

Overview of current revision processes affecting the measurement of international trade in services (SNA, BPM5, ISIC, CPC, EBOPS)

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BPM5 and SNA

- ❖ Revision of the Fifth Edition of the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM5):
 - It is expected that the revised manual will be finalized by the end of 2008.

1. Major changes to the framework are not proposed.
 2. *An Annotated Outline (AO)* of the new manual has been released in April 2004
 3. Linked to update of the **System of National Accounts (SNA)** which is scheduled to be put forward to the Statistical Commission (SC) in March 2008
- Includes a review of the BOP classification and the Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS)

→ Information on Revision of BMP5

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sta/bop/iss.htm>

→ Information on Update of the 1993 SNA

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/snarev1.asp>

CPC and ISIC

- ❖ Next revision of
 - International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the
 - Central Product Classification (CPC) **in 2007**
- In accordance with the with the five yearly revision cycle agreed on by the SC, thereby keeping the classifications relevant
- In 2004 a draft version of ISIC Rev. 4 has been circulated world wide for comment.
- A revised draft proposal for CPC Vers. 2.0 has been circulated to countries in mid 2005.
- Of the three driving forces condition any revision, relevance, comparability and continuity, - comparability will be a very important factor for the 2007 revision.
- Information on Revision of ISIC and CPC
<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/registry/regrev.asp?Lg=1>

Specific aims of CPC revision

- ❖ To better reflect requirements of globalization, international trade and the changing organization of production and the products of the 'Information sector' or Information and Communications Technologies.
- ❖ Better link to EBOPS, where possible, at an intermediate level, i.e. by introducing additional detail or minor structural changes.

Problems:

1. Scope issues: Repairs and processing services are not services in EBOPS
2. Groupings in EBOPS a mix of product-based and transactor-based concept while CPC is strictly product based: Travel, Services between affiliated enterprises, Government services, n.i.e.
→ clean link not possible

Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services (MSITS)

❖ Updated MSITS by the end of 2008, for submission to the Statistical Commission in 2009.

1. Revision of EBOPS
2. Introduction of a conceptual framework for the measurement of the Movement of Persons and, in particular, of Mode 4
3. Other potential issues for the update of the Manual are currently discussed in the Interagency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (ITSITS)
4. Plans for compilation guidance.

→ Information on Update of the MSITS/ Meetings of the Task Force etc.

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/tradeserv/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc05/2005-6e.pdf>

- EBOPS/ BPM6 proposals -

- ❖ Repairs and Processing of Goods to be reclassified as services ?
- ❖ Re-arrangement of Communication services ?
 - Telecommunication to Computer services
 - Postal and courier services to Transportation
- ❖ Construction services – adoption of EBOPS treatment in BPM6 ?
- ❖ Inclusion of FISIM ?
- ❖ Alternative breakdown for travel ?

Additional questions raised for example on classification of variety of information products such as software licenses and Government services, n.i.e. (i.e. education and health)

(Several 'players' BOPCOM, SNA AEG, TFSITS, UN TSG on Classifications)

Note: Not all of EBOPS will become standard BPM items.