



Review of the Implementation Guide to ISIC Rev.4

United Nations Statistics Division



Purpose of Implementation Guide

- At its last meeting, the EG suggested the development of an implementation guide that would help countries in the adaptation and implementation of ISIC Rev.4
- Existing draft documents developed in Eurostat should be taken as starting point



Work on the Guide

- The original documents have been reviewed with the aim to make them applicable beyond European countries
- Most of the content has been further elaborated and reorganized with some sections enlarged, others reformulated to address the needs of a larger group of countries
- A limited review has been undertaken also by experts from national statistical offices



Content of the Guide

- The draft presented covers the following topics:
 - Overall implementation plan for a national classification
 - Development of a national adaptation of ISIC
 - Implementation of the new classification in the business register
 - Required changes to survey samples and weights
 - Backcasting strategies



Application and review of the Guide

- Although initially written for ISIC Rev.4, most content will be applicable to future versions as well (except examples)
- Main users of the Guide will be developing countries starting a classifications revision compatible with ISIC



Application and review of the Guide

- A review of the Guide should take these main users into account
- A short-term review process should be carried out within the EG
 - UNSD has a list of specific questions, but there may be additional clarifications necessary
 - Experts in these areas may provide clarification to finalize the current version of the Guide
- The Guide should be made available as soon as possible



Application and review of the Guide

- For a long-term review, feedback from users of the Guide is necessary
- Can a mid-term review process be organized with a small selection of pilot countries?
 - If necessary, when/how should an updated version of the Guide be issued?



Questions for EG

- Review overall scope of the document
 - Is the selection of chapters adequate?
- Review general recommendations and other information in the document
 - Does the EG agree?
- Do individual chapters need to be expanded?
- How should the review process be organized?
 - Short-term (expert volunteers)
 - Mid-term (pilot countries)