

Timetable for Expenditure Weights

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Activity	Responsibility	Timetable															
		2003				2004				2005				2006			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Calculate 155 basic headings for 2001/2002	C				■	■	■	■	■								
Update 2001/2002 to 2003	C					■	■	■	■								
Submission of national accounts data for 2003	C							■	■	■	■	■	■				
Calculation of trial results for 2003	RC											■	■				
Update 2003 to 2004	C											■	■				
Submission of national accounts data for 2004	C											■	■	■	■	■	■
Circulation of 2004 results to countries and resolve queries	RC and C															■	■

Data Sources for Expenditure Weights

- Household budget surveys
- Retail trade statistics
- Agricultural censuses and surveys
- Nutrition surveys
- Production statistics from industrial surveys
- Surveys of restaurants and hotels
- Information from customs and excise authorities on sales of tobacco and alcohol products
- Records of motor vehicle registrations, distinguishing between freight and passenger vehicles
- Reports on sales to households by utility companies and state monopolies - water, gas and electricity, posts and communications, rail and air travel
- Statistics on VAT (Value-Added-Taxes) or other sales taxes classified according to the goods and services taxed
- Import and export statistics classified by commodity
- The *FAO Food Balances Database*
- Supply - use tables

Fall-Back

- An expenditure breakdown may be available for an earlier year – for example when the country participated in a previous round of the ICP. That breakdown could be at least partially updated.
- A weighting pattern developed by a **neighbouring country** could be used if consumption patterns are thought to be similar in the two countries.
- **Expert opinion** can be enlisted. At its best this might involve consulting retailers, manufacturers, marketing experts, chambers of commerce and other government departments. At worst it might only involve informal discussions within the statistical office but even this is likely to be better than leaving the decision to the ICP organisers.
- Weights estimated for a higher level of the classification could be **evenly divided** among the basic headings. This is probably the least satisfactory solution although it is what the ICP organisers would have to do if left to themselves.