Review of the Companion Guide for ISIC and CPC

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Purpose of Companion Guide

- At an early stage of the ISIC Rev.4 and CPC Ver.2 revision, it was proposed to develop a complimentary publication that can elaborate on individual topics more than what is possible in the introduction or explanatory notes of the classifications

Purpose of Companion Guide

- Provide background information on the classifications structure
  - e.g. through a more detailed discussion, examples
- Provide information on rationale for chosen structure
  - Useful for national adaptations; future revisions of ISIC and CPC
- Discuss principles and application rules
  - E.g. through more detailed discussion, examples

Purpose of the Companion Guide

- Discuss application of ISIC and CPC in specific fields
- Provide a more detailed discussion of ISIC and CPC relationship in specific areas
  - Typically related to new or revised concepts

Structure of Companion Guide

- ☐ An outline of the structure has been discussed and approved at the previous EG meeting
- ☐ Drafting has followed this recommended structure
  - ■ Therefore no major modifications should be necessary

Review of the Companion Guide

- ☐ Two phases:
  - ■ 1 – review of approach to key components
  - ■ 2 – review of content

Review – Phase 1

- ☐ Should take place at this meeting
- ☐ Consider:
  - ■ Is the general scope of information as expected?
    - ☐ In particular, for chapters 3.3 and 4.3:
      - ■ Is the breakdown and scope appropriate?
    - ☐ For chapter 3.1:
      - ■ Is the detail and style of information appropriate?

Review – Phase 1

- Consider:
    - Is the type of information selected appropriate?
    - In particular, for chapters 5 and 6:
        - Is the selection of topics appropriate?
        - Should additional topics be added?
            - If so, who can provide a draft version?

Review – Phase 2

- ☐ Should include a review of the detailed content of the chapters of the Guide

- ☐ While work on original draft was limited to TSG members, the review can be undertaken by others as well

- ☐ Need to set a timetable for review and assign responsibilities

Questions for EG – summary

- ☐ Review format and scope of draft text for existing chapters (3.1, 3.3, 4.3)
- ☐ Review components of chapters 5 and 6
  - ■ Suggest amendments if necessary
- ☐ Agree on review process for detailed content
  - ■ Timetable
  - ■ Assignments to "volunteers"