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1 Market Segmentation

1.1 Strategic and Tactical Marketing

Important Key Points:

- **Marketing** connects consumers' needs and suppliers' offerings.
- **Marketing planning** is a two-step process:
    - **Strategic plan:** Defines long-term direction (target market, strengths/weaknesses, opportunities/threats).
    - **Tactical plan:** Creates short-term actions to achieve strategic goals (product, price, place, promotion).
- Choosing the right target market (strategic decision) is crucial.
- **Tactical marketing** depends on **strategic marketing**.
- **Good strategic marketing + good tactical marketing = best outcome.**
- **Bad strategic marketing + bad tactical marketing = slow failure.**
- **Bad strategic marketing + good tactical marketing = fast failure.**

1.2 Definitions of Market Segmentation

Important Key Points:

- **Market segmentation** is a crucial step in strategic marketing to select a target market.
- It involves dividing a broad market into smaller groups with similar characteristics.
- This allows companies to tailor their marketing mix (product, price, place, promotion) for each segment.
- There are three main market segmentation strategies:
    - **Concentrated strategy:** Focuses on one specific market segment (good for resource-poor companies).
    - **Differentiated strategy:** Creates different products for different segments (good for mature markets).
    - **Undifferentiated strategy:** Offers the same product to the entire market (good for resource-rich companies or new products).
- Market segmentation helps companies better satisfy customer needs, develop a distinct brand image, and achieve marketing success.

1.3 The Benefits of Market Segmentation

Important Key Points:

- **Market segmentation** benefits businesses by:
    - Encouraging self-evaluation (strengths & weaknesses)

- o Providing customer insights (wants & needs)
  - o Leading to new marketing strategies
- **Effective segmentation** improves:
  - o Understanding of customer differences
  - o Matching of organizational strengths to customer needs
  - o Potential for long-term competitive advantage
- **Extreme segmentation** (niche marketing):
  - o Targets very specific customer groups
  - o Requires a perfect match between customer needs and company skills
  - o Aims for high profitability and growth potential
- **Tailored marketing mix** (based on segmentation):
  - o Increases return on investment (ROI)
  - o Avoids wasted marketing efforts
- **Market segmentation benefits small businesses:**
  - o Allows them to focus on specific needs of a small group
  - o Saves resources by avoiding a larger market
- **Other benefits:**
  - o Effective sales management (targeted sales efforts)
  - o Improved team building and communication within organizations

1.4 The Costs of Market Segmentation

Important Key Points:

- Market segmentation requires significant investment in time and resources:
  - o Conducting the analysis
  - o Developing and implementing a customized marketing mix
  - o Evaluating success and monitoring market changes
- Benefits are based on the assumption of a return on investment.
- Risks of market segmentation:
  - o Upfront investment can be substantial.
  - o Poor implementation can waste resources and demotivate staff.
- Businesses should carefully consider the investment before starting market segmentation.

2.Market Segmentation Analysis

2.1 The Layers of Market Segmentation Analysis

Important Key Points:

- Market segmentation analysis is a statistical process, but with exploratory elements.
- Both a data analyst and someone familiar with the organization's goals are needed for successful segmentation.
- Data quality is crucial - bad data leads to bad segmentation results.
- Market segmentation involves several steps:
  1. Data Collection

2. Data Exploration (understanding the data)
3. Segment Extraction (grouping consumers)
4. Segment Profiling (describing each group)
- Segment profiling helps users understand the characteristics of each customer group.

2.2 Approaches to Market Segmentation Analysis

☐ There's no one-size-fits-all approach to market segmentation analysis.
☐ Two main ways to categorize segmentation approaches are:

- **Organizational Flexibility:** This considers how willing or able a company is to adapt its marketing based on segmentation results. (Dibb & Simkin, 2008)
  - Constrained organizations might choose simpler methods due to limitations.
- **Segmentation Variables:** This focuses on the type of data used to define customer groups. (covered later in the text, not in this excerpt)

2.2.1 Based on Organisational Constraints

Important Key Points:

- There are 3 approaches to market segmentation analysis, categorized by how much change they require from the organization (Dibb & Simkin, 2008).
  - **Segment Revolution (Most Radical Change):**
    - Starts from scratch with new marketing plan based on segmentation results.
    - Like building a new sandcastle.
    - Best approach for maximizing segmentation benefits, but may not be feasible due to organizational limitations.
  - **Segment Evolution (Less Radical Change):**
    - Refines existing marketing approach based on segmentation.
    - Like improving an existing sandcastle.
    - Achieved through internal workshops and data analysis.
    - Suitable when a complete overhaul is unnecessary.
  - **Segment Discovery (Least Radical Change):**
    - Identifies segments through random chance or ongoing data analysis (e.g. data mining).
    - Like finding a pile of sand perfect for a sandcastle.
    - Requires noticing and acting upon the discovery.

