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Draft ISIC Revision 5 structure

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1. This document presents the complete draft structure of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), Revision 5 that is being submitted to the Statistical Commission at the 54th session 28 February – 3 March 2023 for adoption as an international standard. This document also describes the process leading to its preparation. Section I of this document introduces the work done in the past year by the task team on ISIC (TT-ISIC) under the auspices of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (CEISC). Section II presents the outcome of the global consultation and section III presents the complete structure of ISIC Rev. 5. Annex I of the note includes a list of responding countries and international organizations and Annex II includes the questionnaire used in the global consultation.

2. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 has been endorsed by the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications at its meeting in October 2022 which recommended it for adoption by the Statistical Commission as an international standard.

1. Work on the class structure of ISIC Rev. 5

3. The complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 was prepared by the Task Team on ISIC under the direction of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (CEISC).

4. The broad structure of ISIC Rev. 5 at the Section level (one-digit codes), Division level (two-digit codes) and Group level (three-digit codes) was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 53rd session in March 2022. Since then, the TT-ISIC focused on the finalization of the structure at the Class level (four-digit codes).

5. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 is the result of extensive discussions within the task team in consultation with experts in different areas such as classifications, national accounts, business statistics, financial statistics, and environmental accounting from countries and international and regional organizations. Three global consultations have been conducted as part of the revision process: the first in 2019 to collect issues for the revision of ISIC; the second in early 2022 to seek feedback on the broad structure of ISIC; and the third global consultation in December 2022-January 2023 on the class structure of ISIC. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 represents the decisions that the TT-ISIC made either unanimously or by a majority of its members.

6. In finalizing the class structure of ISIC, the TT-ISIC took into consideration the outcome of previous discussions of the TT-ISIC and the feedback received during the global consultation conducted during the period from January to February 2022. Numerous comments were received with regard to proposed changes to the ISIC broad structure. The TT-ISIC carefully discussed all the feedback received. Although not all proposals for changes resulted in a separate category in the structure of ISIC, they were carefully discussed by the TT-ISIC. In some cases, the TT-ISIC recommended to create a new category in the structure; in other cases, the TT-ISIC recommended to adjust the text in the explanatory notes or alphabetical index to address the specific proposal; and, finally, in other cases, the TT-ISIC considered

that more work was needed to fully assess the feasibility and conceptual consistency of certain proposed structural changes. A final global consultation on the class structure of ISIC Rev. 5 was conducted from 16 December 2022 to 20 January 2023. Overall, there was great support for the proposed structure of ISIC Rev. 5. Further details are presented in the next section of this document.

7. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 is being submitted for adoption to the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 54th session upon recommendation of the Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications.

II. Summary of the global consultation on complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5

8. A global consultation on the complete draft structure of ISIC, Rev. 5 was launched on 16 December 2022 with an initial deadline of 20 January 2023. This note presents a high-level summary of the responses that were received until 31 January 2022. The list of responding countries and international organizations is presented in Annex I.

9. At the time of writing, a total of 117 responses were received from 98 countries and 13 international organizations. Some countries and international organizations have provided multiple responses, for example, from different institutions or from different areas within the institutions. These responses have been included in the analysis.

10. Overall, the feedback from the global consultation was very positive: 100 responses (88% of all responses) agreed with the draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5. Table 1 below provides a summary of the responses to the question on whether the respondent agrees with the proposed structure at Class level (four-digit code) of the complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5.

Table 1 Summary of responses to Question 1: Do you agree with the proposed structure at Class level (four-digit code) of the complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5?

Answer	Number of responses (per cent)
Yes	100 (88 per cent)
No	14 (12 per cent)
Total*	114

* 3 respondents did not answer this question

11. Several comments were provided on the structure of ISIC. All the comments received were reviewed and discussed in detail by the Task team on ISIC. Based on the discussion two structural changes were introduced in response to the feedback from the global consultation, namely (a) additional detail was introduced for short term accommodation activities to better capture different forms of accommodation activities which resulted in the creation of two new groups in the draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5, namely: group 551 (and class 5510) for “Hotels and similar accommodation activities” and group 552 (and class 5520) for “Other short term accommodation activities”; (b) the separate identification at group level of “Public relations activities” (group 733 and class 7330). Both changes also resulted in better alignment with other regional industry classifications such as NACE Rev. 2.1. In addition, some editorial changes were made in the titles based of the comments received during the consultation.

12. Given that the research agenda for future revisions of ISIC is currently being developed, the global consultation asked for topics to consider in the future. Several suggestions were provided by the respondents on topics that should be included in the research agenda for future revision of ISIC. Although a comprehensive list of all the comments has to be compiled and reviewed by the task team of ISIC, some broad areas for additional work include: the classification of intermediation service activities, Factoryless goods producers, activities related to climate change and environmental protection and conservation, treatment of digitalization and digital activities, Fintechs, activities related to cryptoassets, etc. Also, several suggestions were provided to modernize the approach to developing and maintaining classifications and for establishing an ongoing mechanism for the collection of issues and the sharing of the outcomes of the discussions on these issues.

13. Once ISIC Rev. 5 is finalized together with the explanatory notes, the Task team on ISIC will work on the consolidation of all the inputs on the research agenda from the global consultation and finalize the research agenda for future revisions of ISIC. The UNCEISC is putting forward the proposal to establish a regular revision cycle for ISIC and the creation of a standing task team to support the maintenance, updating and implementation of ISIC¹.

