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## Classification by Broad Economic Categories Rev.5

Defined in terms of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (2012) and the Central Product Classification, 2.1

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- 5. After being defined in terms of the basic headings of the SITC, the original BEC was issued in 1971. Although its overall structure and coverage has remained unchanged since, it has been revised four times:
  - 1. The first revision, in 1976, conformed the BEC to the changes in SITC Revision 2.
  - 2. The second revision, in 1984, conformed the BEC to SITC Revision 3.
  - 3. The third revision, in 1986, corrected some oversights in the 1984 revision.
  - 4. The fourth revision, in 2002, took into account the more detailed description of commodities provided by the 2002 edition of the HS classification, and guidelines for determining the main end-use (see third column of Table 1).

Figure 1. BEC Rev.4 - Relationships

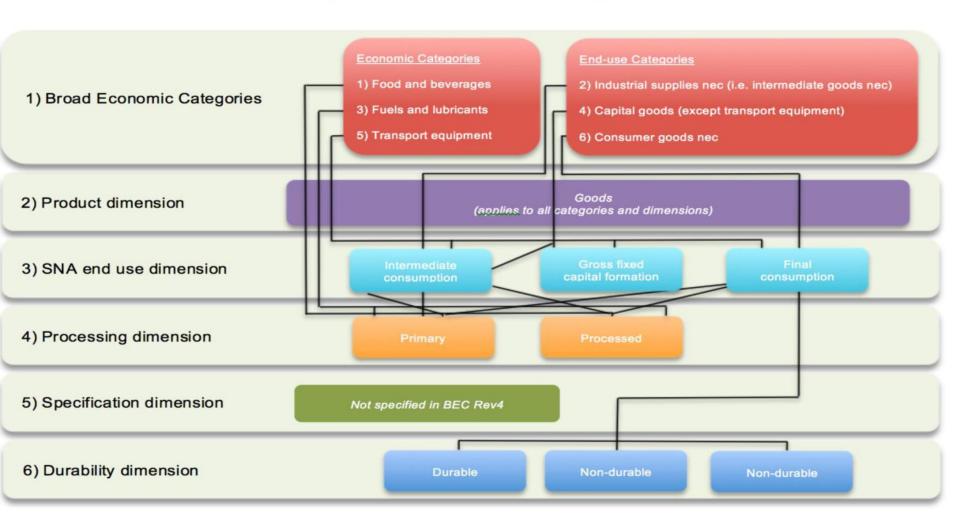


Figure 2. BEC Rev.5 - Relationships

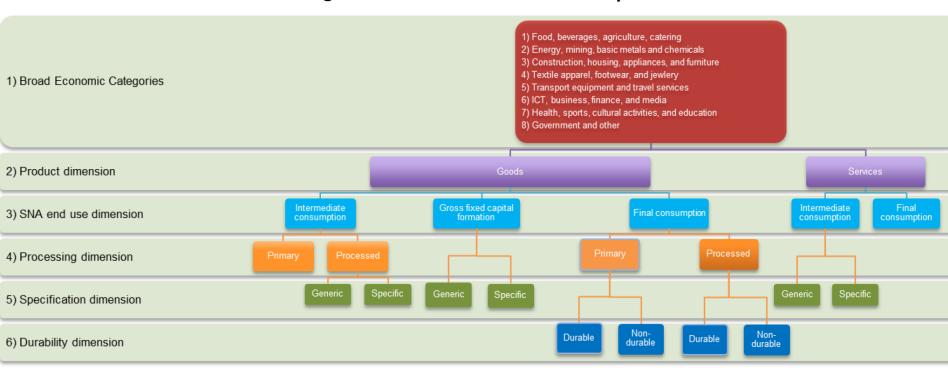


Table 2. Breakdown of CPC and HS categories by top level BEC categories

	BEC – Broad Economic Categories	CPC Services	HS Goods
Category 1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, food, beverages, tobacco	178	972
Category 2	Mining, quarrying, refinery, fuels, chemicals, electricity, water, waste treatment	75	983
Category 3	Construction, wood, glass, stone, basic metals, housing, electrical appliances, furniture	224	1313
Category 4	Textile, apparel, shoes, jewelry, leather	88	895
Category 5	Transport equipment and services, travel, postal services	136	180
Category 6	Category 6 ICT, media, computers, business and financial services		441
Category 7	ategory 7 Health, pharmaceuticals, education, cultural, sport		178
Category 8	Government, military and other	168	139
Total	All products	1284	5101