2.2.2 Based on the Choice of (the) Segmentation Variable(s)

Important Key Points:

- Market segmentation approaches can be categorized based on the type of consumer characteristics used (segmentation variables).
- Two main categories are:

- o **A priori (Commonsense, Convenience-group):**
    - Uses one segmentation variable (e.g., age, gender) based on intuition or secondary data.
    - Simpler and faster, but may lack depth.
    - Example: Targeting tourists who previously spent a lot on theme parks.
  - o **A posteriori (Cluster-based, Data-driven):**
    - Uses multiple segmentation variables (e.g., spending patterns, motives).
    - Relies on data analysis to identify segments.
    - Offers deeper insights, but requires more resources.
    - Example: Analyzing tourist data to identify segments based on travel motives and spending habits.
- In practice, combinations of these approaches are often used:
  - o **Commonsense/Commonsense:** Splitting consumers by one variable then splitting a segment further by another.
  - o **Data-driven/Data-driven:** Combining multiple sets of segmentation variables.
- Multi-stage segmentation (combining a priori and a posteriori approaches) can be effective.

2.3 Data Structure and Data-Driven Market Segmentation Approaches

Important Key Points:

- Data-driven market segmentation doesn't necessarily reveal natural segments, it may create them.
- There are 3 conceptual approaches to data-driven segmentation based on data structure:
  - o **Natural Segmentation (Rare):** Distinct segments already exist in the data, waiting to be discovered. (Traditional view)
  - o **Reproducible Segmentation:** No natural segments, but some structure allows for consistent segment generation across repeated analysis. (More common)
  - o **Constructive Segmentation:** No inherent structure, but segments are still useful for targeting subgroups with similar preferences. (Most common)
- It's crucial to analyze data structure before segmentation to avoid misinterpretations.
- Analysis helps determine which segmentation approach is most applicable:
  - o **Natural Segmentation:** Data analyst has clear solution.
  - o **Constructive Segmentation:** Data analyst collaborates with users to define strategically useful segments.

2.4 Market Segmentation Analysis Step-by-Step

Important Key Points:

- 10-step approach to market segmentation analysis (same for commonsense & data-driven):
  1. Decide (not) to segment: Consider suitability & long-term commitment.
  2. Specify ideal target segment: What characteristics would define your perfect customer group?

3. Collect data: Gather information on segmentation variables and additional descriptors.
4. Explore data: Understand the data & prepare it for analysis (if needed).
- Commonsense vs. Data-Driven Segmentation Differences: (steps 3 & 5)
  o Commonsense: Split consumers based on a chosen segmentation variable (e.g., age).
  o Data-Driven: Use algorithms to identify segments based on multiple variables.
- Steps 5-10 are similar for both approaches: 5. Extract segments: Identify distinct customer groups based on chosen approach. 6. Profile segments: Determine key characteristics of each segment. 7. Describe segments: Provide detailed descriptions of each segment. 8. Select target segment(s): Choose the segment(s) to focus your marketing efforts on. 9. Customize marketing mix: Develop a marketing strategy tailored to the target segment(s).

10. Evaluate & monitor: Assess the success of your segmentation strategy and monitor changes in the market.

3.Deciding (not) to Segment

3.1 Implications of Committing to Market Segmentation

Important Key Points:

- Market segmentation isn't always the best strategy. Consider these implications before investing time and resources:
  o **Long-term Commitment:** Market segmentation requires a long-term commitment from the organization, similar to a marriage, not a fling.
  o **Investment Required:** Segmentation involves costs like research, surveys, marketing materials, etc. It should only be pursued if the expected sales increase justifies these costs.
  o **Organizational Changes:** Targeting different segments may require changes to products, pricing, distribution, communication, and even internal structure.
- **Decisions and Communication:**
  o The decision to segment should be made at the highest executive level.
  o The decision and its implications need to be clearly communicated throughout the organization.

3.2 Implementation Barriers

the important note points from the passage on market segmentation barriers:

Senior Management Barriers:

- Lack of leadership, commitment, and involvement in market segmentation.
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Organizational Culture Barriers:

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- Resistance to change and new ideas.
- Poor communication and information sharing.
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- Office politics.