III. Complete structure of ISIC Rev. 5

14. The complete structure of ISIC Rev. 5 is presented in the table below.

Draft structure of ISIC, Rev. 5

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Section	Division	Group	Class	Description
A				Agriculture, forestry and fishing
	01			Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
		011		Growing of non-perennial crops
			0111	Growing of cereals (except rice), leguminous crops and oil seeds
			0112	Growing of rice
			0113	Growing of vegetables and melons, roots and tubers
			0114	Growing of sugar cane
			0115	Growing of tobacco
			0116	Growing of fibre crops
			0119	Growing of other non-perennial crops
		012		Growing of perennial crops
			0121	Growing of grapes
			0122	Growing of tropical and subtropical fruits
			0123	Growing of citrus fruits
			0124	Growing of pome fruits and stone fruits

¹ See E/CN.3/2023/13 (https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_54/documents/2023-13-Classifications-E.pdf)

	0125	Growing of other tree and bush fruits and nuts
	0126	Growing of oleaginous fruits
	0127	Growing of beverage crops
	0128	Growing of spices, aromatic, drug and pharmaceutical crops
	0129	Growing of other perennial crops
013		Plant propagation
	0130	Plant propagation
014		Animal production
	0141	Raising of cattle and buffaloes
	0142	Raising of horses and other equines
	0143	Raising of camels and camelids
	0144	Raising of sheep and goats
	0145	Raising of swine and pigs
	0146	Raising of poultry
	0149	Raising of other animals
015		Mixed farming
	0150	Mixed farming
016		Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities
	0161	Support activities for crop production
	0162	Support activities for animal production
	0163	Post-harvest crop activities
	0164	Seed processing for propagation
017		Hunting, trapping and related service activities
	0170	Hunting, trapping and related service activities
02		Forestry and logging
	021	Silviculture and other forestry activities
	0210	Silviculture and other forestry activities
	022	Logging
	0220	Logging
	023	Gathering of non-wood forest products
	0230	Gathering of non-wood forest products
	024	Support services to forestry
	0240	Support services to forestry
03		Fishing and aquaculture
	031	Fishing
	0311	Marine fishing
	0312	Freshwater fishing
	032	Aquaculture
	0321	Marine aquaculture
	0322	Freshwater aquaculture
	033	Support activities for fishing and aquaculture
	0330	Support activities for fishing and aquaculture
B		Mining and quarrying

05		Mining of coal and lignite
	051	Mining of hard coal
		0510 Mining of hard coal
	052	Mining of lignite
		0520 Mining of lignite
06		Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
	061	Extraction of crude petroleum
		0610 Extraction of crude petroleum
	062	Extraction of natural gas
		0620 Extraction of natural gas
07		Mining of metal ores
	071	Mining of iron ores
		0710 Mining of iron ores
	072	Mining of non-ferrous metal ores
		0721 Mining of uranium and thorium ores
		0729 Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores
08		Other mining and quarrying
	081	Quarrying of stone, sand and clay
		0810 Quarrying of stone, sand and clay
	089	Mining and quarrying n.e.c.
		0891 Mining of chemical and fertilizer minerals
		0892 Extraction of peat
		0893 Extraction of salt
		0899 Other mining and quarrying n.e.c.
09		Mining support service activities
	091	Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction
		0910 Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction
	099	Support activities for other mining and quarrying
		0990 Support activities for other mining and quarrying
C		Manufacturing
10		Manufacture of food products
	101	Processing and preserving of meat
		1010 Processing and preserving of meat
	102	Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs
		1020 Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs
	103	Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables
		1030 Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables
	104	Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats
		1040 Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats
	105	Manufacture of dairy products
		1050 Manufacture of dairy products
	106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products
		1061 Manufacture of grain mill products

	1062	Manufacture of starches and starch products
107		Manufacture of other food products
	1071	Manufacture of bakery products
	1072	Manufacture of sugar
	1073	Manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery
	1074	Manufacture of macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products
	1075	Manufacture of prepared meals and dishes
	1076	Processing of coffee and tea
	1079	Manufacture of other food products n.e.c.
108		Manufacture of prepared animal feeds
	1080	Manufacture of prepared animal feeds
11		Manufacture of beverages
	110	Manufacture of beverages
	1101	Distilling, rectifying and blending of spirits
	1102	Manufacture of wines
	1103	Manufacture of beer
	1104	Manufacture of malt
	1105	Manufacture of soft drinks; production of mineral waters and other bottled waters
12		Manufacture of tobacco products
	120	Manufacture of tobacco products
	1200	Manufacture of tobacco products
13		Manufacture of textiles
	131	Spinning, weaving and finishing of textiles
	1311	Preparation and spinning of textile fibres
	1312	Weaving of textiles
	1313	Finishing of textiles
	139	Manufacture of other textiles
	1391	Manufacture of knitted and crocheted fabrics
	1392	Manufacture of made-up textile articles, except apparel
	1393	Manufacture of carpets and rugs
	1394	Manufacture of cordage, rope, twine and netting
	1399	Manufacture of other textiles n.e.c.
14		Manufacture of wearing apparel
	141	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel
	1410	Manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel
	142	Manufacture of articles of fur
	1420	Manufacture of articles of fur
	143	Manufacture of knitted and crocheted apparel
	1430	Manufacture of knitted and crocheted apparel
15		Manufacture of leather and related products