#### ANNEX 1: STRUCTURE OF THE BEC REV.5

Code	BEC – Broad Economic Categories	
1	Agriculture, forestry, fishing, food, beverages, tobacco	
11	Goods	
111	Intermediate Consumption	
1111	Primary	
1112	Processed	
111210	Generic	
111220	Specified	
112	Gross Fixed Capital Formation	
112010	Generic	
112020	Specified	
113	Final Consumption	
1131	Primary	
113101	Non-durable	
113102	Durable	
1132	Processed	
113201	Non-durable	
113202	Durable	
12	Services	
121	Intermediate Consumption	
121010	Generic	
121020	Specified	
123	Final Consumption	

# BEC and Global Value Chain analysis

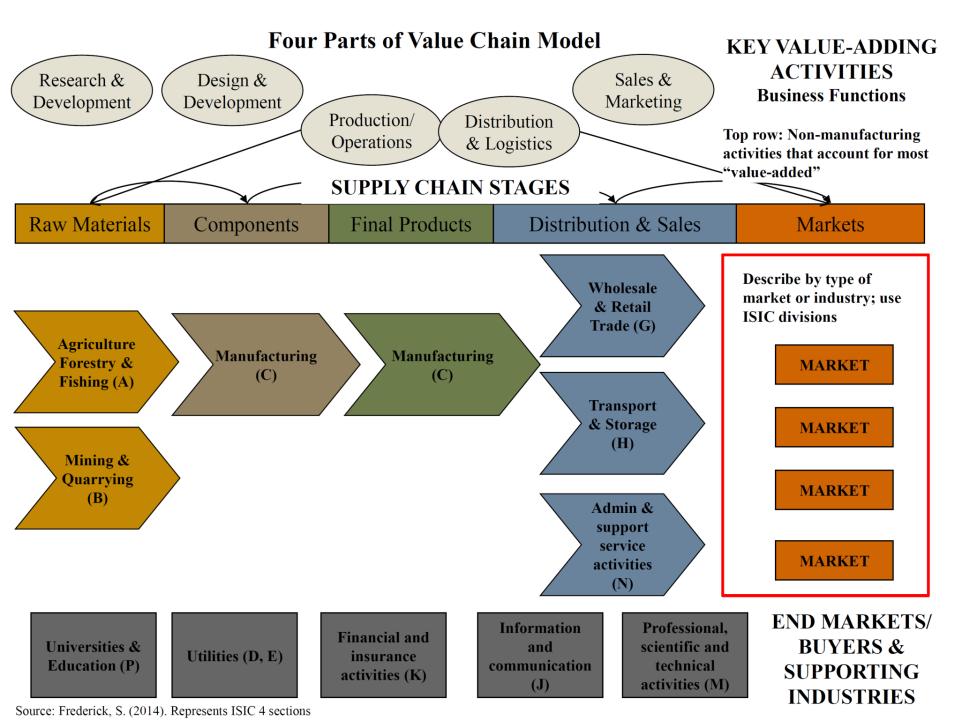
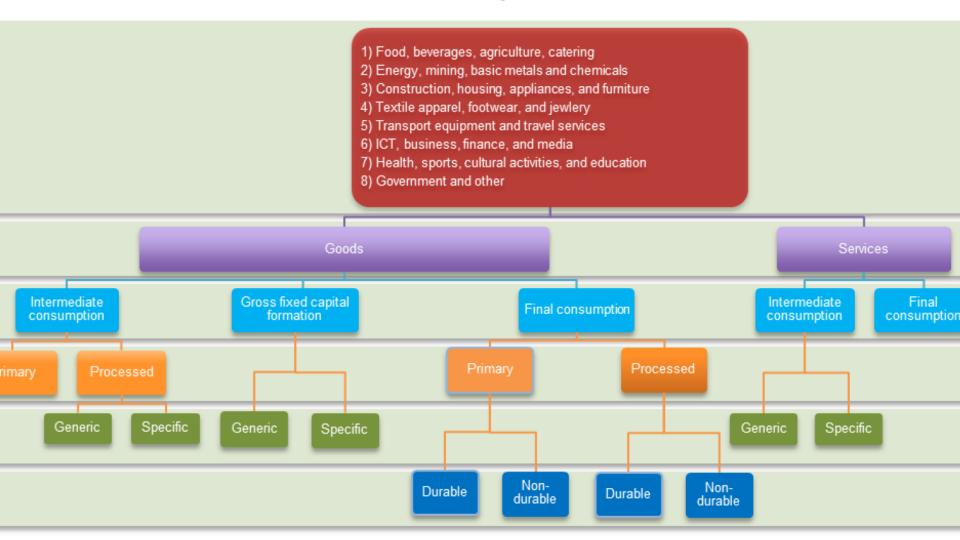


