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New classifications
ISIC Rev.4 Main changes

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Since its creation in 1948, ISIC had two goals:
- Provide a tool for international comparison
- Provide guidance to countries for a national activity classification structure

ISIC periodically updated to keep it relevant with economic developments.
- Side effect: Increasing need for detailed data has lead to more detailed versions of ISIC
Objectives of the ISIC revision

- **Relevance**
  - Reflect new industries, new production pattern, new needs for economic analysis

- **Comparability**
  - Improve linkages to major regional classifications

- **Continuity**
  - Maintain close links to the previous version of ISIC

- **Main task**: balancing these three objectives
ISIC structure changes

- Increase in top-level categories
- Increase in overall detail
- New concepts (information, professional services, support services)
- New application rules (vertical integration, top-down method, outsourcing)
High-level concordance

ISIC Rev.3.1

A Agriculture, hunting and forestry
B Fishing
C Mining and quarrying
D Manufacturing
E Electricity, gas and water supply
F Construction
G Wholesale and retail trade; ...
H Hotels and restaurants
I Transport, storage and communications
J Financial intermediation
K Real estate, renting and business ...
L Public administration ...
M Education
N Health and social work
O Other community, social, personal ...
P Activities of private households
Q Extraterritorial organizations and bodies

ISIC Rev.4

A Agriculture, forestry and fishing
B Mining and quarrying
C Manufacturing
D Electricity, gas, steam ...
E Water supply; sewerage, waste ...
F Construction
G Wholesale and retail trade; ...
H Transportation and storage
I Accommodation and food service activities
J Information and communication
K Financial and insurance activities
L Real estate activities
M Professional, scientific and technical activities
N Administrative and support service activities
O Public administration ...
P Education
Q Human health and social work activities
R Arts, entertainment and recreation
S Other service activities
T Activities of households ...
U Activities of extraterritorial organizations ...
Increased detail of ISIC Rev.4

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Major tasks and challenges:

- Defining a new classification and associated tools
- Reclassification of all units on the business register according to the revised classification
- Maintaining two classifications for an interim period
- Sampling and weighting under the new classification
Implementation of ISIC Rev.4

- Major tasks and challenges:
  - Simultaneous estimation and results assessment under both new and old classification
  - Construction of industry weights for short term statistics
  - Construction of back series in terms of the revised classification
  - Handling of the national accounts move to the revised classification
ISIC structure changes

- **A  Agriculture, forestry and fishing**
  - Detail!
  - Support activities

- **B  Mining and quarrying**
  - Peat, uranium
  - Support activities

- **C  Manufacturing**
  - Change in scope (publishing, recycling)
  - Electric/electronic products
  - Additional detail in few areas
  - Repair and installation
ISIC structure changes

- D  Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
  - Change in scope (water)
- E  Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
  - Detail (moved from ISIC 3 sections D, E, O)
- F  Construction
  - Slight increase in detail, regrouped; terminology
- G  Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
  - Detail; repair
ISIC structure changes

- H Transportation and storage
  - Change in scope (telecommunications)
- I Accommodation and food service activities
  - Detail; catering
- J Information and communication
  - New section!
- K Financial and insurance activities
  - Trusts and funds
ISIC structure changes

- L  Real estate activities
- M  Professional, scientific and technical activities
- N  Administrative and support service activities

- L,M,N = breakup of old “Business services”

- O  Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
ISIC structure changes

- **P** Education
  - Change in scope (support services)
- **Q** Human health and social work activities
  - Change in scope (veterinary services)
  - Detail
- **R** Arts, entertainment and recreation
- **S** Other service activities
  - Repair
- **T** Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
- **U** Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies
Thank You