151	Tanning, dyeing, dressing of leather and fur; manufacture of luggage, handbags, saddlery and harness
1511	Tanning and dressing of leather; dressing and dyeing of fur
1512	Manufacture of luggage, handbags and the like, saddlery and harness of any material
152	Manufacture of footwear
1520	Manufacture of footwear
16	Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials
161	Sawmilling and planing of wood
1610	Sawmilling and planing of wood
162	Manufacture of products of wood, cork, straw and plaiting materials
1621	Manufacture of veneer sheets and wood-based panels
1622	Manufacture of builders' carpentry and joinery
1623	Manufacture of wooden containers
1629	Manufacture of other products of wood; manufacture of articles of cork, straw and plaiting materials
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products
170	Manufacture of paper and paper products
1701	Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard
1702	Manufacture of corrugated paper and paperboard and of containers of paper and paperboard
1709	Manufacture of other articles of paper and paperboard
18	Printing and reproduction of recorded media
181	Printing and service activities related to printing
1811	Printing
1812	Service activities related to printing
182	Reproduction of recorded media
1820	Reproduction of recorded media
19	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
191	Manufacture of coke oven products
1910	Manufacture of coke oven products
192	Manufacture of refined petroleum products; manufacture of fossil fuel products
1920	Manufacture of refined petroleum products; manufacture of fossil fuel products
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
201	Manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilizers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms
2011	Manufacture of basic chemicals
2012	Manufacture of fertilizers and nitrogen compounds
2013	Manufacture of plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms

202	Manufacture of other chemical products
2021	Manufacture of pesticides and other agrochemical products
2022	Manufacture of paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics
2023	Manufacture of soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and toilet preparations
2029	Manufacture of other chemical products n.e.c.
203	Manufacture of man-made fibres
2030	Manufacture of man-made fibres
21	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations
210	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products
2100	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products
221	Manufacture of rubber products
2211	Manufacture of rubber tyres and tubes; retreading and rebuilding of rubber tyres
2219	Manufacture of other rubber products
222	Manufacture of plastics products
2220	Manufacture of plastics products
23	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
231	Manufacture of glass and glass products
2310	Manufacture of glass and glass products
239	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products n.e.c.
2391	Manufacture of refractory products
2392	Manufacture of clay building materials
2393	Manufacture of other porcelain and ceramic products
2394	Manufacture of cement, lime and plaster
2395	Manufacture of articles of concrete, cement and plaster
2396	Cutting, shaping and finishing of stone
2399	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products n.e.c.
24	Manufacture of basic metals
241	Manufacture of basic iron and steel
2410	Manufacture of basic iron and steel
242	Manufacture of basic precious and other non-ferrous metals
2420	Manufacture of basic precious and other non-ferrous metals
243	Casting of metals
2431	Casting of iron and steel
2432	Casting of non-ferrous metals
25	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment

251	Manufacture of structural metal products, tanks, reservoirs and steam generators
2511	Manufacture of structural metal products
2512	Manufacture of tanks, reservoirs and containers of metal
2513	Manufacture of steam generators, except central heating hot water boilers
252	Manufacture of weapons and ammunition
2520	Manufacture of weapons and ammunition
259	Manufacture of other fabricated metal products; metalworking service activities
2591	Forging, pressing, stamping and roll-forming of metal; powder metallurgy
2592	Treatment and coating of metals; machining
2593	Manufacture of cutlery, hand tools and general hardware
2599	Manufacture of other fabricated metal products n.e.c.
26	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
261	Manufacture of electronic components and boards
2611	Manufacture of solar cells, solar panels and photovoltaic inverters
2619	Manufacture of other electronic components and boards
262	Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment
2620	Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment
263	Manufacture of communication equipment
2630	Manufacture of communication equipment
264	Manufacture of consumer electronics
2640	Manufacture of consumer electronics
265	Manufacture of measuring, testing, navigating and control equipment; watches and clocks
2651	Manufacture of measuring, testing, navigating and control equipment
2652	Manufacture of watches and clocks
266	Manufacture of irradiation, electromedical and electrotherapeutic equipment
2660	Manufacture of irradiation, electromedical and electrotherapeutic equipment
267	Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment
2670	Manufacture of optical instruments and photographic equipment
268	Manufacture of magnetic and optical media
2680	Manufacture of magnetic and optical media
27	Manufacture of electrical equipment
271	Manufacture of electric motors, generators, transformers and electricity distribution and control apparatus