Knowledge and Skills Barriers:

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- Absence of a formal marketing function or qualified marketing experts.
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Resource and Structural Barriers:

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Process Barriers:

- Unclear objectives for market segmentation.
- Poor planning and lack of structured processes.
- Unassigned responsibilities and time pressure.
- Management not understanding segmentation techniques.

Key Takeaway:

- Identify and address these barriers before implementing market segmentation.
- Consider abandoning segmentation if barriers are insurmountable.
- Persistence and a willingness to solve problems are crucial for success.

3.3 Step 1 Checklist

Step 1 Checklist: Deciding (not) to Segment

This checklist focuses on assessing an organization's readiness for market segmentation and includes tasks with "knock-out criteria."

Key Considerations (Knock-out criteria):

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- **Willingness to Change:** Resistance to change within the organization can hinder implementation.

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- **Financial Resources:** Insufficient resources can limit segmentation efforts.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Secure senior management commitment (visible, active involvement, financial).
- Ensure everyone understands market segmentation concepts and implications (may require training).
- Assemble a segmentation team (2-3 people) including:
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  - Data analysis expert
- Establish an advisory committee with representatives from all affected departments.
- Define clear objectives for the market segmentation analysis.
- Develop a structured segmentation process.
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- Allocate sufficient time to complete the segmentation analysis without pressure.

10 Selecting the Target Segment(s)

10.1 The Targeting Decision

Important Note Points on Selecting Target Segments (Step 8):

Market Segmentation - The Big Decision:

- Selecting target segments is a crucial, long-term strategic decision impacting future performance.

Building on Previous Steps:

- Knock-out criteria for segments should be established in Step 2 (e.g., size, homogeneity).
- Segment attractiveness criteria should also be defined and weighed in Step 2.
- Ideally, knock-out criteria are already applied in Steps 6 & 7 (profiling & describing segments).
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Double-Checking Knock-Out Criteria:

- Before selecting target segments, re-confirm all remaining segments pass the knock-out criteria.

Evaluating Attractiveness & Competitiveness:

- Assess the remaining segments' attractiveness to the organization (which segments are most desirable?).
- Evaluate the organization's relative competitiveness within each segment (how likely are we to be chosen?).

10.2 Market Segment Evaluation

Important Key Points on Market Segment Evaluation (Step 10.2):

Decision Matrix for Target Segment Selection:

- Visualizes segment attractiveness and relative organizational competitiveness.
- Helps choose one or a few target segments.
- Uses axes for:
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Calculating Segment Attractiveness:

- Based on pre-defined criteria and weights (from Step 2).
- Rating for each segment is multiplied by weight for each criterion.
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Calculating Relative Organizational Competitiveness:

- Similar to attractiveness calculation, but from the segment's perspective.
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Interpreting the Plot:

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- Define matrices (x, y) for segment values, weight vectors (wx, wy), and a size vector for bubble size.

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1. Refining Potential Targets:

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- Identify segments from Steps 6 & 7 considered as potential targets.
- Re-evaluate these segments against knock-out criteria (homogeneity, distinctness, size, match, identifiability, reachability).
- Eliminate any segments that fail to meet these criteria.

2. Evaluating Segment Attractiveness & Competitiveness:

- Discuss and agree on values for each segment attractiveness criterion (defined in Step 2).
- Discuss and agree on values for each relative organizational competitiveness criterion.

3. Calculating Segment Scores:

- Calculate each segment's overall attractiveness by:
  - Multiplying segment value with weight for each attractiveness criterion.
  - Summing up all these values for each segment.
- Calculate each segment's overall relative competitiveness similarly.

4. Visualizing Results:

- Plot the values onto a segment evaluation plot.

5. Making a Preliminary Selection:

- Based on the evaluation plot, make a preliminary selection of target segments.
- If targeting multiple segments, ensure compatibility between them.

6. Seeking Advisory Committee Input:

- Present the selected segments to the advisory committee.
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11: Customising the Marketing Mix

11.1 Implications for Marketing Mix Decisions

Important Key Points on Market Segmentation & Marketing Mix:

Market Segmentation & STP Approach:

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Target Segments & Marketing Mix:

- The target segment decision impacts the development of the marketing mix (4Ps).
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Segmentation Analysis & The 4Ps:

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11.2 Product

Important Key Points on Product Design & Market Segmentation

Product Decisions Based on Target Segments:

- Specifying products in view of customer needs is crucial.
- Modifications to existing products are often more efficient than entirely new designs.

