

Classifications revisions relevant for Trade in Services Statistics

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Revision of classifications

- Necessary when reality is no longer properly reflected
- Change vs. continuity
- Links between classifications
 - Improve comparability of data
 - Differences in concepts

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Impact of changes

- New industry groupings
 - Will affect ICFA
- New product groupings
 - Recognition of different sets of services
- Review of methodology
 - Changes in scope and measurement of services

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Current processes

- ISIC
 - Target date 2007
 - Full structure draft in 2004
- CPC
 - Target date 2007
 - Full structure draft in 2005
- EBOPS
 - Target date 2008
 - Part of BOP review
 - Proposals by BOPTTEG exist

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Major proposed changes – ISIC

- Extended detail at top level
- Recognition of new industries
 - Information
 - Waste management and water supply
 - Professional services
 - Administrative and support services
- Affects other industries as well

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Major proposed changes – CPC

- Restructuring of individual sections
 - Environment related services
 - Health related services
 - Professional services
 - Support services
 - ICT services
- CPC detail should define EBOPS components
 - Target: 3-digit level

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Items for discussion – EBOPS

- Repair and maintenance
- Goods for processing
- Government services
- Product vs. transactor-based concepts
 - Travel
 - Services between affiliated enterprises

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Trade in services statistics

- Impact:
 - New / changed industry groupings in ICFA
 - Change of scope / definition of services components in EBOPS
 - ❖ Change of total scope of services

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