	2710	Manufacture of electric motors, generators, transformers and electricity distribution and control apparatus
	272	Manufacture of batteries and accumulators
	2720	Manufacture of batteries and accumulators
	273	Manufacture of wiring and wiring devices
	2731	Manufacture of fibre optic cables
	2732	Manufacture of other electronic and electric wires and cables
	2733	Manufacture of wiring devices
	274	Manufacture of lighting equipment
	2740	Manufacture of lighting equipment
	275	Manufacture of domestic appliances
	2750	Manufacture of domestic appliances
	279	Manufacture of other electrical equipment
	2790	Manufacture of other electrical equipment
28		Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
	281	Manufacture of general-purpose machinery
	2811	Manufacture of engines and turbines, except aircraft, vehicle and cycle engines
	2812	Manufacture of fluid power equipment
	2813	Manufacture of other pumps, compressors, taps and valves
	2814	Manufacture of bearings, gears, gearing and driving elements
	2815	Manufacture of ovens, furnaces and permanent household heating equipment
	2816	Manufacture of lifting and handling equipment
	2817	Manufacture of office machinery and equipment (except computers and peripheral equipment)
	2818	Manufacture of power-driven hand tools
	2819	Manufacture of other general-purpose machinery
	282	Manufacture of special-purpose machinery
	2821	Manufacture of agricultural and forestry machinery
	2822	Manufacture of metal-forming machinery and machine tools
	2823	Manufacture of machinery for metallurgy
	2824	Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction
	2825	Manufacture of machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing
	2826	Manufacture of machinery for textile, apparel and leather production
	2829	Manufacture of other special-purpose machinery
29		Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
	291	Manufacture of motor vehicles
	2910	Manufacture of motor vehicles
	292	Manufacture of bodies (coachwork) for motor vehicles; manufacture of trailers and semi-trailers

	2920	Manufacture of bodies (coachwork) for motor vehicles; manufacture of trailers and semi-trailers
	293	Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles
	2930	Manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles
30		Manufacture of other transport equipment
	301	Building of ships and boats
	3011	Building of ships and floating structures
	3012	Building of pleasure and sporting boats
	302	Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock
	3020	Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock
	303	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery
	3030	Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery
	304	Manufacture of military fighting vehicles
	3040	Manufacture of military fighting vehicles
	309	Manufacture of transport equipment n.e.c.
	3091	Manufacture of motorcycles
	3092	Manufacture of bicycles and invalid carriages
	3099	Manufacture of other transport equipment n.e.c.
31		Manufacture of furniture
	310	Manufacture of furniture
	3101	Manufacture of wooden furniture
	3102	Manufacture of other furniture
32		Other manufacturing
	321	Manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and related articles
	3211	Manufacture of jewellery and related articles
	3212	Manufacture of imitation jewellery and related articles
	322	Manufacture of musical instruments
	3220	Manufacture of musical instruments
	323	Manufacture of sports goods
	3230	Manufacture of sports goods
	324	Manufacture of games and toys
	3240	Manufacture of games and toys
	325	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies
	3250	Manufacture of medical and dental instruments and supplies
	329	Other manufacturing n.e.c.
	3290	Other manufacturing n.e.c.
33		Repair, maintenance and installation of machinery and equipment
	331	Repair and maintenance of fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment
	3311	Repair and maintenance of fabricated metal products
	3312	Repair and maintenance of machinery
	3313	Repair and maintenance of electronic and optical equipment

	3314	Repair and maintenance of electrical equipment
	3315	Repair and maintenance of transport equipment, except motor vehicles
	3319	Repair and maintenance of other equipment
332		Installation of industrial machinery and equipment
	3320	Installation of industrial machinery and equipment
D		Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
35		Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
	351	Electric power generation, transmission and distribution activities
	3511	Electric power generation activities from non-renewable sources
	3512	Electric power generation activities from renewable sources
	3513	Electric power transmission and distribution activities
	352	Manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains
	3520	Manufacture of gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains
	353	Steam and air conditioning supply
	3530	Steam and air conditioning supply
	354	Activities of brokers and agents for electric power and natural gas
	3540	Activities of brokers and agents for electric power and natural gas
E		Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
	36	Water collection, treatment and supply
	360	Water collection, treatment and supply
	3600	Water collection, treatment and supply
37		Sewerage
	370	Sewerage
	3700	Sewerage
38		Waste collection, treatment and disposal, and recovery activities
	381	Waste collection activities
	3811	Collection of non-hazardous waste
	3812	Collection of hazardous waste
	382	Waste treatment and disposal
	3821	Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste
	3822	Treatment and disposal of hazardous waste
	383	Materials and other waste recovery
	3830	Materials and other waste recovery
39		Remediation and other waste management service activities
	390	Remediation and other waste management service activities
	3900	Remediation and other waste management service activities
F		Construction
41		Construction of residential and non-residential buildings
	410	Construction of residential and non-residential buildings
	4100	Construction of residential and non-residential buildings
42		Civil engineering

421	Construction of roads and railways
4210	Construction of roads and railways
422	Construction of utility projects
4220	Construction of utility projects
429	Construction of other civil engineering projects
4290	Construction of other civil engineering projects
43	Specialized construction activities
431	Demolition and site preparation
4311	Demolition
4312	Site preparation
432	Electrical, plumbing and other construction installation activities
4321	Electrical installation
4322	Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation
4329	Other construction installation
433	Building completion and finishing
4330	Building completion and finishing
434	Intermediation service activities for specialized construction services
4340	Intermediation service activities for specialized construction services
439	Other specialized construction activities
4390	Other specialized construction activities
G	Wholesale and retail trade
46	Wholesale trade
461	Wholesale on a fee or contract basis
4610	Wholesale on a fee or contract basis
462	Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals
4620	Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals
463	Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco
4630	Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco
464	Wholesale of household goods
4641	Wholesale of textiles, clothing and footwear
4642	Wholesale of household, office and shop furniture, carpets and lighting equipment
4649	Wholesale of other household goods
465	Wholesale of machinery, equipment and supplies
4651	Wholesale of computers, computer peripheral equipment and software
4652	Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts
4653	Wholesale of agricultural machinery, equipment and supplies
4659	Wholesale of other machinery and equipment

