

ISIC and CPC revision process

United Nations Statistics Division

The process for ISIC - early steps

- Mandate by the UN Statistical Commission in 1998
 - Including mandate for ISIC Rev.3.1
- Focused work on ISIC Rev.4 started in 2001
- Worldwide consultation
 - Three rounds

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The process for ISIC - early steps

- Discussion papers on:
 - Conceptual issues
 - ISIC structure draft (top levels)
 - Coding options
- Questionnaires sent to countries in 2001 and 2003
- Review of input from external processes (e.g. NACE-NAICS convergence work)

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The process for ISIC - early steps

- Full structure draft (distributed as questionnaire in May 2004)
 - 60 countries replied (7 from this region)
 - Replies to 50 questions in the draft structure
 - Plus 2230 additional comments
- Reviewed by the Technical Subgroup in Feb/March 2005 to produce revised ISIC Rev.4 draft

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The process for ISIC – contd.

- Draft structure presented to the Expert Group in June 2005
 - Included open questions
- Final structure approved by Statistical Commission in March 2006
- Open questions:
 - Explanatory notes review

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The process for CPC – early steps

- Discussion papers on:
 - Conceptual issues
 - Specific proposals
- Questionnaires sent to countries in 2001 and 2003 (part of ISIC questionnaire)
- Explicit request for proposals and comments (distributed in July 2004)
- Discussed at Technical Subgroup meeting in Oct. 2004

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The process for CPC – contd.

- Interim draft presented to Expert Group in 2005
 - Further mandate for changes
- Draft structure submitted to Statistical Commission in March 2006
- Open questions:
 - Explanatory notes review
 - Agricultural products

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Meetings since 2005

- The last meeting of the Expert Group took place in June 2005
- Since then the following meetings have taken place:
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2005
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – Oct. 2005
 - FAO meeting on agricultural products – Nov. 2005
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – Nov. 2005
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2006
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – July 2006
 - Technical Expert group on ISCO – Dec. 2006
- No UN Classifications Workshops have taken place during this time.

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Meetings

- Work carried out in these meetings contributed to the revisions of ISIC and CPC
- In summary, the main issues addressed were as follows:
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2005
 - Finalizing ISIC structure based on EG recommendations
 - Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – Oct. 2005
 - Review of responses to CPC questionnaire, work on CPC structure
 - FAO meeting on agricultural products – Nov. 2005
 - Review of FAO proposals and some counterproposals for agricultural products in CPC, development of a detailed CPC structure for agricultural goods, draft of HS links

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Meetings

- Technical Subgroup on ISIC/CPC – June 2006
 - Review of special issues for ISIC, resulting in one structural change
 - Review first draft of ISIC introduction
 - Discussion of alternate aggregations (review of SNA aggregation and NPI aggregation; agree on procedure for others)

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Meetings

- During this time the UN Statistical Commission met twice:
 - March 2006
 - Adopted the draft structures of ISIC and CPC
 - Feb. 2007
 - Agreed to the implementation plan proposal for ISIC and CPC

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ISIC/CPC work

- In parallel, UNSD carried out further work on ISIC and CPC, such as:
 - Validation of explanatory notes for ISIC Rev.4
 - Development / Review of links between:
 - ISIC Rev.4 and CPC Ver.2
 - CPC Ver.2 and HS 2007
 - CPC Ver.2 and CPC Ver.1.1
 - ISIC Rev.4 and ISIC Rev.3.1

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ISIC/CPC work

- Validation of explanatory notes for CPC Ver.2 (services)
- Development of explanatory notes for selected goods subclasses in CPC Ver.2
- Review of definitions provided by FAO on agricultural products
- Preparation of Alternate Aggregations for ISIC Rev.4:
 - High-level and intermediate-level aggregation for SNA purposes
 - Informal sector aggregation
 - Information and Communications technology (ICT)
 - Non-profit institutions

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ISIC/CPC work

- Further development of the introduction to ISIC
 - Outstanding issues discussed by TSG in April 2007
 - Treatment of outsourcing
 - Review of consistency of definitions
- What next?
 - What is the status of current drafts?

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