

CPC – plans and proposals for change

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What happened so far

- CPC questions part of combined ISIC/CPC questionnaires in 2001, 2003
- Limited responses
- Independent input through other development work
- New CPC questionnaire and other documents available at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/cpc-2.asp>

Scope of the CPC

- CPC covers the output of economic activities, i.e. goods and services
- including unintended outputs
 - ❖ maintain the capability of the CPC to measure inputs, not only outputs, of production processes
 - ❖ able to describe inputs and outputs of ISIC activities
- assets will be excluded (considered in Asset Classification of the SNA)

Uses of the CPC

- Measurement of inputs, output, turnover
- Basis for product list for price statistics
- Needed:
 - more information on the application of the CPC in countries
 - ❖ uses, advantages and shortcomings
 - ❖ including level of detail, areas of preference, criteria for defining and grouping of products

Main structure of the CPC

- Will remain unchanged
 - Previous discussions on industry-of-origin approach, demand-based approach
- Goods (sections 0-4)
- Services (sections 5-9)

Links to other classifications

- Development of detail:
 - ISIC
 - ❖ For all of CPC (except waste?)
 - HS / SITC
 - ❖ For goods
 - COICOP
 - ❖ For all of CPC

- Consideration of detail and groupings:
 - BOP / EBOPS
 - ❖ For services (limited application)

Detail of the CPC

- For goods:
 - Detail reflecting HS 2007 changes
 - Possibly more detail for agricultural products
- For services:
 - Specific sector proposals
- General question:
 - Is an additional level of detail necessary?
 - For what purposes? Could such a level still be internationally agreed upon?

Detail of the CPC

- Review of products based on changes to ISIC
 - Proper reflection of industry outputs
- Areas:
 - Sections A, E, K, N, O of ISIC 4 draft
 - Individual activities:
 - ❖ Biotech
 - ❖ Healthcare and social assistance
 - ❖ Etc.

Treatment of bundled products

- Products are often supplied in bundles
- Cannot be separated into components
- Default treatment: Assign to largest portion
- Should there be new separate categories for bundles?
 - Bundles of goods, services or goods and services
 - How could they be defined or organized?

Alternate aggregations

- Not used in CPC yet
- Could be applied in similar ways as in ISIC
 - Combine products that cannot be grouped within the regular CPC structure
- Potential uses:
 - ICT products (goods and services)
 - Agriculture related products

Specific areas for further development

- ICT services
- Health services
- Tourism-related services
- Agricultural products
- Waste management products
- Treatment of originals
- Others ???