466	Wholesale of motor vehicles, motorcycles and related parts and accessories
4661	Wholesale of motor vehicles
4662	Wholesale of motor vehicle parts and accessories
4663	Wholesale of motorcycles, motorcycle parts and accessories
467	Other specialized wholesale
4671	Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products
4672	Wholesale of metals and metal ores
4673	Wholesale of construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies
4679	Wholesale of chemicals, waste and scrap and other products n.e.c.
469	Non-specialized wholesale trade
4690	Non-specialized wholesale trade
47	Retail trade
471	Non-specialized retail sale
4711	Non-specialized retail sale with food, beverages or tobacco predominating
4719	Other non-specialized retail sale
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco
4721	Retail sale of food
4722	Retail sale of beverages
4723	Retail sale of tobacco products
473	Retail sale of automotive fuel
4730	Retail sale of automotive fuel
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment
4740	Retail sale of information and communication equipment
475	Retail sale of other household equipment
4751	Retail sale of textiles
4752	Retail sale of hardware, building materials, paints and glass
4753	Retail sale of carpets, rugs, wall and floor coverings
4759	Retail sale of electrical household appliances, furniture, lighting equipment and other household articles
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreational goods
4761	Retail sale of books, newspapers, stationery and office supplies
4762	Retail sale of sporting equipment
4763	Retail sale of games and toys
4769	Retail sale of cultural and recreational goods n.e.c.
477	Retail sale of other goods, except motor vehicles and motorcycles
4771	Retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather articles
4772	Retail sale of pharmaceutical and medical goods, cosmetic and toilet articles
4773	Retail sale of other new goods n.e.c.

	4774	Retail sale of second-hand goods
478		Retail sale of motor vehicles, motorcycles and related parts and accessories
	4781	Retail sale of motor vehicles
	4782	Retail sale of motor vehicle parts and accessories
	4783	Retail sale of motorcycles, motorcycles parts and accessories
479		Intermediation service activities for retail sale
	4790	Intermediation service activities for retail sale
H		Transportation and storage
49		Land transport and transport via pipelines
	491	Transport via railways
	4911	Passenger rail transport, interurban
	4912	Freight rail transport
	492	Other land transport
	4921	Urban and suburban passenger land transport
	4922	Other passenger land transport
	4923	Freight transport by road
	493	Transport via pipeline
	4930	Transport via pipeline
50		Water transport
	501	Sea and coastal water transport
	5011	Sea and coastal passenger water transport
	5012	Sea and coastal freight water transport
	502	Inland water transport
	5021	Inland passenger water transport
	5022	Inland freight water transport
51		Air transport
	511	Passenger air transport
	5110	Passenger air transport
	512	Freight air transport
	5120	Freight air transport
52		Warehousing and support activities for transportation
	521	Warehousing and storage
	5210	Warehousing and storage
	522	Support activities for transportation
	5221	Service activities incidental to land transportation
	5222	Service activities incidental to water transportation
	5223	Service activities incidental to air transportation
	5224	Cargo handling
	5229	Other support activities for transportation
	523	Intermediation service activities for transportation
	5231	Intermediation service activities for freight transportation
	5232	Intermediation service activities for passenger transportation

53	Postal and courier activities
531	Postal activities
5310	Postal activities
532	Courier activities
5320	Courier activities
533	Intermediation service activities for postal and courier activities
5330	Intermediation service activities for postal and courier activities
I	Accommodation and food service activities
55	Accommodation
551	Hotels and similar accommodation activities
5510	Hotels and similar accommodation activities
552	Other short term accommodation activities
5520	Other short term accommodation activities
553	Camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks
5530	Camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks
554	Intermediation service activities for accommodation
5540	Intermediation service activities for accommodation
559	Other accommodation n.e.c.
5590	Other accommodation n.e.c.
56	Food and beverage service activities
561	Restaurants and mobile food service activities
5610	Restaurants and mobile food service activities
562	Event catering and other food service activities
5621	Event catering activities
5629	Other food service activities
563	Beverage serving activities
5630	Beverage serving activities
564	Intermediation service activities for food and beverage services activities
5640	Intermediation service activities for food and beverage services activities
J	Publishing, broadcasting, and content production and distribution activities
58	Publishing activities
581	Publishing of books, newspapers, periodicals and other publishing activities
5811	Publishing of books
5812	Publishing of newspapers
5813	Publishing of journals and periodicals
5819	Other publishing activities
582	Software publishing
5821	Publishing of video games
5829	Other software publishing

59		Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
	591	Motion picture, video and television programme activities
	5911	Motion picture, video and television programme production activities
	5912	Motion picture, video and television programme post-production activities
	5913	Motion picture, video and television programme distribution activities
	5914	Motion picture projection activities
	592	Sound recording and music publishing activities
	5920	Sound recording and music publishing activities
60		Programming, broadcasting, news agency and other content distribution activities
	601	Radio broadcasting and audio distribution activities
	6010	Radio broadcasting and audio distribution activities
	602	Television programming, broadcasting and video distribution activities
	6020	Television programming, broadcasting and video distribution activities
	603	News agency and other content distribution activities
	6031	News agency activities
	6039	Social network sites and other content distribution activities
K		Telecommunications, computer programming, consultancy, computing infrastructure, and other information service activities
	61	Telecommunications
	611	Wired, wireless, and satellite telecommunication activities
	6110	Wired, wireless, and satellite telecommunication activities
	612	Telecommunication reselling activities and intermediation service activities for telecommunication
	6120	Telecommunication reselling activities and intermediation service activities for telecommunication
	619	Other telecommunication activities
	6190	Other telecommunication activities
	62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
	621	Computer programming activities
	6211	Development of video games, video game software, and video game software tools
	6219	Other computer programming activities
	622	Computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities
	6220	Computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities

