

**UN Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications**  
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## Request to extend the revision of the Standard International Energy Products Classification (SIEC)

### Introduction

1. This note presents an update on the revision process of the Standard International Energy Products Classification (SIEC).
2. The revision of SIEC was mandated by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) during its 53rd session in March 2022. A Task Team on the Revision of SIEC (TT-SIEC) was created by the UNCEISC, to improve harmonization between SIEC and the Central Product Classification (CPC), and to revise the SIEC classification.
3. The TT-SIEC has been working through a list of issues identified through a global consultation which took place in 2023, involving experts from energy statistics, environmental economic accounts, national accounts and classification communities.

### Issues

4. All issues have now gone through at least an initial task team discussion. A number of proposals for changes in SIEC were agreed by the task team. However, the following issues still exist and require further discussion and resolution:
  - a) Further determination of the scope and purpose of SIEC
  - b) Finalization of CPC V3.0 explanatory notes and introduction affecting SIEC and CPC alignment
  - c) How the concepts of renewable/non-renewable and primary/secondary energy sources are treated in the SIEC structure and guidance
  - d) Further discussion on Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9 (refer to background Word document)
  - e) Capacity and resourcing issues for the UNSD Business Statistics Section.
5. Thus the task team has concluded that the initial timeline, to submit the revision to the UNSC at its 56<sup>th</sup> Session in 2025, is not feasible, and more time is required to finalize the revision. It is therefore proposed that the UNCEISC approve an extension of one-year to the Terms of Reference for the TT-SIEC to complete its work to enable the revised SIEC to be finalized and submitted to the UN Statistical Commission at its 57<sup>th</sup> session, in 2026, instead of the 56<sup>th</sup> session, in 2025, as originally planned. This extension will allow for a full consideration

of outstanding issues, the impact of the CPC revision and improved coordination with the SIEC process.

### Next steps for the finalization of the revised SIEC

6. The TT-SIEC discussed the next steps for the finalization of the revised SIEC and is proposing the following timeline:
  - By March 2025: resolve all outstanding issues through additional task team and focus group meetings, and finalize the full SIEC structure
  - By April 2025: conduct a global consultation on the revised final structure of SIEC
  - By October 2025: seek approval of the UNCEISC upon review of the outcome of the global consultation and recommendation of the Bureau
  - March 2026: submit the revised SIEC structure to the UNSC for endorsement

### Questions for the Committee

7. The UN Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications is invited to:
  - a. Approve the proposal to extend the ToR of the TT-SIEC for one-year;
  - b. Express its views on the process and planned activities for the finalization of SIEC; and
  - c. Provide a provisional endorsement of the timeline for the finalization of SIEC and submission of the draft structure of the revised SIEC to the UNSC as outlined in this note.