

# Package: tradestatistics (via r-universe)

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| ots_commodities | <i>OTS Commodities</i> |
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**Description**

Official commodity names from the Harmonized System rev 2012 (HS12, six digits detail).

**Usage**

ots\_commodities

**Format**

A data frame with 5,302 observations on the following 4 variables

- commodity\_code HS six digits commodity code (e.g. 010110)
- commodity\_code\_short HS four digits commodity code (e.g. 0101)
- commodity\_fullname\_english HS six digits commodity name (e.g. 'Horses, asses, mules and hinnies; live, pure-bred breeding animals')
- section\_code HS section code (e.g. '01')

**Source**

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 ots\_commodities\_short *OTS Commodities Short*


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**Description**

Official commodity names from the Harmonized System rev 2012 (HS12, four digits detail).

**Usage**

```
ots_commodities_short
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1,225 observations on the following 2 variables

commodity\_code HS four digits commodity code (e.g. 0101)

commodity\_fullname\_english HS four digits commodity names (e.g. 'Horses, asses, mules and hinnies; live')

**Source**

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| ots_commodity_code | <i>String matching of official commodity/section names and Harmonized System (HS) codes according to the United Nations nomenclature</i> |
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**Description**

Takes a text string and searches within the package data for all matching commodity codes in the context of valid API commodity codes.

**Usage**

```
ots_commodity_code(commodity = NULL, section = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

commodity A text string such as "Animals", "COPPER" or "fruits".

section A text string such as "meat", "FISH" or "Dairy".

**Value**

A tibble with all possible matches (no uppercase distinction) showing the commodity name and commodity code

**Examples**

```
ots_commodity_code(commodity = "ANIMALS ")
ots_commodity_code(section = " fish")
ots_commodity_code(commodity = "Milk", section = "Dairy")
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| ots_countries | <i>OTS Countries</i> |
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**Description**

Official country names, ISO-3 codes, continent and EU membership.

**Usage**

```
ots_countries
```

**Format**

A data frame with 275 observations on the following 5 variables

country\_iso ISO-3 code of the country (e.g. "deu" means Germany)

country\_name\_english Country name (e.g. Germany)

country\_fullname\_english Country name with indications (e.g. Germany as "Germany (former Federal Republic of Germany until 1990)")

continent\_name\_english Continent where the country belongs to (e.g., Europe)

continent\_id Numeric id of the continent where the country belongs to (e.g., 5)

**Source**

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| ots_countries_colors | <i>OTS Countries Colors</i> |
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**Description**

Unofficial colors to ease visualization for countries.

**Usage**

```
ots_countries_colors
```

**Format**

A data frame with 275 rows and 3 variables

country\_iso ISO code of the country (e.g. "chl" means Chile)

continent\_id Numeric id of the continent

country\_color Country hex color (e.g. '#D05555')

**Source**

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ots_country_code | <i>String matching of official country names and ISO-3 codes according to the United Nations nomenclature</i> |
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**Description**

Takes a text string and searches within the package data for a country code in the context of valid API country codes.

**Usage**

```
ots_country_code(countryname = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

countryname A text string such as "Chile", "CHILE" or "CHL".

**Value**

A single character if there is a exact match (e.g. `ots_country_code("Chile")`) or a tibble in case of multiple matches (e.g. `ots_country_code("Germany")`)

**Examples**

```
ots_country_code("Chile ")
ots_country_code("america")
ots_country_code("UNITED STATES")
ots_country_code(" united_")
```

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| ots_create_tidy_data | <i>Downloads and processes the data from the API to return a human-readable tibble</i> |
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## Description

Accesses `api.tradestatistics.io` and performs different API calls to transform and return tidy data.

