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<i>Statement provided by:</i> AUSTRIA	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Statistics Austria takes note of the report of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications. In particular, we strongly support a clear timetable towards the publication of COICOP 2018 in 2022. This is a pre-requisite for the introduction of the COICOP 2018 in HICP, PPP and National Accounts. We welcome the update of SIEC.</p> <p>We approve the Classification of Business Functions for use in international statistics. Austria is satisfied with the work of the group, but urges the revision of the COFOG (Classification of the Functions of Government) as future work in the course of the current revision of the COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose). Furthermore, the revision of the ISCO-08 must be started quickly, otherwise it will not be possible to use it in the next census. Statistics Austria appreciates the work that is done by the TT-ISIC on the new International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Rev.4, but we suggest an adoption of the ISIC structure by a written procedure in the weeks after the UNSC meeting, so the feedback provided in the international consultation can be taken into account (after an analysis and evaluation).</p> <p>The explanatory notes as well as the alphabetical indexes for ISIC and CPC (and sometimes also for NAICS) serve as an important and very valuable tool for classifying the economic activities of enterprises both for statistical and for non-statistical purposes. Hence these sources should be as precise as possible and as comprehensive as possible and they should be kept up-to-date. This desire could be particularly considered within an update of ISIC and CPC. Therefore, we urge to update the alphabetical indexes of ISIC and CPC to the new versions of ISIC and CPC.</p>	
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