

9.2 Introduction to the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP)

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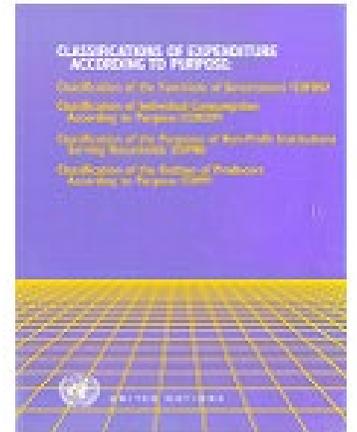
Introduction to COICOP

Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose

Part of the set of **Classifications of Expenditure According to Purpose**, which also includes:

- Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG)
- Classification of the Purposes of Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households (COPNI)
- Classification of the Outlays of Producers by Purpose (COPP)

Approved by the UN Statistical Commission in 1999 ([E/CN.3/1999/29](#))

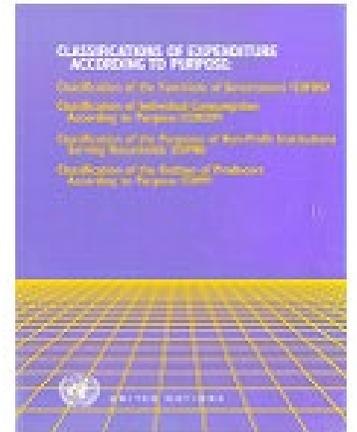


Introduction to COICOP

Objective

Provide an international reference framework for grouping household consumption expenditures on goods and services within homogeneous categories. The categories are based on the particular purpose that those goods and services are considered to fulfil

- Part of the International Family of Classifications (IFC) and one of the Classifications of Expenditure According to Purpose, along with COFOG
- Integral part of the System of National Accounts (SNA), also used in other statistical areas: household budget surveys and analyses of living standards, consumer price indices, etc.



COICOP 2018 Revision

In March 2018, at its 49th session, the [Statistical Commission](#) endorsed the revised Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP 2018) and recommended that countries use the classification as a statistical standard

- Revised COICOP was published on UNSD website as a ‘white-cover’ version
- This document subsequently underwent an official editing process led by Eurostat, UNSD and a consultant, resulting in the updated, pre-copy-edited publication
- Final version of COICOP 2018 publication will be provided following copy editing



Major Changes

COICOP 1999	COICOP 2018
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages
02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics
03 Clothing and footwear	03 Clothing and footwear
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance
06 Health	06 Health
07 Transport	07 Transport
08 Communication	08 Information and communication
09 Recreation and culture	09 Recreation, sport and culture
10 Education	10 Education services
11 Restaurants and hotels	11 Restaurants and accommodation services
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	12 Insurance and financial services
	13 Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services
13 Individual consumption expenditure of Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households	14 Individual consumption expenditure of Non-profit Institutions Serving Households
14 Individual consumption expenditure of general government	15 Individual consumption expenditure of general government



Major Changes

Introduction of Subclass at 4th level (5 digits)

- Most countries were collecting data at more detailed level & were in favor during consultation
- ECOICOP and other regional classifications already using 5 digits
- Easier correspondence with CPC & facilitates separation of goods & services

Level	COICOP 1999	COICOP 2018
Division	14	15
Group	58	63
Class	157	186
Subclass	-	338
(Optional) Food products	-	269



Major Changes

Improved correspondence between COICOP and other classifications

- COICOP 2018 and CPC Ver. 2.1 (i.e. with fruits and vegetables)
- Division 06 'Health' and the International Classification for Health Accounts
- Division 10 'Education Services' and the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 2011)

Extended revision of COICOP 1999 Divisions

- Division 08 'Communication'
- Division 09 'Recreation, Sport and Culture'
- Division 10 'Education Services'

Split of COICOP 1999 Division 12 'Miscellaneous goods & services' into COICOP 2018:

- Division 12 'Insurance and financial services'
- Division 13 'Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods & services'



