

U.S. Working Methods on Economic Classifications

National Perspective within the Trilateral Context

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Presentation Overview

- **Governance** of classifications in the U.S.
- Working methods: **Internal Network** (intragovernmental)
- Working methods: **External Network** (public consultation)
- Development and implementation, integration



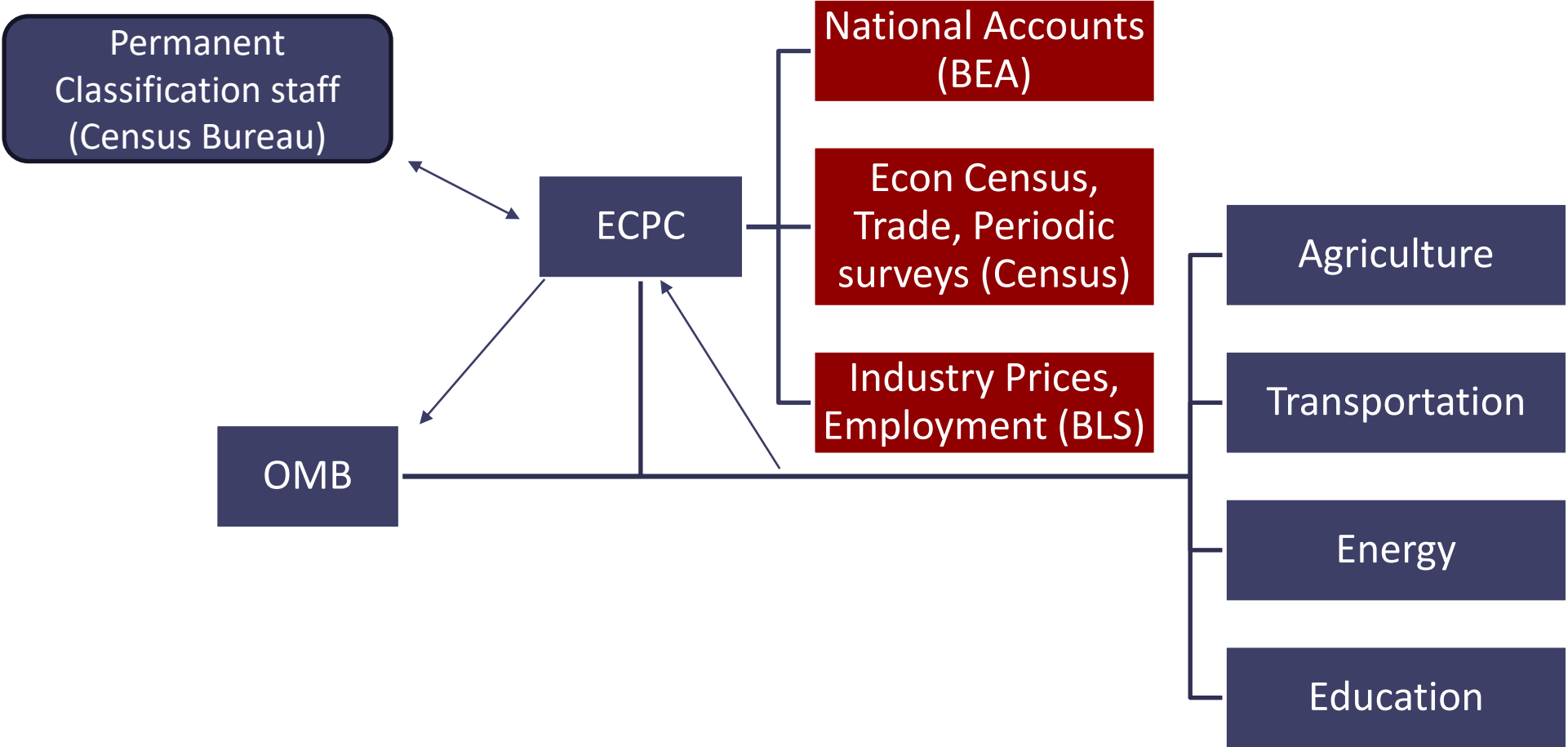
Working Methods in U.S. System: Governance

- Decentralized statistical system—no single ‘National Statistical Office’
- Federal statistical system includes:
 - ▶ 13 principal statistical agencies
 - ▶ Over 100 Federal programs in statistical activities
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) coordinates the US statistical system, establishes statistical policy and standards
- Economic Classification Policy Committee (ECPC) advises OMB on activity and product classifications (i.e., NAICS and NAPCS)
- OMB: final authority on classifications for official statistics

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Working Methods in U.S. System: Internal Network



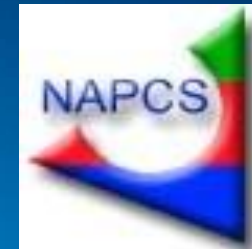
Working Methods in U.S.: External Network

- OMB conducts public consultation
 - ▶ Federal Register Notice
- Two comment periods prior to release of 2027 NAICS revision
 - ▶ December 2024: Solicitation of Proposals
 - ▶ October 2025: Notice of ECPC recommendations
 - ▶ Consultation periods are time-limited, e.g., 60 days
- Consultation includes invitations to dozens of industry and trade associations
- Statistical agencies also advertise notices through their channels
- Classification staff monitor correspondence continually, maintain list of issues for revision, “research agenda”

U.S. Development and Implementation

- U.S. Census Bureau maintains permanent, full-time classification staff that handles development and implementation
- U.S. NAICS is fixed, no update between revisions every 5 years
 - ▶ Ensures consistent basis for statistics sharing same reference period
- Emphasis on data integration through classification
 - ▶ Regionally: comparability with Canada and Mexico
 - ▶ US: For industry and product data across statistical measures, business registers
- Example: Mfg and Int'l Trade Report, presents annual trade data on NAPCS basis. Using HS/NAPCS correspondence.

Thank You



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