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* Read parameters from excel and assign them to global macros
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* 1. Uprating
import excel using "$xls_tool", sheet(uprating) first clear
    destring _all, replace
    ds
    foreach var in `r(varlist)' { // age uprating = 7 years is added in the xl
> s_tool since (PY-SY) = 7 years
        global `var'_uprating = `var'[1]
    }
/*****/

* 2. PIT and Pension rates
import excel using "$xls_tool", sheet(PIT_SIC) first clear //PIT
    drop if missing(PIT_cutoff) | PIT_cutoff == 0
    global PIT_brackets = _N

    /* Save rates/cutoffs in a global macro to automoate dirtax.ado options, as
> in rates({PIT_rate_lists}) tholds({PIT_cutoff_lists}) */
    global PIT_cutoff_lists

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    global PIT_rate_lists
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    forvalues i = 1 / $PIT_brackets {
> ng PIT cutoff        global PIT_cutoff_`i' = PIT_cutoff[`i']*12 // Annualizati
> t directly in the dirtax.ado command (eg, 0.15 becomes 15)
        global PIT_rate_`i' = PIT_rate[`i']*100 // Multiply by 100 to use i
        global PIT_cutoff_lists ${PIT_cutoff_lists} ${PIT_cutoff_`i'}
        global PIT_rate_lists ${PIT_rate_lists} ${PIT_rate_`i'}
>
    }

    /* Checking if the number of PIT brackets is the same as the number of cutof
> f points and rates */
    local count_PIT_cutoff_lists : word count ${PIT_cutoff_lists}
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    assert `count_PIT_cutoff_lists' == ${PIT_brackets}
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    local count_PIT_rate_lists : word count ${PIT_rate_lists}
>
    assert `count_PIT_rate_lists' == ${PIT_brackets}

    foreach var in PIT_deduction SIC_rate {
        global `var' = `var'[1]
    }
    global PIT_deduction = ${PIT_deduction} // PIT deduction is
> already annualized
/*****/

* 3. Transfers
import excel using "$xls_tool", sheet(transfers) first clear //PIT
    ds
    foreach var in `r(varlist)' {
        global `var' = `var'[1]
    }

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    global child_benefit = ${child_benefit}*12
>    // Annualizing benefits
    global unempl_coverage_increase = ${unempl_coverage_increase}*12    // A
> nnualizing enemp't coverage
    global GMI_threshold = ${GMI_threshold}*12
>    // Annualizing GMI
/*****/

* 4. inkind
import excel using "$xls_tool", sheet(inkind) first clear
    destring _all, replace
    ds
    foreach var in `r(varlist)' {
        global `var' = `var'[1]
    }
    /* These inkind vars are typically reported annualy, so no need to annualize
> them */

    clear    // deleting inkind data in Stata

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