
Session III. Country and Regional Feedback on ICP 2017
Operational Materials



**Summary of Feedback on ICP
2017 Operational Materials**

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A. ICP Classification

Summary

1. Updating BH names (4 incidents)

- All follow COICOP definition

2. Merging BHs (5 incidents)

- Balanced BHs
- “Other” items under Gross fixed capital formation

3. Splitting one BH into multiple BHs (2 incidents)

- NPISHs → 5 BHs
- Actual and imputed rentals for housing → 2 BHs
- Consequently, every new BHs have their own hierarchy (Class and Group)

4. Introducing a new Main Aggregate (MA) by merging two MAs (1 incident)

- Gross capital formation (MA) = Gross fixed capital formation + Changes in inventories and acquisitions less disposals of valuables (consequently two becoming Categories)
- Code changes
- Re-ordering of some BHs

Regional Feedback

- All Regions agreed to the updated ICP classification and are implementing it for ICP 2017 cycle.
 - CIS provided the GIU with 2014 data in the 2017 ICP classification.
- Asia created concordance tables to capture the map between ICP, Standard International Trade Classification and Harmonized System (ICP-SITC4-HS) correspondence for Gross Fixed Capital Formation.
 - The file also contains direct concordances for other classification systems. ADB has kindly agreed to share this file with other regions as needed.



B. National Accounts Forms

1. National Accounts Country Practices Questionnaire
 2. MORES (Model Report on Expenditure Statistics)
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Summary

National Accounts Quality Assurance Questionnaire

- Questionnaire renamed as “**National Accounts Country Practices Questionnaire**”
- Questionnaire incorporated:
 - Regional and country feedback
 - Other international organizations’ NA data quality survey (including UNSD and IMF)
- Instructions sheet slightly revised
- A few questions slightly revised
- Questions added for specific sectors such as Housing, Construction and NPISH

Model Report on Expenditure Statistics (MORES)

- ICP 2017 classification was incorporated
 - Instructions sheet (notes) slightly revised
 - Regions translated MORES into French (AFR) and Spanish (LAC)
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Regional Feedback

- Regions approved and are implementing the updates.
 - CIS submitted the National Accounts Country Practices Questionnaire in August 2016 which prompted some revisions:
 - More detailed NPISH questions
 - Added informal sector questions
 - Slightly revised wording of couple of questions for clarification
 - Africa sent comments that were taken into account and incorporated into the updated versions.
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C. Main Survey

Summary

Global core list

- A small revision to clarify the SPDs under the basic heading “Electricity”, based on discussions with countries at AFR regional workshop.
- Provided examples of brand strata for clothing and footwear, major household appliances and small household appliances.
- June 2017 version of the household consumption global core list, reflected regional feedback, typo corrections and HHC pictures.

Survey framework questionnaire

- 2017 cycle updates responded to the growing user demand for information on ICP price survey coverage (e.g. urban/rural) and degree of CPI-ICP integration.
 - Small changes were introduced to reflect regional feedback, including:
 - Revised the urban areas definition in the “4. Overview of survey framework” sheet.
 - Unlocked a few locked cells.
 - Revised ICP classification has been incorporated in annex.
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Regional Feedback

- Regions approved and are implementing the updates.
- Asia provided useful country feedback on Telephone and telefax services.
- Questions on brand classification:
 - Brand strata: WKB, BL, BNR
 - Coherent interpretation; especially the breakdown of WKB
- ➔ Africa carried out a survey of countries' understanding on brand classification.



D. Special Surveys

Summary

Housing

Housing volume

- Coding of items has been changed from 11 digits to 10 digits, in order to have the same length as other special surveys (7-digit basic heading code and 3-digit item code)
- Fields have been introduced for “informal dwellings” and “Comments”
- Description of key terminologies in the sheet “2. Instructions” has been revised
- (Entered) country name has been linked to the cover sheet

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Housing Catalogue

- A new catalogue introduced to assist identification of the various dwelling types; Regional Implementing Agencies are free to modify the catalogue based on their respective regional circumstances

Summary

Private Education

- Coding of items has been changed from 9 digits to 10 digits, in order to have the same length as other special surveys (7-digit basic heading code and 3-digit item code)
- Instructions revised to clarify the request to report number of scheduled school days
- (Entered) country name has been linked to the cover sheet

Accompanying international classifications of education

- Accompanying documents included for information

Private Health – not a special survey

- Improved SPD labeling and reinforced important pricing guidelines through SPDs
- Pharmaceutical list now includes both originator and generic versions of each drug
- Removed: “Physiotherapy” service and 11 pharmaceuticals (non-global, injections, etc.)
- Updated: blood test is now “Complete Blood Count (hemogram)” and contact lenses are soft monthly disposable
- Added: “home pregnancy test” and “Single vision lenses, plastic, 1.6 (ne), WKB”

Summary

Government compensation

- Coding of items has been changed from 11 digits to 10 digits, in order to have the same length as other special surveys (7-digit basic heading code and 3-digit item code)
 - Previously, ISCO code was embedded in the last 4 digits
 - Concordance with ISCO coding is available in each item description, as well as in the sheet “5. Occupation list by function”
- “1401111010 Senior government official” is re-introduced following feedback stating the importance of having the senior position in the list
- Data entry examples on “Number of days of annual leave per year” and “Number of work-days per week” have been corrected (previously the order was reversed)
- Errors in language and reference to other sheets in the sheet “2. Instructions” have been fixed
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Construction and civil engineering

- Coding of items has been changed to refer to the “Construction” group (1501200 CONSTRUCTION), instead to an individual construction basic heading (residential, non-residential, or civil engineering)
- Indicative list of the relevant material inputs for construction basic headings has been added
- Regional item suggestions were not adopted, however, regions may continue to include these items into their regional surveys
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Summary

Machinery and equipment

- Items and respective item definitions have been updated based on the 2017 Eurostat list; each item has notes on the respective updates, if any
- A corresponding “unspecified brand item” has been added for each “specified brand item”, where previously missing and otherwise applicable
- Coding of items has been revised to reflect:
 - o New ICP classification, which resulted in reallocating items currently under the “Other manufactured goods n.e.c.” basic heading to “Other products” basic heading
 - o Length of the other special surveys, i.e. length has been changed from 9 digits to 10 digits (7-digit basic heading code and 3-digit item code)
- Sheet “5. Annex Item Re-classification” has been added to provide a comparison of “current/new” and “previous/old” item codes
- Requested price information has been revised to include “non-deductible taxes” as a separate entry
- A formula to calculate “Total unit price net of deductible taxes and discount” has been introduced
- A request to report “importance” of each priced item has been added
- “2. Instructions” sheet has been revised to accommodate the changes introduced above
- (Entered) country name has been linked to the cover sheet

Regional Feedback

- Regions approved and are implementing the updates.
- Housing volumes survey form:
 - Revised form based on IMF feedback; to include informal housing.
- Private Education survey form:
 - The notation for “number of days that fall in the survey reference year” in data collection forms was potentially misleading and updated in the version circulated in May 2017, based on comments from Western Asia.

Discussion

- What is the experience of regions/countries in adopting and implementing the updates?
- Any comments on functionality?
- Any further feedback or comments?
- Questions on brand classification:
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