

Future activities for ISIC

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Implementation of ISIC Rev. 5

With the adoption of ISIC Rev. 5, it is important to develop a **work programme in support of its implementation**

Main tools to support ISIC implementation:

- Development of guidance materials (such as an implementation guide for ISIC), handbooks and other classifications tools (such as additional correspondences, alphabetical indexes, discussion forum; registry, classification hotline, and modern tools to facilitate the dissemination and use of classifications (e.g. APIs), etc.);
- organization of meetings, training seminars and workshops on classifications;
- technical cooperation in individual countries/groups of countries



Implementation of ISIC Rev. 5

Support the development of national and regional industry classifications or adaptations of ISIC, as well as the application of these classifications in statistical programmes such as the **implementation in statistical business registers**, and **economic censuses and economic surveys**, and **backcasting**

A timetable for the implementation programme should be identified including milestones

A monitoring system to assess the implementation of the revised classification (e.g. a survey of national classifications)



Discussion on the revision cycle

The discussion during this ISIC revision underlined the need for period reviews of the structure and definition of its categories and underlying principles

The timing of future revisions has to be predictable to allow planning and commitment of necessary resources for countries and discussions of desired changes in the classifications

Coordination with the revision cycle of other major derived and related industry classifications, such as NACE or NAICS, as well as national classifications is particularly important. In addition, the revision of ISIC should occur in conjunction with revisions of the Central Product Classification (CPC) given their strong linkages



Discussion on the revision cycle

It is suggested to study the feasibility of developing a regular revision cycle

Important to develop an infrastructure that allows ongoing discussion on timing of revisions, provide advise on current and emerging issues, and provides rulings and clarifications on the classification

The establishment of a standing task team dedicated to ISIC, that regularly reports to the UNCEISC, could be beneficial for the ongoing maintenance and updating of ISIC along with uptake of newer technological solutions



Elements of the research agenda for ISIC

Based on the discussion during the revision of ISIC, the following elements have emerged for the future research agenda:

- Separate identification of FGPs
- Separate identification of intermediation service activities and tools to distinguish between digital and non-digital intermediaries
- Address environmental activities
- Development of alternative aggregations
- Review of the coding system



Questions for the Committee

The United Nations Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications is invited to express its view on:

- i. The need to develop an implementation plan for the revised ISIC and what additional elements should be included in the implementation plan
- ii. The need and feasibility of establishing a regular revision cycle for ISIC
- iii. The need to establish a standing task team on ISIC in support of the implementation and maintenance of the classification.
- iv. The need for a research agenda for issues/topics/approaches for future revisions of ISIC