Revision of the Standard International Energy Products Classification (SIEC)

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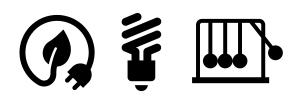
Introduction

- The UN Statistical Commission, in March 2022, endorsed the UNCEISC proposal to revise SIEC
- Central Product Classification (CPC) revision happening concurrently
- Improved harmonization between SIEC and CPC will facilitate the analysis of physical and monetary data
 - Physical energy accounts use SIEC while monetary accounts use CPC



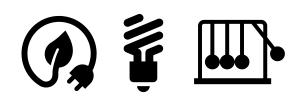
Purpose of SIEC

- To serve as a basis for developing/revising national energy product classifications
 - Improve compatibility with international standards
 - Improve cross-country comparability of energy data
- Multi-purpose classification: SIEC products and aggregates are suitable for:
 - Differing circumstances in different countries
 - Presenting and analyzing energy data in various policy/analysis contexts
- Periodic review and revision to reflect changes in energy production/consumption



Purpose of SIEC (continued)

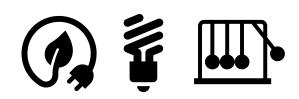
- Designed to support data collection, and:
 - Provide a uniform and hierarchical coding system
 - Ensure international comparability
 - Facilitate linking of data on energy product stocks/flows with data on international trade in energy products (and other statistics)
- Goal is to cover all products needed to provide a comprehensive view of the production, transformation and consumption of energy throughout an economy



Scope of SIEC

The **scope** of SIEC consists of

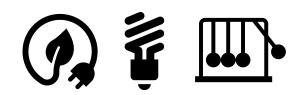
- a) Fuels produced/generated by an economic unit, including households, and used or might be used as sources of energy
- **b) Electricity** generated by an economic unit, including households, and heat generated and sold to third parties by an economic unit



Revision process

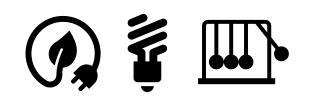
A Task Team (TT-SIEC) was established to revise SIEC

- Co-chairs
 - Vincent Russo, USA Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - Alejandra Reyes, Uruguay Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining
- Includes experts in classifications, energy statistics and balances, and energy accounts from countries and international/regional organizations
- UNSD serves as Secretariat



Revision process tasks in consultation with InterEnerStat and UNCEEA

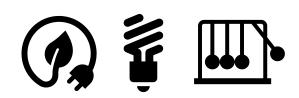
- 1. *Develop initial list of issues, carry out broad consultation and finalize the list
- 2. Work through the list of issues and provide feedback to the revision of CPC
- 3. Prepare a revised structure of SIEC
- 4. Conduct a global consultation on the draft revised structure
- 5. Analyze feedback and finalize the revision
- 6. Submit to the UNCEISC for endorsement prior to the submission to the UNSC
- 7. Develop relevant correspondences



1. Develop initial list of issues, carry out broad consultation and finalize the list

Based on discussions during the Oslo Group and InterEnerStat meetings, as well as specialized focus groups within organizations such as the Eurostat Energy Statistics Working Group, and the IEA Energy Statistics Development Group

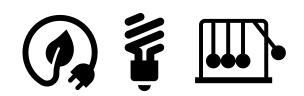
Additional issues gathered from short country survey run by UNSD in early 2022 with the help of the African Energy Commission (AFREC), the Asia-Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC), Eurostat, IEA and the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)



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List of issues organized into three main types:

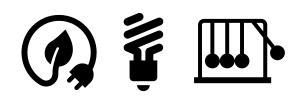
- a) Treatment of relevant products, including new products
- b) Harmonization with CPC
- c) Review of SIEC structure and scope



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Treatment of energy-related products

- Hydrogen and ammonia
- Electric batteries and battery storage
- Electric vehicles
- Cooling as an energy product
- Disaggregation of electricity and heat by source
- Breakdown of renewables and wastes



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Potential changes to CPC

An initial assessment identified potential changes to CPC based on current SIEC structure

Topics under review are currently organized by

- Areas where SIEC has a more detailed breakdown than CPC
- Areas where the scope of the categories do not fully match
- Potential improvements in the structure of SIEC



Proposed timeline

Milestones

End of 2022 Finalize list of issues

March 2023 Submit Terms of Reference to UNSC for approval

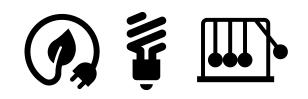
2023-2024 Resolve issues and prepare the revised SIEC structure

End of 2024 Conduct global consultation on draft revised structure

March 2025 Submit revised SIEC to the UNSC for adoption in March 2025

2025 Develop relevant correspondences

Throughout the process there will be close consultation with InterEnerStat and UNCEEA



Questions for the Committee

The UN Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications is invited to:

- 1. Express its views on the proposed revision process, timeline and terms of reference of the TT-SIEC
- 2. Endorse the terms of reference of the TT-SIEC for submission to the UNSC at its 54th Session in 2023 for final approval



Revision of the SIEC

Thank You!

Questions/comments?

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