Product dimension of the marketing mix includes:

- Naming
- Packaging
- Warranties
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Example: Cultural Heritage Destination & Target Segment 3

Target Segment 3: High interest in museums, monuments, gardens, scenic walks, and markets.

- They share some interests with other segments (relaxing, eating out, shopping).

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Existing Product Enhancement:

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Key Takeaway:

- Market segmentation helps identify opportunities to tailor product offerings to specific customer needs.

11.3 Price

Important Key Points on Price Decisions & Market Segmentation

Typical Price Decisions:

- Setting base product price
- Deciding on discounts and promotions

Example: Cultural Heritage Destination & Target Segment 3

Segment 3 again: High interest in museums, monuments, gardens, scenic walks, and markets.

- Segment 3 shows higher vacation expenditures per person per day than other tourists (based on spend data).

Pricing Strategy for Target Segment 3:

- Opportunity to avoid discounts for the "MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS & MUCH, MUCH MORE" product.

- Potential to even consider a premium price for this product based on segment's higher spending habits.

Key Takeaway:

- Market segmentation can reveal price sensitivity differences between segments.
- This allows for targeted pricing strategies, potentially including premium pricing for segments with higher spending tendencies.

11.4 Place

Important Key Points on Place Decisions & Market Segmentation

Place Decisions:

- Focuses on product distribution to customers.

Examples include:

- Online vs. offline sales
- Direct vs. indirect channels (wholesalers, retailers)

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Segment 3 again: High interest in museums, monuments, gardens, scenic walks, and markets.

Segment 3 books hotels more frequently online compared to other tourists.

Place Strategy for Target Segment 3:

- Ensure the "MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS & MUCH, MUCH MORE" product is available for online booking.
- Consider collecting data on booking behavior for other products/services to understand online booking preferences.

Key Takeaway:

- Market segmentation can reveal distribution channel preferences between segments.
- This allows for targeted distribution strategies, like prioritizing online booking options for segments that prefer them.

11.5 Promotion

Important Key Points on Promotion Decisions & Market Segmentation

Promotion Decisions:

- Developing a resonating advertising message for the target market
- Identifying the most effective communication channels

Promotion Tools:

- Advertising
- Public relations
- Personal selling
- Sponsorship

Example: Cultural Heritage Destination & Target Segment 3

Segment 3 revisited: High interest in museums, monuments, gardens, scenic walks, and markets.

Promotion Strategy for Target Segment 3:

- Information Sources: Segment 3 relies more heavily on tourist centers for vacation planning compared to other tourists.
- Strategy: Make "MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS & MUCH, MUCH MORE" product information available at the local tourist center (both physical and online).

Data Needed:

- Information about preferred channels for other products/services would strengthen the promotion strategy.

Key Takeaways:

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Key Points on Refining the Marketing Mix for Target Segments

Target Segment and Marketing Mix Customization:

- This stage focuses on using market segmentation insights to tailor the marketing mix for each target segment.

Segmentation Team Meeting:

- Convene a meeting to discuss the chosen target segment(s).

Deep Dive into Target Segment:

- Carefully review the profile and detailed description of the target segment to fully understand its characteristics and needs.

Marketing Mix Customization by P (Product, Price, Place, Promotion):

- **Product:** Determine how the product's features, design, or branding can be adjusted to better cater to the segment's preferences.
- **Price:** Analyze the segment's price sensitivity and willingness to pay. Decide on pricing strategies like price points or discounts suitable for this segment.
- **Place:** Identify the most effective distribution channels (online, offline, specific retailers) to reach the target audience.
- **Promotion:** Determine the communication channels (TV, social media, etc.) and messaging that will resonate with the segment.

Reviewing the Marketing Mix Holistically:

- Ensure all elements of the marketing mix (product, price, place, promotion) work together cohesively to create a unified message for the target segment.

Multiple Target Segments:

- If targeting multiple segments, repeat the above steps (product, price, place, promotion customization) for each segment.
- Analyze compatibility between the chosen segments to avoid conflicts in messaging or resource allocation.

Presenting the Marketing Mix:

- Develop an outline of the proposed marketing mix, highlighting adjustments made for each target segment.
- Present this outline to the advisory committee for feedback and potential modifications.

Key Takeaway:

- By tailoring the marketing mix to specific target segments, businesses can create more targeted and effective marketing campaigns.