629	Other information technology and computer service activities
6290	Other information technology and computer service activities
63	Computing infrastructure, data processing, hosting, and other information service activities
631	Computing infrastructure, data processing, hosting and related activities
6310	Computing infrastructure, data processing, hosting and related activities
639	Web search portals activities and other information service activities
6390	Web search portals activities and other information service activities
L	Financial and insurance activities
64	Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
641	Monetary intermediation
6411	Central banking
6419	Other monetary intermediation
642	Activities of holding companies and financing conduits
6421	Activities of holding companies
6422	Activities of financing conduits
643	Activities of trusts, funds and similar financial entities
6431	Activities of money market funds
6432	Activities of non-money market investments funds
6433	Activities of trust, estate and agency accounts
649	Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding activities
6491	Financial leasing activities
6492	International trade financing activities
6493	Factoring activities
6494	Securitisation activities
6495	Other credit granting activities
6499	Other financial service activities n.e.c., except insurance and pension funding activities
65	Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
651	Insurance
6511	Life insurance
6512	Non-life insurance
652	Reinsurance
6520	Reinsurance
653	Pension funding
6530	Pension funding
66	Activities auxiliary to financial service and insurance activities

661	Activities auxiliary to financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
6611	Administration of financial markets
6612	Security and commodity contracts brokerage
6619	Other activities auxiliary to financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
662	Activities auxiliary to insurance and pension funding
6621	Risk and damage evaluation
6622	Activities of insurance agents and brokers
6629	Other activities auxiliary to insurance and pension funding
663	Fund management activities
6630	Fund management activities
M	Real estate activities
68	Real estate activities
681	Real estate activities with own or leased property
6810	Real estate activities with own or leased property
682	Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis
6821	Intermediation service activities for real estate
6829	Other real estate activities on a fee or contract basis
N	Professional, scientific and technical activities
69	Legal and accounting activities
691	Legal activities
6910	Legal activities
692	Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy
6920	Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy
70	Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities
701	Activities of head offices
7010	Activities of head offices
702	Business and other management consultancy activities
7020	Business and other management consultancy activities
71	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
711	Architectural and engineering, and related technical consultancy activities
7110	Architectural and engineering, and related technical consultancy activities
712	Technical testing and analysis
7120	Technical testing and analysis
72	Scientific research and development
721	Research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering
7210	Research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering

722	Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
7220	Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities
73	Activities of advertising, market research and public relations
731	Advertising activities
7310	Advertising activities
732	Market research and public opinion polling activities
7320	Market research and public opinion polling activities
733	Public relations activities
7330	Public relations activities
74	Other professional, scientific and technical activities
741	Specialized design activities
7410	Specialized design activities
742	Photographic activities
7420	Photographic activities
743	Translation and interpretation activities
7430	Translation and interpretation activities
749	Other professional, scientific and technical activities n.e.c.
7491	Patent brokering and marketing service activities
7499	All other professional, scientific and technical activities n.e.c.
75	Veterinary activities
750	Veterinary activities
7500	Veterinary activities
O	Administrative and support service activities
77	Rental and leasing activities
771	Rental and leasing of motor vehicles
7710	Rental and leasing of motor vehicles
772	Rental and leasing of personal and household goods
7721	Rental and leasing of recreational and sports goods
7729	Rental and leasing of other personal and household goods
773	Rental and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods
7730	Rental and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods
774	Leasing of intellectual property and similar products, except copyrighted works
7740	Leasing of intellectual property and similar products, except copyrighted works
775	Intermediation service activities for rental and leasing of tangible goods and non-financial intangible assets
7751	Intermediation service activities for rental and leasing of cars, motorhomes and trailers

	7752	Intermediation service activities for rental and leasing of other tangible goods and non-financial intangible assets
78		Employment activities
	781	Activities of employment placement agencies
	7810	Activities of employment placement agencies
	782	Temporary employment agency activities and other human resource provisions
	7820	Temporary employment agency activities and other human resource provisions
79		Travel agency, tour operator, and other travel related activities
	791	Travel agency and tour operator activities
	7911	Travel agency activities
	7912	Tour operator activities
	799	Other travel related activities
	7990	Other travel related activities
80		Investigation and security activities
	801	Investigation and security activities
	8011	Investigation and private security activities
	8019	Security activities n.e.c.
81		Services to buildings and landscape activities
	811	Combined facilities support activities
	8110	Combined facilities support activities
	812	Cleaning activities
	8121	General cleaning of buildings
	8129	Other cleaning activities
	813	Landscape service activities
	8130	Landscape service activities
82		Office administrative, office support and other business support activities
	821	Office administrative and support activities
	8210	Office administrative and support activities
	822	Activities of call centres
	8220	Activities of call centres
	823	Organization of conventions and trade shows
	8230	Organization of conventions and trade shows
	824	Intermediation service activities for business support service activities n.e.c., except financial intermediation
	8240	Intermediation service activities for business support service activities n.e.c., except financial intermediation
	829	Business support service activities n.e.c.
	8291	Activities of collection agencies and credit bureaus
	8292	Packaging activities
	8299	Other business support service activities n.e.c.

