

Glossary: Technology balance of payments (TBP)

Statistics Explained

The **technology balance of payments** , abbreviated as **TBP** , is the registration of the international flow of industrial property and know-how.

The following operations should be *included* in the TBP:

- **patents** (purchases, sales);
- licenses for patents;
- know-how (not patented);
- models and designs;
- trademarks (including franchising);
- technical services;
- financing of industrial **R & D** outside the national territory.

The following, however, should be *excluded* :

- commercial, financial, managerial and legal assistance;
- advertising, insurance, transport;
- films, recordings, material covered by copyright;
- design;
- software.

Source

- OECD, "Frascati Manual 2002: The measurement of scientific and technological activities - Proposed Standard Practice for Surveys on Research and Experimental Development", OECD, Paris, 2002 - [pdf](#)