

Current Status on the Usage and Implementation of ISIC

Myanmar introduced the standard industrial classification with BSIC (Burma Standard Industrial Classification) in 1954. The BSIC was prepared by CSO (former name CSED) and it was based on ISIC 1948 original version.

BSIC consists of only 29 major groups and 146 groups. Its classification is in general applicability to international data comparability for various statistics classified according to kind of economic activity or goods and services. The BSIC was used for so many years in Myanmar.

In 1990, the Ministry of Planning and Finance was formed the Code Classification Committee. The Director General of CSO was Chairman and an Assistant Director was secretariat for the Code Classification Committee (CCC). Under CCC, there are seven Code Classification Groups and each and every group submitted their reports to Ministry of Finance and Revenue in 1993 and 1994 respectively. However, the final process of Industrial Classification Codes could not be reached up to application stage.

CSO conducted the two National Manufacturing Surveys in 2003 and 2006. The existing codes were unfit for present conditions. So, the staff from CSO has prepared the code numbers for the two NMS and amended for the new items.

Industrial Classification Codes (ICC) (based in ISIC – Rev. 3)

According to e-ASEAN Framework agreement, Myanmar e-National Task Force has been assigned in 2001. IT Standardization Steering Committee (ITSSC) to implement the standard coding system in Myanmar is also formed under the Myanmar e-National Task Force. ITSSC has six working groups and the working group for industrial classification codes is one of them. It is responsible to establish a standard coding system for all type of industries and had decided that the coding system should based on the latest revision of the time being ISIC Revision - 3 (1990) .

On that ICC implementation, the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection served as a focal Agency and officials from CSO were members in each group. Efforts were made to success the ICC and submitted to the Ministry of Industry No(1). But, there was the lack of awareness, and the lack of application to relating departments and agencies.

Industrial Classification Codes was prepared like this;-

- the first two digit indicates the division
- the first three digit identity the major group and
- the four digit indicate the group Industrial Classification Codes
- consists of 17 section, 60 Division (2 digit), 120 major groups (3 digit) and 227 groups (4 digit).

Even though, CSO has no special staffs for Industrial Classification Codes, the staffs from Industry, Mines and Power Statistics Section of CSO are trying to amend ICC and ICC based on ISIC. Revision 4. Now, the Central Statistical Organization (CSO) is striving to implement the Industrial Classification Codes (ICC) of all economic activities based on ISIC Revision 4 of United Nations. On this, CSO would be a focal agency and other agencies such as Directorate of Industry, Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection, Department of Cottage Industry, Planning Department, Central Bank of Myanmar, Labour Department, Internal Revenue Department, Myanmar Industries Association and some other relating agencies would be included in ICC based on ISIC. Revision 4 implementation.