Major Changes

Division 08 example

COICOP 1999	
08	Communication
08.1	Postal services
08.1.0	Postal services (S)
08.2	Telephone and telefax equipment
08.2.0	Telephone and telefax equipment (D)
08.3	Telephone and telefax services
08.3.0	Telephone and telefax services (S)
09	Recreation and culture
...	...
09.1.1	Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (D)
09.1.3	Information processing equipment (D)
09.1.4	Recording media (SD)



COICOP 2018	
08	Information and communication
08.1	Information and communication equipment
08.1.1	Fixed telephone equipment (D)
08.1.2	Mobile telephone equipment (D)
08.1.3	Information processing equipment (D)
08.1.3.1	Computers, laptops and tablets (D)
08.1.3.2	Peripheral equipment and its consumable components (D)
08.1.4	Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and vision (D)
08.1.5	Unrecorded recording media (SD)
...	...
08.2	Software, excluding games
08.3	Information and communication services
08.3.1	Fixed communication services (S)
08.3.2	Mobile communication services (S)
08.3.3	Internet access provision services and online storage services (S)
...	...
08.3.9.2	Subscriptions to audiovisual streaming services and rental of audiovisual content (S)

Major Changes

Optional Detailed Structure for Food Products

Example detailed structure for 01.1.1.1 Cereals

COICOP 2018 – Main Structure	
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages
01.1	Food
01.1.1	Cereals and cereal products (ND)
01.1.1.1	Cereals (ND)

Optional Detailed Structure for Food Products

01.1.1.1.1 Wheat

01.1.1.1.2 Rice

01.1.1.1.3 Sorghum

01.1.1.1.4 Barley

01.1.1.1.5 Millet

01.1.1.1.6 Maize (corn)

01.1.1.1.7 Quinoa

01.1.1.1.8 Teff

01.1.1.1.9 Other cereals



Major Changes

- COICOP 2018 distinguishes between goods and services wherever possible; and new classes and subclasses for services such as repair, maintenance, installation and rental of products have been created systematically



However, in specific contexts expenditures on services and expenditures on goods cannot be separately identified (cf. division 11 'Restaurants and accommodation services')

- For analytical purposes, the distinction among products on the basis of whether they are durable (D), semi-durable (SD) or non-durable goods (ND) or services (S) is retained



Caselaw Examples

Amazon Prime and other multipurpose memberships?

Identify the primary service provided



- Memberships where delivery is the primary service → 07.4.9.2 Delivery of goods
- Memberships that grant access to retailers, i.e. Costco → 13.9.0.9 Other services n.e.c.

Walkie-talkies and other children's versions of products?

Identify the primary purpose



- Adult → 08.1.4.0 Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and vision
- Child → 09.2.1.2 Other games, toys and hobby-related articles



Correspondence Tables

COICOP 2018-COICOP 1999 (& ECOICOP-COICOP 2018) correspondence tables have been finalized

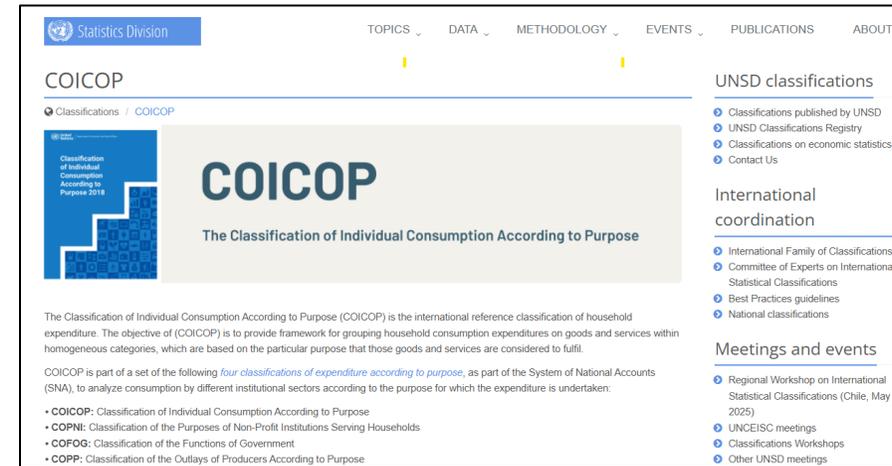
COICOP 2018 Cod	COICOP 2018 Title	COICOP 1999 Cod	COICOP 1999 Title	Note/common content
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-	-	
01.1	Food	01.1	Food	
01.1.1	Cereals and cereal products (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.1	Cereals (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.2	Flour of cereals (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.3	Bread and bakery products (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.4	Breakfast cereals (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.5	Macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar pasta products (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.1.9	Other milled cereal and grain products (ND)	01.1.1	Bread and cereals (ND)	
01.1.2	Live animals, and meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	
01.1.2.1	Live land animals (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	
01.1.2.1	Live land animals (ND)	01.1.3	Fish and seafood (ND)	common content: -live snails and frogs
01.1.2.2	Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	
01.1.2.2	Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen (ND)	01.1.3	Fish and seafood (ND)	common content: -fresh or chilled land snails and frogs
01.1.2.3	Meat, dried, salted, in brine or smoked (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	
01.1.2.4	Offal, blood and other parts of slaughtered animals, fresh, chilled or frozen, dried, salted, in brine or smoked (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	
01.1.2.5	Preparations of meat, offal, blood and other parts of slaughtered animals (ND)	01.1.2	Meat (ND)	



