

Some comments on the CITI Rev.4 proposals

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The aggregated levels

- Aggregation in about 10 levels:
for macroeconomic purposes

What is the present logic in the section order?

- Aggregation in about 20 levels:
for semi-aggregated results

Requires similarity in the production function

For services, the production process includes the management of the personal links between provider and the customer (not only a technical view)



Improvements

- the spreading of transport and telecommunications in two different sections;
- a section for activities linked with information;
- a section for environmental activities;
- the breaking down of professional services in two sections (sections 13 and 14)
(need to clarify « facilities support », « business support services », « other support services »)



Not to be discussed here

- Real estate, rental and leasing

In favour of the grouping:

rental as common point


Against:

the need to isolate real estate services

- Repair and maintenance



The trade sector

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- Wholesale vs retail trade:
 - the present criteria according to the customers works well
 - need of a special section for motor vehicle trade



Service distribution



Service distribution

- is not like selling a good
- is carried out by specialized units

One exception : travel agencies

- either with passenger transport
- or with accomodation



The « information sector »

The title issue :

« Information » has to name the object of the activity, not the activity itself

➔ a proposal :

« Publishing and information processing »



The « information sector »

groups 3 kinds of services:

- information production
- information processing
- production of tools for information processing




The « information sector »



The practical breakdown:

- content industries
- telecommunications
- computer related activities



Sect. 20 & services to households

Section 20 and division 20.2 defined as residual items:

a confession of helplessness

What is the common feature?

- division 20.2: personal and laundry services (see *NAICS*)
- section 20: everyday life

except for professional organizations : to be excluded?



The danger of words

- Why to go to a « discotheque »,
to dance or to drink ?
- « Industrial textile cleaning » is
Industrial (*textile*) cleaning → sect.14
(*Industrial*) textile cleaning → sect. 20