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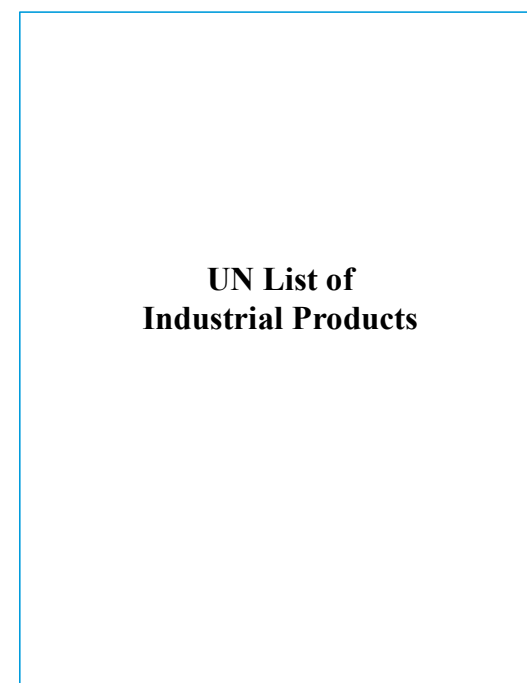
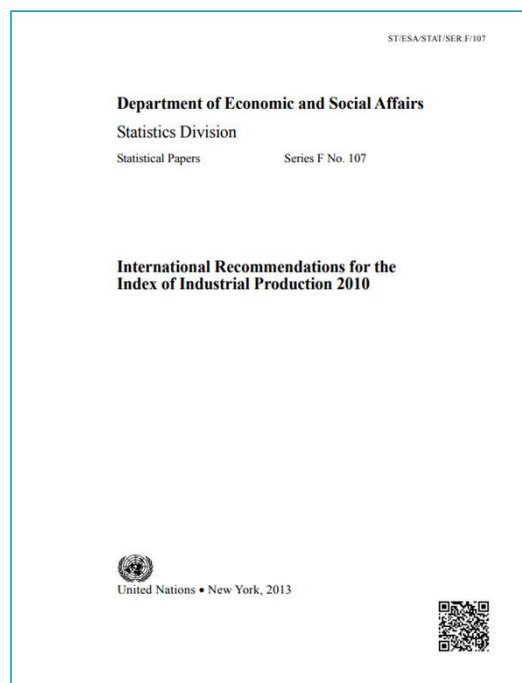
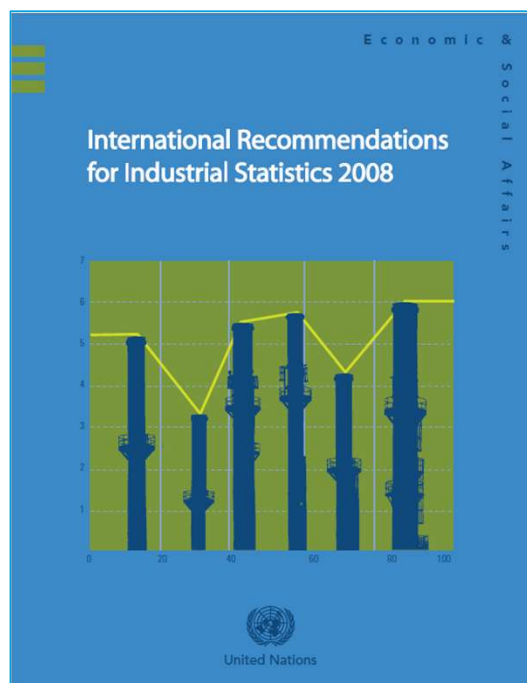
Way forward for the revision of the international guidelines on industrial statistics

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Why industrial statistics?

- » Major sector of economic activity, especially for low- and middle-income economies
 - » Renewed demand for industrial statistics
 - » SDG focus on inclusive and sustainable industrialization
 - » Post-pandemic evidence of the significance of industrial activity
 - » Return of industrial policy
 - » Key data for productivity, employment, innovation, digital and green transitions, and sustainability
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Current standards



The need for revised statistical guidelines

- » Existing standards are outdated:
 - » IRIS, 2008
 - » IRIIP, 2010
 - » LoIP, based on CPC 1.1
 - » Major changes to global statistical frameworks:
 - » SNA 2025
 - » Classifications: ISIC Rev. 5, CPC v3.0
 - » Other manuals
 - » Expanded areas of interest for industrial development: globalization, innovation, digitalization, sustainability, etc.
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Task Team on Industrial Statistics (TTIS)

- » Time-bound task team
 - » Mandate:
 - » Revise and update IRIS and IRIIP
 - » Reassess LoIP
 - » Harmonize and integrate with other macroeconomic and business statistics frameworks and other thematic areas
 - » Seek alignment with other committees of experts and working groups
 - » New task team needed because there is limited overlap with existing groups and there is a need for technical expertise
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Composition and coordination

- » Initiative under UNCEBTS
 - » Open to NSOs and international organizations
 - » Representatives from all regions of the world
 - » Two members will act as task team leaders and would become members of the UNCEBTS Bureau
 - » UNIDO and UNSD as co-Secretariat
 - » Direct collaboration with other committees of experts, task teams and expert groups
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Working modalities

- » Monthly online meetings
 - » Yearly in-person meetings, as needed
 - » Online collaboration tools
 - » Regular reporting to UNCEBTS (and the UN Statistical Commission)
 - » The Task Team may establish one or more focus groups (sub-teams) to cover specific thematic areas or issues, as required
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Scope of work

- » Revise IRIS, IRIIP, and LoIP
 - » Identify research topics and their prioritization; determine timelines for the revision
 - » Promote horizontal integration with major statistical frameworks, structural and short-term business statistics standards, guidelines for specialized thematic surveys, SDG indicators, and others; identify sub-teams as needed
 - » Liaise with other task teams and committees of experts
 - » Draft manual-style guidance notes and other documentation
 - » Conduct consultations
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Deliverables and timeline

- » Jul-Dec 2025: Preparatory work; scoping the research topics; identifying interested countries to be members of the Task Team
 - » Mar 2026: UN Statistical Commission approval of the revision process
 - » 2026-2027: Revision incl. finalization of guidance notes; drafting updated standards; global consultation
 - » Mar 2028: Endorsement by the UN Statistical Commission of the revised standards
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Research topics

- » Preliminary list of research topics prepared by UNIDO and UNSD
 - » Conceptual or methodological issues
 - » Data compilation
 - » Dissemination
 - » Topics can be specific to one of the standards (IRIS, IRIIP, LoIP) or applicable to more than one
 - » Final list of research topics to be scoped during preparatory phase and fine-tuned when task teams activities start
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Research topics

» Some examples:

- » Impact of changes introduced in SNA 2025, ISIC 5 and CPC 3
 - » Overlap with forthcoming UN Manual on Business Statistics
 - » R&D, innovation and intangibles
 - » Globalization and GVCs
 - » Global production arrangements, outsources and factoryless prod.
 - » Gender-and-industry, youth-and-industry and inclusive industry
 - » Informal and non-observed economy
 - » Performance indicators
 - » Use of administrative data and other data sources
 - » Respondent burden management
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Next steps

- » Confirm the establishment of the TTIS by the UNCEBTS Bureau
 - » Invite NSOs and selected international organizations to become members of the Task Team
 - » Develop initial list of research topics
 - » Establish communication channels
 - » (Fund raising)
 - » Prepare request for approval by the UN Statistical Commission in its 57th session (2026)
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