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INTERNATIONAL STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONS

1. The International Labour Office has pursued its work on the International Standard Classification of Occupations in line with the recommendations of the Seventh International Conference of Labour Statisticians, (which approved 9 major groups of the Classification), and the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The subject of further elaboration of the classification has been placed on the agenda of the Eighth Conference which is to meet in 1954.

2. Accordingly, a draft International Standard Classification of Occupations for census and other statistical purposes has been developed. In this development close co-ordination has been maintained with the International Classification for Migration and Employment Placement. The proposed classification contains in addition to the following major groups, 47 minor groups or 2nd-digit positions and 243 occupational families, sub-divisions of the minor groups or 3rd-digit positions:

- Major groups:
- 1 Professional, Technical and Related Occupations
 - 2 Managerial and Administrative; and Clerical and related occupations
 - 3 Sales and Related Occupations
 - 4 Farming, Hunting, Fishing and Forestry Occupations
 - 5 Mining, Quarrying and Well Drilling Occupations
 - 6 Operating Transport Occupations
 - 7-8 Crafts, Production Process and Related Occupations

- 9 Service Occupations
- 0 Armed Forces^{1/} and Occupations Unidentifiable or
Non-Reported

As an example of the degree of detail envisaged at the 2nd-digit level the following minor groups are proposed for the major group 7-8:

- 7.0 Textile-making occupations
- 7.1 Textile finishing occupations (except textile printing
- 7.2 Garment and related textile and leather products-making
occupations
- 7.3 Basketry, broom and brush making occupations
- 7.4 Woodworking and related occupations (wood and kindred
materials)
- 7.5 Metal making and treating occupations
- 7.6 Metal machining, fitting, assembling and repairing
occupations
- 7.7 Metal working occupations, miscellaneous (excluding
metal machining)
- 7.8 Electrical and electronic occupations
- 7.9) Construction and related occupations not elsewhere
8.0) classified
- 8.1 Stationary engine, lifting equipment and related
construction machinery operation occupations
- 8.2 Printing, bookbinding and paper products-making
occupations
- 8.3 Ceramic and related occupations
- 8.4 Chemicals and related processing occupations
- 8.5 Pelt and hide treating occupations
- 8.6 Food and tobacco processing occupations

1/ The Armed Forces have been added to the Classification in accordance with the recommendations of the Population Commission and the Statistical Commission of the United Nations at their fifth sessions.

8.7 Miscellaneous crafts, production process and related occupations

D8.9^{1/} Labourers in crafts, production and related processes.

The International Classification of Occupations for Migration and Employment Placement, published by the ILO in 1952, is a detailed 5-digit classification designed to meet the needs of employment service, migrant selection and placement activities. Both classifications use the same major and minor groups.

3. A draft report containing the proposed International Standard Classification of Occupations with the newly developed system of sub-groups (2nd-digit level) and unit groups (3rd-digit level) prepared for the consideration of the Eighth Conference was submitted to a Preliminary Meeting of Statistical Experts which met in May 1953 to define the scope of the agenda for the Conference.

4. These Experts recommended that only the sub-groups (2nd-digit level) of the International Standard Classification of Occupations be submitted to the Eighth Conference for its approval and that the consideration of the unit groups (3rd-digit level) be postponed to a later session of the Conference.

5. The Experts also suggested that the draft classification, including both sub-groups and unit groups (the latter for information), should be circulated to the interested governments in advance of submission to the Eighth Conference. The staff of the ILO will then be enabled to propose a revised draft, if warranted by the comments, for submission to the Conference.

6. In accordance with the above, the ILO has forwarded copies of the draft classification, together with supporting documents, to Member Governments for advance comment by their technical services. Information copies have also been supplied to members of the Statistical Commission.

1/ All labourer occupational families bear codes preceded by the letter "D".