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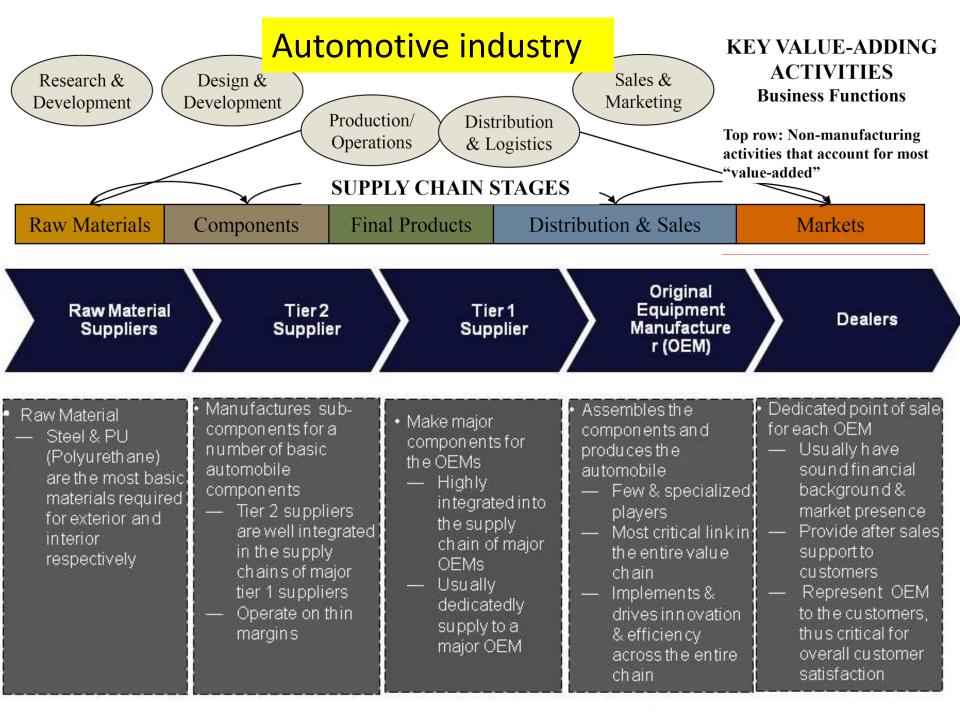


Figure 3. BEC Rev.5, Value Added Chain

Primary Intermediate Goods

Generic Processed Intermediate Goods and Services Specific Processed Intermediate Goods and Services

Final Consumption Goods and Services

### Correspondence of HS-2012 detailed codes to BEC

HS-2012	Description	BEC	Description
870891	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof // Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. // - Other parts and accessories : // Radiators and parts thereof	511220	Specified Processed Intermediate Good – Transport equipment and services, travel, postal services
870892	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof // Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. // - Other parts and accessories : // Silencers (mufflers) and exhaust pipes; parts thereof	511220	Specified Processed Intermediate Good – Transport equipment and services, travel, postal services
870893	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof // Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. // - Other parts and accessories : // Clutches and parts thereof	511220	Specified Processed Intermediate Good – Transport equipment and services, travel, postal services
870894	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof // Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. // - Other parts and accessories : // Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes; parts thereof	511220	Specified Processed Intermediate Good – Transport equipment and services, travel, postal services

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