P		Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
84		Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
	841	Administration of the State and the economic, social and environmental policies of the community
	8411	General public administration activities
	8412	Regulation of the activities of providing health care, education, cultural services and other social services, excluding social security and environment
	8413	Regulation of the activities of providing environmental services
	8414	Regulation of and contribution to more efficient operation of businesses
	842	Provision of services to the community as a whole
	8421	Foreign affairs
	8422	Defence activities
	8423	Public order and safety activities
	843	Compulsory social security activities
	8430	Compulsory social security activities
Q		Education
85		Education
	851	Pre-primary education
	8510	Pre-primary education
	852	Primary education
	8520	Primary education
	853	Secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education
	8531	General secondary education
	8532	Vocational secondary education
	8533	Post-secondary non-tertiary education
	854	Tertiary education
	8540	Tertiary education
	855	Other education
	8551	Sports and recreation education
	8552	Cultural education
	8553	Driving school activities
	8559	Other education n.e.c.
	856	Educational support activities
	8561	Intermediation service activities for courses and tutors
	8569	Other educational support activities
R		Human health and social work activities
86		Human health activities
	861	Hospital activities
	8610	Hospital activities
	862	Medical and dental practice activities
	8620	Medical and dental practice activities

869	Other human health activities
8691	Intermediation service activities for medical, dental, and other human health services
8699	Other human health activities n.e.c.
87	Residential care activities
871	Residential nursing care activities
8710	Residential nursing care activities
872	Residential care activities for persons living with or having a diagnosis of a mental illness or substance abuse
8720	Residential care activities for persons living with or having a diagnosis of a mental illness or substance abuse
873	Residential care activities for older persons or persons with physical disabilities
8730	Residential care activities for older persons or persons with physical disabilities
879	Other residential care activities
8791	Intermediation service activities for residential care activities
8799	Other residential care activities n.e.c.
88	Social work activities without accommodation
881	Social work activities without accommodation for older persons or persons with disabilities
8810	Social work activities without accommodation for older persons or persons with disabilities
889	Other social work activities without accommodation
8890	Other social work activities without accommodation
S	Arts, sports and recreation
90	Arts creation and performing arts activities
901	Arts creation activities
9011	Literary creation and musical composition activities
9012	Visual arts creation activities
9013	Other arts creation activities
902	Activities of performing arts
9020	Activities of performing arts
903	Support activities to arts creation and performing arts
9031	Operation of arts facilities and sites
9039	Other support activities to arts creation and performing arts
91	Library, archives, museum and other cultural activities
911	Library and archives activities
9111	Library activities
9112	Archives activities
912	Museum, collection, historical site and monument activities
9121	Museum and collection activities
9122	Historical site and monument activities

913	Conservation, restoration and other support activities for cultural heritage
9130	Conservation, restoration and other support activities for cultural heritage
914	Botanical and zoological garden and nature reserve activities
9141	Botanical and zoological garden activities
9142	Nature reserve activities
92	Gambling and betting activities
920	Gambling and betting activities
9200	Gambling and betting activities
93	Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
931	Sports activities
9311	Operation of sports facilities
9312	Activities of sports clubs
9319	Other sports activities
932	Amusement and recreation activities
9321	Activities of amusement parks and theme parks
9329	Other amusement and recreation activities
T	Other service activities
94	Activities of membership organizations
941	Activities of business, employers and professional membership organizations
9411	Activities of business and employers membership organizations
9412	Activities of professional membership organizations
942	Activities of trade unions
9420	Activities of trade unions
949	Activities of other membership organizations
9491	Activities of religious organizations
9492	Activities of political organizations
9499	Activities of other membership organizations n.e.c.
95	Repair and maintenance of computers, personal and household goods, and motor vehicles and motorcycles
951	Repair and maintenance of computers and communication equipment
9510	Repair and maintenance of computers and communication equipment
952	Repair and maintenance of personal and household goods
9521	Repair and maintenance of consumer electronics
9522	Repair and maintenance of household appliances and home and garden equipment
9523	Repair and maintenance of footwear and leather goods
9524	Repair and maintenance of furniture and home furnishings
9529	Repair and maintenance of other personal and household goods

953	Repair and maintenance of motor vehicles and motorcycles
9531	Repair and maintenance of motor vehicles
9532	Repair and maintenance of motorcycles
954	Intermediation service activities for repair and maintenance of computers, personal and household goods, and motor vehicles and motorcycles
9540	Intermediation service activities for repair and maintenance of computers, personal and household goods, and motor vehicles and motorcycles
96	Personal service activities
961	Washing and cleaning of textile and fur products
9610	Washing and cleaning of textile and fur products
962	Hairdressing, beauty treatment, day spa and similar activities
9621	Hairdressing and barber activities
9622	Beauty care and other beauty treatment activities
9623	Day spa, sauna and steam bath activities
963	Funeral and related activities
9630	Funeral and related activities
964	Intermediation service activities for personal services
9640	Intermediation service activities for personal services
969	Other personal service activities n.e.c.
9690	Other personal service activities n.e.c.
U	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
97	Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel
970	Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel
9700	Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel
98	Undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of private households for own use
981	Undifferentiated goods-producing activities of private households for own use
9810	Undifferentiated goods-producing activities of private households for own use
982	Undifferentiated service-producing activities of private households for own use
9820	Undifferentiated service-producing activities of private households for own use
V	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies
99	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies
990	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies
9900	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies

