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<Industrial Classification for National Economic Activities of China (CSIC)> was compiled in 1984, and orderly revised in 1994(Rev.1) and 2002(Rev.2). It will be revised again in 2009(Rev.3) according to ISIC Rev.4.0.

The current version is CSIC Rev.2, which contains 20 sections, 95 divisions, 396 groups and 913 classes. The coding method is basically the same as ISIC. The convertible linkages to ISIC Rev.3.0 have been set up at class level. The linkage will be made between CSIC Rev.3 and ISIC Rev.4.0 at class level.

The CSIC is widely used in various statistical surveys and government management.

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In China, the research on product classification started in 2004. The Division of Statistical Standards, Department of Statistical Design and Management, National Bureau of Statistics of China affords the main jobs and invites lots of experts from government departments and industry management associations to take part in.

The draft of Product Classification for Statistical Use contains 96 sections, 807 divisions, 2684 groups, 3250 classes and 27798 sub-classes (It will be released in May, 2009. And the grouping numbers for each level might be slightly different then.). For each product, there are 10 digits codes totally (5 levels, 2 digits for each level), and 4 digits measurement unit codes in addition. At section level, the name and code of the Product Classification consist with those in CSIC. According to CPC, the section named "Production Service and Repair on a Fee" has been added in the Product Classification. Now the linkages have been built up between China's Product Classification and CPC Rev.1.0 at sub-class level.

The Product Classification will be widely used in national statistics and product surveys in government departments.

Specific Issues Concerning ISIC and CPC

1. Will ISIC Rev.4.0 and CPC Rev.2.0 be released in Chinese version, and when ?
- 2 . Will the UNSD set the search and query tools on UN website of ISIC Rev.4.0 and CPC Rev. 2.0, and when?
3. Will more groupings according to special purposes be compiled for ISIC Rev.4.0, such as information industry, three sectors (or service industry), environment protection industry?
4. What is the difference between ISIC Rev.4.0 and ISIC Rev.3.1 in statistical units?
5. Which fields will the non-transportable service products in CPC Rev.2.0 be used in practice?
6. Will UNSD do some research on services classifications, such as services industry, production services, modern services, social services, household services?