12: Evaluation and Monitoring

12.1 Ongoing Tasks in Market Segmentation

Important Points on Ongoing Market Segmentation Management

Market Segmentation as a Continuous Process:

- Segmentation is not a one-time activity; it requires ongoing monitoring and adjustments.

Post-Implementation Tasks:

Evaluate Segmentation Effectiveness:

- Measure the impact of the segmentation strategy on profits or achievement of organizational goals.
- If goals are not met, the strategy may need revision.

Monitor the Market for Changes:

- Consumer preferences, the competitive landscape, and the overall environment are constantly evolving.
- A monitoring process is necessary to identify these changes.

Monitoring Process Options:

- Regular reviews by the segmentation team.
- Automated data mining systems that alert the organization to relevant changes.

Key Takeaway:

- By continuously monitoring and adapting the segmentation strategy, businesses can ensure it remains relevant and effective in a dynamic marketplace.

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Important Key Points on Evaluating Market Segmentation Effectiveness

Goal of Evaluation:

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- Profit Increase (Primary Measure): Monitor profits to see if segmentation led to increased revenue.

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- Important Points on Market Segment Stability and Hopping
- Market Segment Membership Changes Over Time:
- Studies show significant movement of customers between segments over time.
- Up to 70% of customers may change segments within a few years.

Impact of Segment Membership Changes:

- Changes in Segment Size: Requires revisiting the segmentation strategy if the target segment shrinks.
- Changes in Segment Characteristics: May necessitate adjustments to the marketing mix.

Segment Hopping:

- Frequent switching between segments by some customers.

Reasons for Hopping:

- Using the same product differently in various situations.
- Seeking variety in product experiences.
- Responding to promotions.
- Example: Family Segment Hopping:
- Family vacations while camping (nature lovers, tight budget).

- Anniversary trip to a luxury hotel (big spending, short-stay city tourists).

Implications for Segmentation Analysis:

- Segmentation is not a static process; it requires monitoring and adaptation.
- Consider segment hopping behavior when developing marketing strategies.
- Potentially exclude or target segment hoppers in specific ways.

Key Takeaway:

- Understanding the dynamic nature of market segments is crucial for designing effective and adaptable marketing strategies.

12.4 Segment Evolution

Here are the important points from the passage:

- **Market segments are not static:** They change over time due to various factors like consumer evolution, new products, and disruptive innovations.
- **Regular monitoring is crucial:** Companies need to track segment changes using an "early warning system" to adapt their strategies. This involves continuous research and measurement.
- **Understanding baseline stability is essential:** Not all segment shifts are genuine. Instability in the data itself can be misinterpreted as segment evolution. Stability analysis helps differentiate real changes.
- **Segment evolution can take multiple forms:** Segments can merge, split, disappear, or remain unchanged. The MONIC framework helps identify these transitions.
- **Ignoring segment dynamics is risky:** Companies targeting outdated segments will miss the mark. Adapting to change is key for success.
- **Competitive advantage comes from quick adaptation:** In the age of big data, the ability to identify and react to relevant segment changes (needs, size, composition) is a major advantage.
- **Market segmentation is an iterative process:** It's not a one-time thing. Companies should revisit and refine their segmentation strategies periodically to maintain alignment with customer needs and achieve a competitive edge.

12.5 Step10Checklist

Important Points for Market Segmentation Team Meeting:

Meeting Goals:

- Define success indicators for short-term and long-term evaluation of the segmentation strategy.
- Establish methods and frequency for measuring success and market dynamics.
- Assign data collection responsibilities.
- Determine meeting schedule for reviewing indicators and potential adaptations.

- Develop an adaptation checklist for critical market shifts.
- Gain approval on all aspects from the advisory committee.

Action Items:

- **Success Indicators:**
  - Define metrics for short-term (e.g., sales by segment) and long-term (e.g., customer lifetime value) success of the segmentation strategy.
- **Measurement and Frequency:**
  - Determine how to measure each success indicator and how often data will be collected.
  - Assign data collection responsibilities to specific team members or departments.
- **Segmentation Team Meetings:**
  - Decide on a regular meeting schedule to review success indicators and market dynamics.
- **Market Dynamics Indicators:**
  - Identify metrics to capture changes in customer needs, segment size, competition, etc.
  - Consider baseline global and segment-level stability to avoid misinterpreting data instability.
  - Determine how market dynamics indicators will be measured and how often.
  - Assign data collection responsibilities.
- **Review and Adaptation:**
  - Decide how often the segmentation team will review market dynamics indicators.
  - Establish a process for the data collection unit to proactively alert the team if a critical change is detected.
- **Adaptation Checklist:**
  - Develop a specific checklist outlining actions different departments need to take quickly in response to critical market shifts.
- **Advisory Committee Approval:**
  - Present all aspects of the plan (indicators, measurements, review intervals, adaptation checklist) to the advisory committee for approval or modification.

