

## Status of the Industry Coding in Uganda

### Coding of Activities

At the Bureau, economic activities are coded by ISIC Revision 3. The four-digit ISIC is used to fully identify activities of a business. However during dissemination some codes are combined in line with the confidentiality issues.

### Coding of Products

Initially the Bureau started coding the products by Central Product Code (CPC) especially during the compilation of the PPI for Manufacturing. However the codes were not used during any processing. The Bureau is now, however, opting to code products using the Central Product Code by Activity (CPA) as opposed to the CPC. Whereas the CPC has no direct relationship with the ISIC, with the CPA it is possible to deduce which industry group a particular product falls in as shown in the example below.

#### Example of CPC and CPA Codes for Selected Products

ISIC (4-digit)	Product Name	CPC Code	CPA Code
1511	Beef Fillet	21111	151111
1511	Boneless Goat's Meat	21117	151117
1511	Chicken Burger	21121	151211
1511	Tilapia Fillet	21210	152011
1511	Lamb Mince	21115	151115
1511	Minced meat	21131	151111
1511	Pork Sausages	21113	151113
1514	Ordinary cooking oil	21630	154212
1514	Tamu Bakers fat	21640	154212
1514	Shamba cotton seed meal	21650	154220
1514	Sun Flower Oil	21650	154211
1514	Sun Flower Cake	23310	154220

Although admittedly the CPA at 4-digit does not match the ISIC Rev 3 at 4-digit, it is easier to deduce the activity which the product belongs to when products are coded by CPA rather than when coded by the CPC.

#### Example of the CPA codes

Level	Code	Description
1	D	MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS
2	DA	FOOD PRODUCTS, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO
3	15	FOOD PRODUCTS AND BEVERAGES
4	15.1	Meat and meat products
5	15.11	Fresh and preserved meat, except poultry
6	15.11.1	Meat and edible offal of bovine animals, swine, goats, horses, asses
7	15.11.11	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
7	15.11.12	Meat of bovine animals, frozen
7	15.11.13	Meat of swine, fresh or chilled
7	15.11.14	Meat of swine, frozen
7	15.11.15	Meat of sheep, fresh or chilled

7	15.11.16	Meat of sheep, frozen
7	15.11.17	Meat of goats
7	15.11.18	Meat of horses, asses, mules or hinnies
7	15.11.19	Edible offal
6	15.11.2	Pulled wool and raw hides and skins of bovine or equine animals
7	15.11.21	Pulled wool
7	15.11.24	Raw hides and skins of bovine or equine animals; whole
7	15.11.25	Raw hides and skins of bovine or equine animals; other
7	15.11.26	Raw hides and skins of sheep and lambs
7	15.11.27	Raw hides and skins of goats or kids
6	15.11.3	Fats of bovine animals, sheep, goats and pigs
7	15.11.30	Fats of bovine animals, sheep, goats and pigs
6	15.11.4	Raw offal, inedible
7	15.11.40	Raw offal, inedible
6	15.11.9	Industrial services for fresh and preserved meat, except poultry
7	15.11.99	Industrial services for fresh and preserved meat, except poultry
5	15.12	Fresh and preserved poultry meat
6	15.12.1	Meat and edible offal of poultry

The 6-digit CPA at level 7 could be used to fully describe the product while the 4-digit CPA at level 5 could be equated to the ISIC at 4-digit.

#### **Issues for discussion**

- Why are we adopting the CPC instead of the CPA?
- Currently the revised ISIC4 had been circulated are we expected to adopt this?
- What is the relationship between ISIC Rev 3 and ISIC Rev 4?
- Shouldn't we think of designing an African coding system?