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Strengthening statistical capacity-building in support of progress
towards the Internationally Agreed Developments Goals in the
Southern African Development Community region

New classifications



ISIC Rev.4 Main changes

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Introduction

- 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

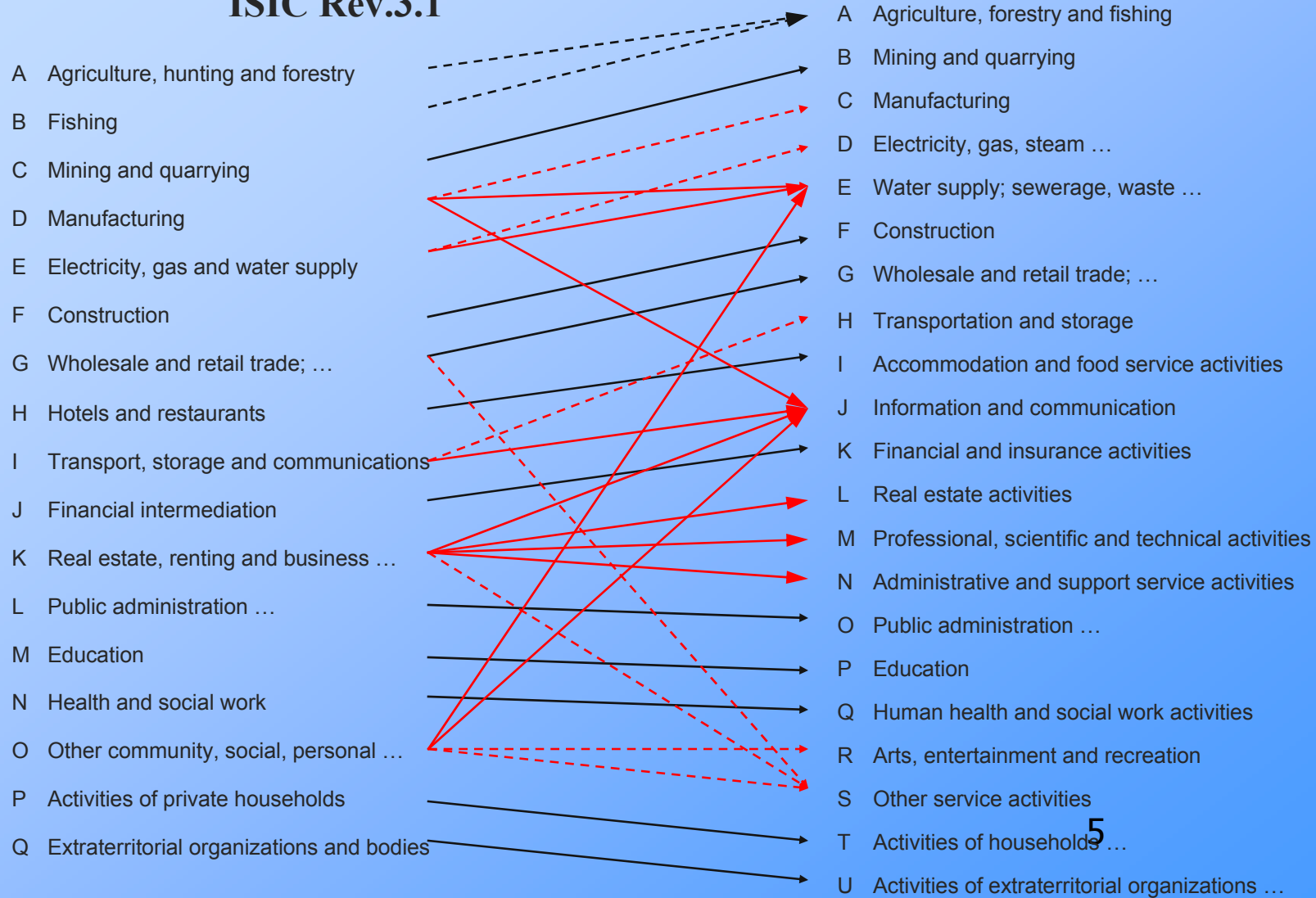
- Increase in top-level categories
- Increase in overall detail
- New concepts (information, professional services, support services)
- New application rules (vertical integration, top-down method, outsourcing)



High-level concordance

ISIC Rev.4

ISIC Rev.3.1





Increased detail of ISIC Rev.4

	ISIC Rev.3	ISIC Rev.4
Sections	17	21
Divisions	60	88
Groups	159	238
Classes	292	419



Implementation of ISIC Rev.4

- 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



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