Additional Considerations:

- Ensure the adaptation checklist is tailored to your organization's specific needs and departments.
- The frequency of data collection and meetings should balance timeliness with practicality.
- Leverage automation for data collection whenever possible.

By following these steps, your market segmentation team can establish a robust system for monitoring success, adapting to market changes, and maintaining a competitive edge.

In essence, the passage emphasizes the importance of dynamic market segmentation. Companies must continuously monitor and adapt to evolving customer needs and market conditions for long-term success.

```
In [39]: import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
         from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
```

```
In [40]: df=pd.read_csv("mcdonalds.csv")
```

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In [41]: df.columns
```

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Out[41]: Index(['yummy', 'convenient', 'spicy', 'fattening', 'greasy', 'fast', 'cheap',
                'tasty', 'expensive', 'healthy', 'disgusting', 'Like', 'Age',
                'VisitFrequency', 'Gender'],
               dtype='object')
```

```
In [42]: df.shape
```

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Out[42]: (1453, 15)
```

```
In [43]: df.head(3)
```

Out[43]:

	yummy	convenient	spicy	fattening	greasy	fast	cheap	tasty	expensive	healthy	disgusting	Like	Age	VisitFrequency
0	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	-3	61	Every three months
1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	+2	51	Every three months
2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	+1	62	Every three months

```
In [44]: segmentation_data = df.iloc[:, :11]
```

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In [45]: binary_data = (segmentation_data == "Yes").astype(int)
```

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In [46]: average_values = round(binary_data.mean(axis=0), 2)
```

```
In [47]: print("Average values of transformed segmentation variables:")
         print(average_values)

         Average values of transformed segmentation variables:
         yummy         0.55
         convenient    0.91
         spicy         0.09
         fattening     0.87
         greasy        0.53
         fast          0.90
         cheap         0.60
         tasty         0.64
         expensive     0.36
         healthy       0.20
         disgusting    0.24
         dtype: float64
```

```
In [48]: scaler = StandardScaler()
         scaled_data = scaler.fit_transform(binary_data)
```

```
In [49]: pca = PCA(n_components=2)
         pca_data = pca.fit_transform(scaled_data)
```

```
In [50]: print("Importance of components:")
         print("PC1:", pca.explained_variance_ratio_[0])
         print("PC2:", pca.explained_variance_ratio_[1])
         print("Total:", sum(pca.explained_variance_ratio_))
```

```
Importance of components:
PC1: 0.2555663694195498
PC2: 0.14834762332752865
Total: 0.40391399274707845
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In [51]:
         print("\nLoadings (weighting of original variables on principal components):")
         print("PC1:", pca.components_.T[:, 0])
         print("PC2:", pca.components_.T[:, 1])
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PC1: [-0.40695508 -0.30882741 -0.02332033  0.17786071  0.26779582 -0.21303906
 -0.28913434 -0.42611499  0.29094445 -0.26683857  0.41074387]
PC2: [ 0.28261487 -0.04568172  0.0699822  -0.20559024 -0.13630029 -0.28244059
 -0.57503178  0.24219851  0.56752776  0.20103082 -0.14388846]
```

```
In [52]: plt.scatter(pca_data[:, 0], pca_data[:, 1], c='grey', alpha=0.7, label='Consumers')
```

```
Out[52]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x1c47d8cb790>
```

```python
import random
random.seed(1234)
k_range = range(2, 9)
cluster_results = {}
for k in k_range:
    # Repeat clustering 10 times
    for _ in range(10):
        kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=random.randint(1, 1000))
        kmeans.fit(binary_data)

        cluster_results.setdefault(k, []).append(kmeans.inertia_)

        cluster_results[k].append(kmeans.labels_)

avg_inertia = {k: sum(values) / len(values) for k, values in cluster_results.items()}
avg_silhouette = {k: silhouette_score(binary_data, kmeans.labels_) for k, kmeans in zip(k_range, [KMeans(n_clusters=k, ra
print("Average Inertia:")
print(avg_inertia)
```

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print("Average Inertia:")
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plt.plot(k_range, avg_inertia, label='Inertia')
plt.plot(k_range, avg_silhouette, label='Silhouette Score')
plt.xlabel('Number of Segments')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```