

Voorburg Group Classification Input

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Background

- Voorburg Group first met in 1987
- Early main agenda item was the development of service classifications and explanatory notes for the Provisional CPC (approved by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-fifth meeting, February 1989)
- Work continued to examine and refine the methodologies and practices for the development of service industry statistics



Background (continued)

- In 2006, VG adopted a formalized content development framework to review all service industries defined by ISIC.
- Framework included a review of the practices and methods for output data collection and price indices to improve the ability to produce real output for national accounts.
- Each review includes evaluation of ISIC and CPC for possible problems.



Voorburg Process

- Three countries present practices for price indices and three different countries present output data collection for each industry.
- These six countries include relevant comments on the applicability of ISIC and the CPC in their work.
- When potential changes are identified, they are collected and forwarded to UNSD during appropriate revision cycles.



Examples – CPC

For CPC Rev. 2.1

- Detail for logistics services
- **Separate domestic and international courier services**
- **Review telecommunications products to account for change in services provided and to identify data only plans for tablets and similar devices on wireless networks**
- Review the treatment of waste, scrap, and recyclable materials in the CPC along with the associated services
- **Separate household moving and storage from business moving and storage**
- **Consider Frascati Manual breakouts for products in R&D (basic, applied, and development)**



ISIC

Suggestions from VG Members

- **Repair and maintenance – 3 requests from three different continents**
 - Move to services
 - Include as part of appropriate industries
- **Computer and IT Services – 2 different requests**
 - Move Computer system design and related services to Division M – Professional, technical, and scientific activities
 - Restructure 62 and 63 to get:
 - 6201 Computer programming activities
 - 6202 Computer consultancy
 - 6203 Computer facilities management services, data processing, hosting and related activities
 - Move 639 to publishing
- **Review transportation industries, possibly create scenic and sightseeing transportation (Industry by mode, CPC by demand currently)**
- **Include all liquefaction and regasification of natural gas in mining**
- **Combine ISIC 36 and 37, use national details below if necessary (many suggested this during the past two meetings)**



ISIC

Suggestions from VG Members (continued)

- **Additional industries under ISIC 532**
 - 5321 Letter post
 - 5322 Parcel service and expedited services
 - 5329 Other postal services not under universal service obligation
- **Merge 782 and 783 – essentially combine 782 and 783 resulting in:**
 - 781 Activities of employment placement agencies (781)
 - 782 Human resources provision (782 + 783)
- **Split motor vehicle sales into wholesale and retail trade**
- **Issue clear guidance on FGPs**
- **Issue clear guidance on the resale of services**

- **Other ideas from the floor**

