# Development and use of product classifications – New Zealand

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### Background

- New Zealand has not directly used the Central Product Classification (CPC) as a basis for statistical data about products
- New Zealand during the 1990's collaborated with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to develop joint product classifications
  - Australian and New Zealand Standard Commodity Classification (ANZSCC) 1996 based off the Provisional CPC 1991
  - Australian and New Zealand Standard Product Classification (ANZSPC) 2001 based off CPC V1.0
- Both ANZSCC and ANZSPC were intended as a standard framework for classifying business's outputs in official statistics.
- Intended to use a common classification in all statistical collections and that product statistics would be comparable across surveys and between the two countries.

## Australian and New Zealand Standard Commodity Classification - ANZSCC 1996

Developed for use in Australia and New Zealand for the collection and presentation of commodity statistics

ANZSCC Structure		ANZSCC Sections	
Sections	10	0	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Products
Division	69	1	Ores and Minerals; Electricity, Gas and Water
Group	290	2	Food Products, Beverages and Tobacco; Textiles, Apparel and Leather Products
Class	1525	3	Other Transportable Goods, Except Metal Products, Machinery and Equipment
Sub Class	2092	4	Metal Product, Machinery and Equipment
	1339	5	Construction Work and Constructions; Land
Item	1337	6	Trade Services; Hotel and Restaurant Services
		7	Transport, Storage and Communication Services
		8	Business Services; Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing Services
		9	Community, Social and Personal Services

#### Structural View of ANZSCC 1996







#### **ANZSCC - Issues**

- Difficult to get buy-in to its use in the New Zealand context
- Was overly complex with six levels and a nine-digit code length
- Heavily driven by existing Australian needs and practices
- Challenges presented with the categories particularly in relation to horticulture, livestock and mineral products not used in New Zealand
- There was no clear maintenance strategy created and was more for the statistical agencies rather than the wider data system
- Limited, if any, external stakeholder engagement
- Much of the original content related to specifics for Australian states and territories and these were removed
- Replaced by the Australian and New Zealand Standard Product Classification in 2006

### Australian and New Zealand Standard Product Classification - ANZSPC 2006

- Developed for use in Australia and New Zealand for the collection and presentation of statistics related to products
- Products are assigned to a product code according to their predominant physical characteristics while services are grouped according to the nature of the service

ANZSPC Structure			
Sections	10		
Division	73		
Group	304		
Class	574		
Sub Class	751		
Item	1909		
Subitem	2479		
Product	2724		
NZ Product	2724		

	ANZSPC Sections
0	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Products
1	Ores and Minerals; Electricity, Gas and Water
2	Food Products, Beverages and Tobacco; Textiles, Apparel and Leather Products
3	Other Transportable Goods, Except Metal Products, Machinery and Equipment
4	Metal Product, Machinery and Equipment
5	Intangible Assts; Landl; Constructions; Construction Services
6	Distributive Trade Services; Lodging; Food and Beverage Serving Services; Transport Services; and Utilities Distribution Services
7	Financial and Related Services; Real Estate Services; and Rental and Leasing Services
8	Business and Production Services
9	Community, Social and Personal Services

#### Structural View of ANZSPC 1996







#### ANZSPC - Australia and New Zealand Differences

- Was developed to harmonise Australian and New Zealand classifications as far as possible while allowing some scope to meet different needs at the lowest level.
- Ended up with two classifications harmonised to level 7 but deviating at levels 8 and 9 for national requirements
- ANZSPC New Zealand had one more level than ANZSPC Australia to allow the lowest level of ANZSPC Australia products to be split into more specifically useful New Zealand products and new products to be added
- ▶ ANZSPC New Zealand had included some rationalisation by ensuring that each product in the classification was represented at the most detailed level of the classification.
- ANZSPC Australia products were not represented at the most detailed levels if they do not need to be split into more detailed categories at the lower levels of the classification.

#### **ANZSPC** - Issues

- Difficult to get buy-in to its use in the New Zealand context
- Was overly complex with nine levels and a thirteen-digit code length
- ▶ ANZSPC aligns with CPC Version 1.0 categories at the Group (3 digit) level.
- Australia and New Zealand have agreed that each national statistical agency can create items below the Subclass level to meet national statistical requirements.
- The classification differs between the two countries in three major areas: fish, construction and research and development (R&D).
  - (a) fish are described to the species level, and the commercial fish species generally differ at this level between the two countries;
  - (b) the construction categories reflect the building types collected by local government in both countries in their consents-issuing process, and these differ between the two countries;
  - (c) the R&D products collected in Australia are more closely aligned with the Central Product Classification Version 1.0 (CPC V1.0) and are oriented towards scientific discipline. In New Zealand R&D categories are aligned with the Science Outputs which are the basis of funding by central government's Public Good Science Fund (PGSF) and are oriented towards the purpose of the research
- ▶ This difference in approach makes comparison between the two countries respective classifications difficult
- ANZSPC was decommissioned as a joint standard classification in both countries in 2009

#### **New Zealand Situation**

- New Zealand does not have a standard product classification
- Stats NZ has a National Accounts Commodity Classification (NACC06) based off ANZSIC06 which is the primary classification for products
- NACC06 is a flat classification of 305 commodities/products
- Stats NZ also uses the New Zealand Harmonised System Classification (NZHSC) based off the international standard and the New Zealand Customs Tariff
- NZHSC is a four level hierarchic classification with 98 Chapters 2 digit, 1235 Headings 4-digit, 5619 Sub-Headings 6-digit, and 16428 Stats Keys 10 digit
- Correspondences map the classifications to CPC V2.0 for international reporting and comparability needs

### NA06 Commodity Classification

- Concorded with CPC V2.0 which acts as a reference classification
- Fits with the ANZSIC06 structure so that supply-use tables can be generated
- Accurately reflects the range of predominant products and services produced and purchased by ANZSIC06 industries
- Aligned with the ANZSIC06 classification so the characteristic output of every industry is represented by a commodity or commodities
- Has a structure that will allow for new products/codes to be added in the future whilst maintaining comparability with CPC

#### **Future Direction**

- Significant consultation needed on whether a standard product classification is actually needed for the New Zealand data system
- Need to map the existing NA06CC classification to CPC V3.0 to identify gaps, and coverage issues for the New Zealand context
- Identify and converse with data users over their needs and the best way forward
- Determine alignment with SNA 2025 and any new industry classification implementation
- Outline pros and cons of adopting, adapting or mapping CPC V3.0 to the New Zealand context
- Seek resourcing and funding to enable any work

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