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# **Update on the Finalization of ISIC, Rev. 5**

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## Current Status of ISIC, Rev. 5

Below is a summary on the current status of ISIC, Rev. 5 by its various components:

- **Introduction:** endorsed by UNSC. Will go through the UN editing process
- **Official structure (down to four-digit class level):** finalized and endorsed by UNSC
- **Explanatory notes:** endorsed by UNSC. Will go through the UN editing process
- **Alternative structures:** work in progress
- **ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 correspondence table:** recently released (focus of this presentation)

## ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 Correspondence Table

- Developed in the period of March to October 2024
- Coordinated by Mr. Franklin Assoumou Ndong (Statistics Canada, Chair of the Task Team on ISIC)
- Included contributions from Ms. Fay Dorsett (US Census Bureau), Mr. Claude Macchi and Mr. Matthias Flohr (Eurostat), and UNSD
- Available on UNSD website at:  
[https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Meetings/UNCEISC2024\\_2nd/Session\\_6\\_Bk\\_1\\_ISIC4-5\\_Correspondence\\_Table.xlsx](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Meetings/UNCEISC2024_2nd/Session_6_Bk_1_ISIC4-5_Correspondence_Table.xlsx)

## **Format of the ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 Correspondence Table**

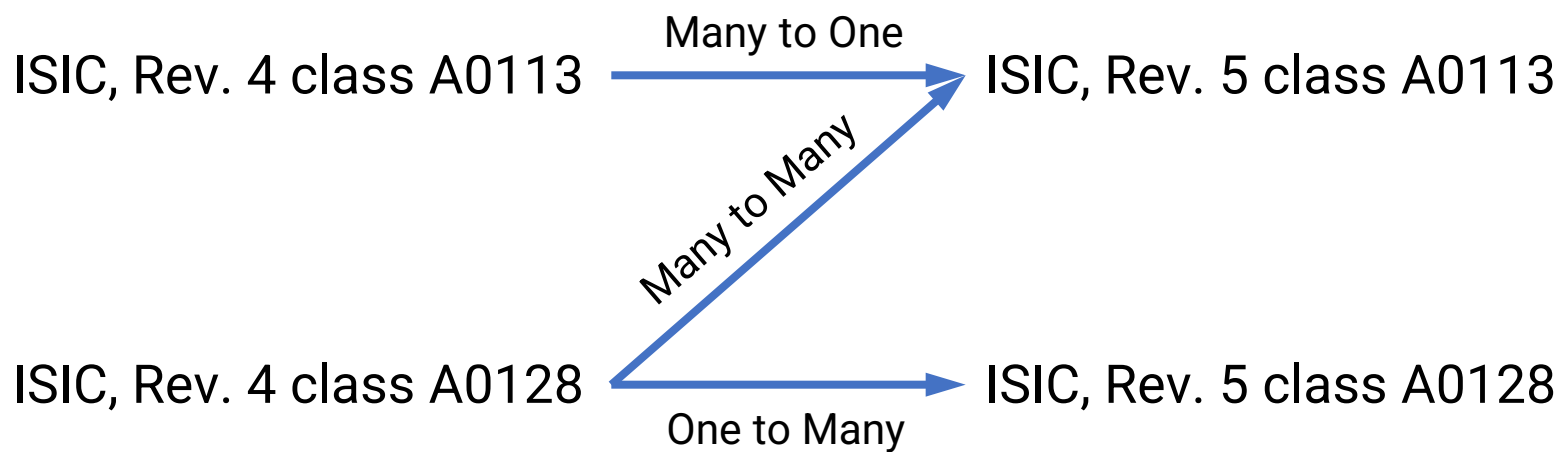
- Bi-directional: from ISIC, Rev. 4 to ISIC, Rev. 5 and vice versa
- Includes correspondences only at the lowest level (four-digit classes)
- All four-digit classes in ISIC, Rev. 4 are mapped to ISIC, Rev. 5 and vice versa
- Codes are shown in two formats: with section letter (“A0111”), and without (“0111”)
- Changes are described in terms of GSIM

## Types of Relationship in the Correspondence Table

Type of Relationship	Number of Entries	Examples
One to One	288	ISIC, Rev. 4 class A0111 – ISIC, Rev. 5 class A0111 (no change in scope)
Many to One	122	ISIC, Rev. 4 classes A0113 and A0128 (partial) – ISIC, Rev. 5 class A0113 *
One to Many	16	ISIC, Rev. 4 class A0128 – ISIC, Rev. 5 classes 0113 (partial) and A0128 *
Many to Many	177	ISIC, Rev. 4 class A0128 (partial) – ISIC, Rev. 5 class A0113 (partial) *
<b>Total</b>	<b>603</b>	

\* See subsequent slide for detailed explanation

## Detailed Explanation on the Examples



This particular change is defined in GSIM as RC5 - Transfer, and described as follows:

Class 0128 continues to exist while parts of its activities (growing of chillies and peppers) are moved to the existing class 0113.

# Correspondences Concerning Intermediation Services

- The correspondence table only includes entries presenting the most common cases of intermediation services.
- Users are strongly encouraged to check the explanatory notes of relevant categories in both ISIC, Rev. 4 and ISIC, Rev. 5 for an accurate description of the activities that are included in any given class.

## Activities Involving Products That Are Downloadable from Internet

- Activities previously included in ISIC, Rev. 4 class 4791 (Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet) that involve the retail sale of Internet-downloadable products are no longer considered as retail sale activities in ISIC, Rev. 5
- Instead, these activities are treated as part of the “other content distribution activities”, as included in ISIC, Rev. 5 class 6039 (Social network sites and other content distribution activities)



## Resources on ISIC, Rev. 5:

- ISIC, Rev. 5 introduction, official structure, and explanatory notes are available on UNSD website at: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ>
- ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 correspondence table will be posted at the above link soon

## **The Committee is invited to:**

- Review the ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 correspondence table
- Share comments and suggestions on the way forward with ISIC, Rev. 5
- Continue to express their interest in joining the STT-ISIC-CPC as the designated successor to TT-ISIC on matters related to ISIC

# Thank you!

Further questions and comments on ISIC, Rev. 4 – ISIC, Rev. 5 correspondence table can be directed via email to UNSD classifications hotline at [chl@un.org](mailto:chl@un.org)