

Annex III: Method of assessment of the "Travel" item in the balance of payments

The method of assessment of the "Travel" item was developed with the purpose of an authentic and complete reflection of residents' expenses abroad and those of nonresidents in the republic instead of applying the traditional method of data collection from hotels, recreation centers, and tourist companies. This method of data collection for the "Travel" item covered only part of transactions, and in compliance with the international experience of the balance of payments compilation it is preferable to evaluate this item through estimations.

Export / import of services under the "Travel" item is a product of expenses per one arriving / leaving resident per number of residents who arrived in/left the country.

Expenses are calculated as estimates of categories of trips specifying them by purposes:

- Official,
- Tourist,
- Personal,
- Commercial.

Expenses are calculated as estimates, separately for each category by purposes of trips.

The estimation of expenses of Kyrgyz citizens, who are on short-term business trips abroad, is calculated on the basis of the minimal rate of the daily allowance including the cost of 3 meals and accommodation expenses abroad. These rates are established by public administration agencies of the republic. Data of tourist companies on the value of vouchers or shop tours, which do not include a fare (air or railway tickets), are used in order to assess trips for recreational or commercial purposes (shop tours). These expenses of tourists are supplemented with the data on their personal expenses, which are not included in the expenses for purchases of goods to be subsequently resold in the republic.

Expenses of foreign citizens staying in Kyrgyzstan are also calculated as estimates and include average expenses for daily meals, average daily hotel expenses in the republic, and additional expenses during their stay in the republic.

This method of assessment of the "Travel" item is carried out on the basis of the official NSC and SCI data as well as on the basis of information from travel companies and hotels.