

Technical Note on the ISIC, Rev. 4 – Rev. 5 Correspondence Table

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1. The correspondence table between ISIC, Rev. 4 and Rev. 5 was developed in the period of March to October 2024, following the endorsement of the ISIC, Rev. 5 explanatory notes by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 55th Session on 27 February – 1 March 2024.
2. The correspondence table is shown at the lowest level of ISIC, namely four-digit class level. The ISIC Rev. 4 and Rev. 5 codes in the correspondence table are listed in two formats: 1) the four-digit numerical class code with the preceding section letter e.g. “A0111”; and 2) four-digit numerical class code only, e.g. “0111”. Also included in each entry are the titles, type of change as described in the Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), and a description on the changed content, where applicable. Each and every class in ISIC Rev. 4 was mapped to one or more classes in ISIC Rev. 5, and vice versa, including the classes that had not undergone any change. All possible types of change in GSIM are included in a separate spreadsheet for reference.
3. The development of this correspondence table was coordinated by Mr. Franklin Assoumou Ndong (Statistics Canada, Chair of the Task Team on ISIC). Mr. Claude Macchi and Mr. Matthias Flohr (Eurostat) provided feedback in a continuing effort to align ISIC, Rev. 5 with NACE Rev. 2.1. Ms. Fay Dorsett (US Census Bureau) provided valuable comments, particularly on entries concerning ISIC, Rev. 5 sections J and K. UNSD provided secretarial support in the development process.
4. Further questions and comments on this correspondence table can be directed via email to UNSD classifications hotline at chl@un.org