Annex I: List of responding countries and international organizations

Africa (10)

Algeria
Botswana
Egypt
Libya
Malawi
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Nigeria
Zimbabwe

Americas (21)

Argentina
Aruba
Bahamas
Belize
Bermuda
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Brazil
Canada
Colombia
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Guatemala
Guyana
Mexico
Panama
Peru
Suriname
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Asia (26)

Armenia
Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
Cyprus
Georgia
India

Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Israel
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Philippines
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
Sri Lanka
State of Palestine
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam

Europe (38)

Albania
Andorra
Austria
Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czechia
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Montenegro

Netherlands
 North Macedonia
 Norway
 Poland
 Portugal
 Republic of Moldova
 Romania
 Russian Federation
 Serbia
 Slovenia
 Spain
 Sweden
 Switzerland
 Ukraine
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
 Ireland

Oceania (3)

American Samoa
 Australia
 Fiji

International/regional organizations (13)

Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Irving
 Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics
 (IFC)
 OECD
 European Central Bank
 Eurostat
 International Energy Agency
 International Labour Organization (ILO)
 United Nations Conference on Trade and
 Development (UNCTAD)
 United Nations Development Programme
 (UNDP)
 United Nations Industrial Development
 Organization (UNIDO)
 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
 Universal Postal Union
 World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
 World Trade Organization (WTO)

Annex II: Questionnaire of the global consultation

Comment Form for the Global Consultation on the draft *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities Rev. 5*

This comment form has been designed to facilitate the global consultation on the structure at Class level (four-digit code) of the *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (ISIC) Rev. 5 which was prepared by the Task Team on ISIC (TT-ISIC) of the UN Committee of Experts on International Statistical Classifications (UNCEISC).

The broad structure of ISIC Rev. 5 at the Section level (one-digit codes), Division level (two-digit codes) and Group level (three-digit codes) was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2022. Since then, the TT-ISIC focused on the finalization of the structure at the Class level (four-digit codes). The complete draft structure therefore contains all the levels of the classification and will be submitted to the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2023 for adoption.

The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 is the result of extensive discussions within the task team in consultation with experts in different areas such as classifications, national accounts, business statistics, financial statistics, and environmental accounting from countries and international and regional organizations. Two global consultations have been conducted thus far: the first in 2019 to collect issues for the revision of ISIC and the second in early 2022 to seek feedback on the broad structure of ISIC. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 represents the decisions that the TT-ISIC made either unanimously or with a clear majority of its members.

There were many issues and proposals for the revision of ISIC. Although not all proposals for change in the revised ISIC are reflected in the final structure of the classification, they have been carefully discussed by the TT-ISIC, which made considerable efforts to integrate the proposed changes. On many occasions more work was needed to fully assess the feasibility and conceptual consistency of certain proposed structural changes. The TT-ISIC recognized that these issues would have to be revisited in future revisions of the classification and thus they will be included in the research agenda for ISIC.

This global consultation aims at collecting feedback on the structure of the revised ISIC only at the Class level (four-digit code) and collect issues for future revision of ISIC. The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 and the accompanying note are also available online at:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/Classifications/isic/rev5consultation>

This comment form is being circulated to National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and relevant international/regional organizations. Each NSO is encouraged to provide one coordinated response among relevant subject-area experts within their office as well as to coordinate their response with relevant institutions in their country. Two documents are attached with this comment form: 1) the complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5; and 2) a note summarizing the changes and the future work on ISIC.

The draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5 will be submitted to the UNSC for endorsement in March 2023. The outcome of this global consultation will be reported orally to the UNSC for its consideration.

Please fill out the online comment form (<https://input.un.org/EFM/se/3995D1A46956AABD>) by **Friday, 20 January 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact us at chl@un.org

Your contact information:

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Unit/Division in your Institution: Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.

Institution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country: Click or tap here to enter text.

E-mail: Click or tap here to enter text.

We encourage a coordinated response from the NSO. Is your response coordinated with relevant areas of expertise within your institution?

- ☐ Yes, please specify Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☐ No

Is your response coordinated with relevant institutions in your country?

- ☐ Yes. If yes, with whom? Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

Questions

1. Structure of ISIC Rev. 5 at Class level

Do you agree with the proposed structure at Class level (four-digit code) of the complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5? Please note that the structure of ISIC Rev. 5 at Section level (one-digit codes), Division level (two-digit codes) and Group level (three-digit codes) was endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its 53rd session in March 2022.

When providing comments and when possible, please make specific reference to the relevant codes of the classification.

- ☐ Yes. Additional comments, if any Click or tap here to enter text.
- ☐ No. Please explain Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Research agenda of ISIC

The research agenda for future revisions of ISIC is currently being developed. Please provide below issues that you would like to be included.

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3. Additional comments

Please provide below any additional remarks you may have on the complete draft structure of ISIC Rev. 5:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Thank you!