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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA | |
| <i>Statement:</i> Statistics Canada commends the work of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. International classifications, are essential for collaboration, they accelerate information sharing, they facilitate trust among participants, ensure quality and are one of the foundational aspects driving data driven decision making internationally. In the context of the rapidly changing global context, there is a need to ensure that international and national classifications are relevant and client centric, this is all part of the expanding role of international data stewardship leadership. The traditional cycles of revisions are compressing all the time due to the changes that are taking place, for example within our Canadian statistical system we do minor revisions ('evergreening') almost every year to ensure the classifications are not lagging with the broader global context, to facilitate this work we are investing in new technologies to reduce the burden on creating and implementing revisions. Collaborating internationally on this important work facilitates synergies through information sharing, reduced burden and leveraging of expertise. We endorse the revision of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) and Central Product Classification (CPC). Statistics Canada welcomes the opportunity to contribute as part of the task teams for ISIC and CPC. | |
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