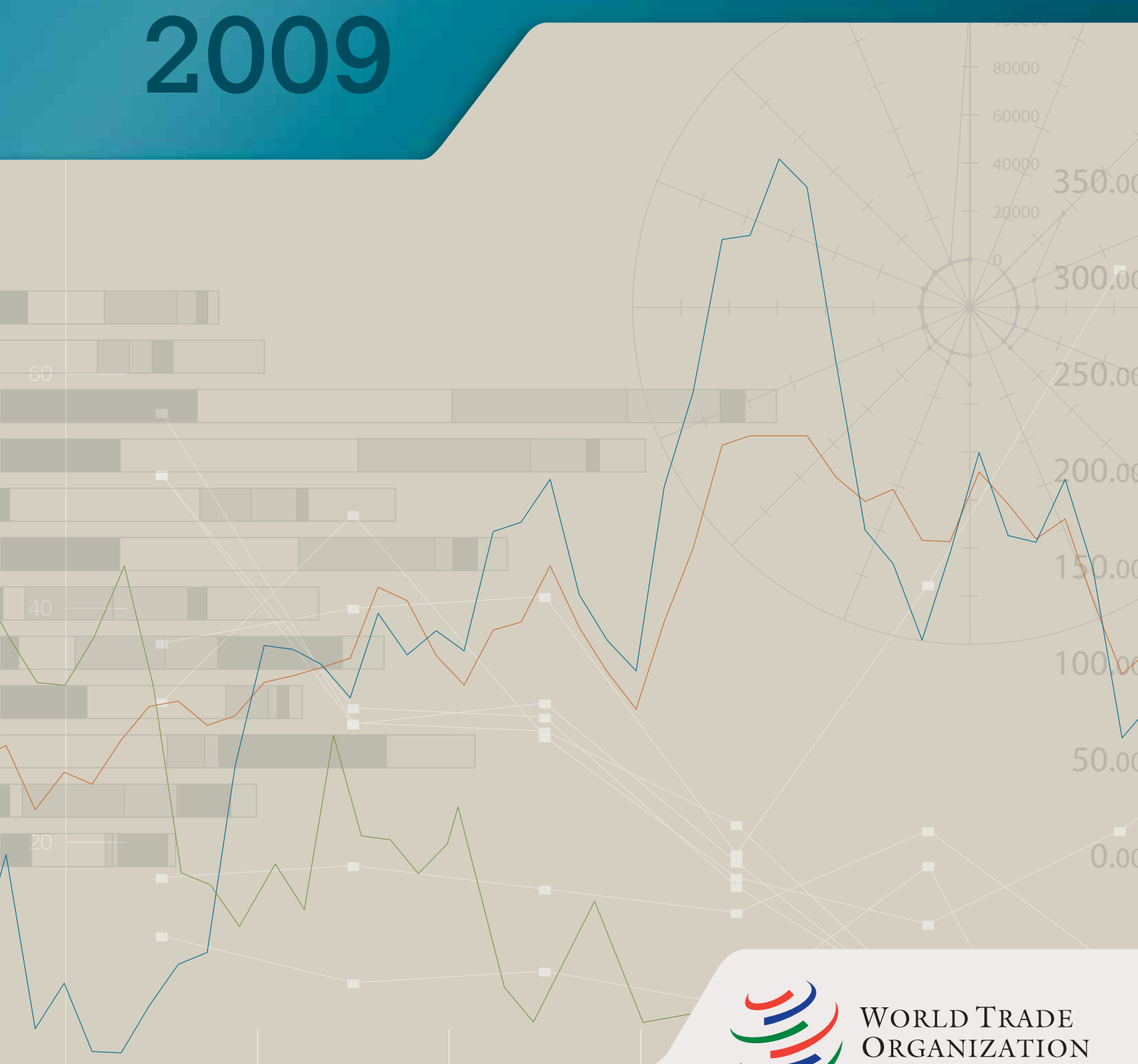


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Abbreviations and symbols

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States	IEA	International Energy Agency
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations	IMF	International Monetary Fund
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area	GTIS	Global Trade Information Services Inc.
BOP	Balance of Payments	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
BPM5	Balance of Payments Manual, fifth edition	LDCs	Least-developed countries
CACM	Central American Common Market	MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
CARICOM	Caribbean Common Market	NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central African States	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	SADC	South African Development Community
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States	SAPTA	South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States	SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
EFTA	European Free Trade Association	WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
EU	European Union	UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
EUROSTAT	Statistical Office of the European Communities	UNECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
FATS	Foreign Affiliates Trade in Services	UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment	UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division
GCC	Gulf Co-operation Council		
GDP	Gross Domestic Product		
GNP	Gross National Product		
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System		

c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	free on board
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.i.e.	not included elsewhere

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