## Usage

```
ots_create_tidy_data(
  years = 2020,
  reporters = "all",
  partners = "all",
  commodities = "all",
  sections = "all",
  table = "yr",
  max_attempts = 5,
  use_cache = FALSE,
  file = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| years        | Year contained within the years specified in <code>api.tradestatistics.io/year_range</code> (e.g. <code>c(2002, 2004)</code> , <code>c(2002:2004)</code> or <code>2002</code> ). Default set to 2019.                                       |
| reporters    | ISO code for reporter country (e.g. <code>"chl"</code> , <code>"Chile"</code> or <code>c("chl", "Peru")</code> ). Default set to <code>"all"</code> .                                                                                       |
| partners     | ISO code for partner country (e.g. <code>"chl"</code> , <code>"Chile"</code> or <code>c("chl", "Peru")</code> ). Default set to <code>"all"</code> .                                                                                        |
| commodities  | HS commodity codes (e.g. <code>"0101"</code> , <code>"01"</code> or search matches for <code>"apple"</code> ) to filter commodities. Default set to <code>"all"</code> .                                                                    |
| sections     | HS section codes (e.g. <code>"01"</code> ). Default set to <code>"all"</code> .                                                                                                                                                             |
| table        | Character string to select the table to obtain the data. Default set to <code>yr</code> (Year - Reporter). Run <code>ots_tables</code> in case of doubt.                                                                                    |
| max_attempts | How many times to try to download data in case the API or the internet connection fails when obtaining data. Default set to 5.                                                                                                              |
| use_cache    | Logical to save and load from cache. If <code>TRUE</code> , the results will be cached in memory if <code>file</code> is <code>NULL</code> or on disk if <code>'file'</code> is not <code>NULL</code> . Default set to <code>FALSE</code> . |
| file         | Optional character with the full file path to save the data. Default set to <code>NULL</code> .                                                                                                                                             |

## Value

A tibble that describes bilateral trade metrics (imports, exports, trade balance and relevant metrics such as exports growth w/r to last year) between a reporter and partner country.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# The next examples can take more than 5 seconds to compute,
# so these are just shown without evaluation according to CRAN rules

# Run `ots_countries` to display the full table of countries
# Run `ots_commodities` to display the full table of commodities

# What does Chile export to China? (2002)
ots_create_tidy_data(years = 2002, reporters = "chl", partners = "chn")

# What can we say about Horses export in Chile and the World? (2002)
ots_create_tidy_data(years = 2002, commodities = "010110", table = "yc")
ots_create_tidy_data(years = 2002, reporters = "chl", commodities = "010110", table = "yrc")

# What can we say about the different types of apples exported by Chile? (2002)
ots_create_tidy_data(years = 2002, reporters = "chl", commodities = "apple", table = "yrc")

## End(Not run)
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| ots_gdp_deflator | <i>GDP Deflator</i> |
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**Description**

Year to year GDP deflator some of the countries in the OTS database. For countries not available in the World Bank database, rows labelled as "wld" are provided, which were computed as the weighted median for each year using the GDP of listed countries for each year expressed as constant dollars of the year 2010.

**Usage**

```
ots_gdp_deflator
```

**Format**

A data frame with 8,010 observations on the following 4 variables

year\_from Integer values in the range 1980-2020

year\_to Integer values in the range 1981-2021

country\_iso ISO code of the country (e.g. "chl" means Chile)

gdp\_deflator Numeric value expressed as one plus 1-year deflator

**Source**

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ots\_gdp\_deflator\_adjustment

*Expresses tidy data from the API in dollars of a reference year*

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### Description

Uses GDP deflator records from The World Bank to convert trade records and express them in dollars of the same year. The records are internally subsetting to World's values, because country specific levels would largely re-scale observations for reporters that reflect unstable macroeconomic policies.

### Usage

```
ots_gdp_deflator_adjustment(trade_data = NULL, reference_year = NULL)
```

### Arguments

**trade\_data** A tibble obtained by using `ots_create_tidy_data`. Default set to `NULL`.

**reference\_year** Year contained within the years specified in `api.tradestatistics.io/year_range` (e.g. 2010). Default set to `NULL`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# The next example can take more than 5 seconds to compute,
# so this is shown without evaluation according to CRAN rules

# Convert dollars of 2010 to dollars of 2000
d <- ots_create_tidy_data(years = 2010, reporters = "chl", partners = "chn")
ots_gdp_deflator_adjustment(trade_data = d, reference_year = 2000)

## End(Not run)
```

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ots\_sections

*OTS Sections*

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### Description

Official section names from the Harmonized System rev 2012 (HS12).

### Usage

```
ots_sections
```

**Format**

A data frame with 22 rows and 2 variables

section\_code HS section code (e.g. '01')

section\_fullname\_english HS section name (e.g. 'Live animals and animal products')

**Source**

Adapted from UN COMTRADE

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| ots_sections_colors | <i>OTS Sections Colors</i> |
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**Description**

Unofficial colors to ease visualization for the sections in the Harmonized System rev 2012 (HS12).

**Usage**

ots\_sections\_colors

**Format**

A data frame with 22 rows and 2 variables

section\_code HS section code (e.g. '01')

section\_color HS section color (e.g. '#74c0e2')

**Source**

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| ots_tables | <i>OTS Tables</i> |
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**Description**

Existing API tables with both description and source.

**Usage**

ots\_tables

**Format**

A data frame with 12 rows and 3 variables

table Table name

description Description of table contents

source Source for the data (OTS tables are processed after UN Comtrade raw data)

**Source**

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