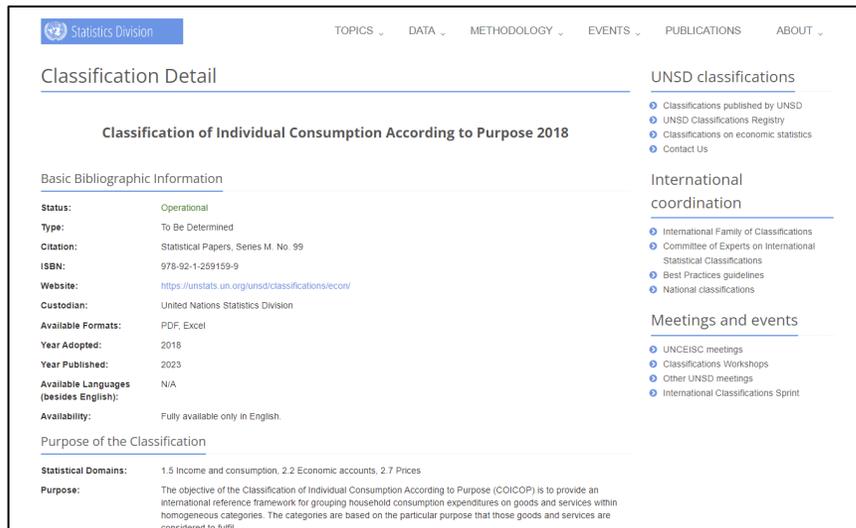
Dissemination

UNSD COICOP Home Page

- Publication
- Final structure &
- COICOP 2018 – 1999 correspondence table
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/coicop>



The screenshot shows the UNSD COICOP Home Page. The header includes the Statistics Division logo and navigation menus for TOPICS, DATA, METHODOLOGY, EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, and ABOUT. The main content area features a large banner for COICOP with the subtitle 'The Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose'. Below the banner, there is a detailed description of COICOP and a list of related classifications. On the right side, there are three sections: 'UNSD classifications', 'International coordination', and 'Meetings and events', each with a list of links.



The screenshot shows the UNSD COICOP Classification Detail Page. The header includes the Statistics Division logo and navigation menus for TOPICS, DATA, METHODOLOGY, EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, and ABOUT. The main content area features a large banner for 'Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose 2018'. Below the banner, there is a 'Basic Bibliographic Information' section with fields for Status, Type, Citation, ISBN, Website, Custodian, Available Formats, Year Adopted, Year Published, Available Languages, and Availability. There is also a 'Purpose of the Classification' section with 'Statistical Domains' and 'Purpose'. On the right side, there are three sections: 'UNSD classifications', 'International coordination', and 'Meetings and events', each with a list of links.

International Family of Classifications

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Family/Detail/2094>



Next Steps

- Copy editing and physical publication of COICOP 2018
- Assessment in Task Team on Revision of COFOG on whether another revision of COICOP 2018 (as well as a revision of the 1999 versions of COPNI and COPP) are needed



Thank you!