

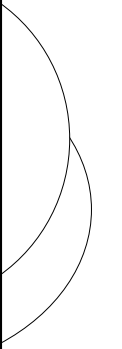


Overview of APRIS Subproject 0508

Agenda item 3

ASEAN Secretariat

The 3rd Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on
Harmonization of Statistical Classifications
Bangkok 20-22 March 2006



Overview of
Overall Work Programme

AHSOM Endorsement

- AHSOM 3: agreed to respond to UNSD initiative on ISIC Rev.4
- AHSOM 4: agreed to establish a TF
 - Following the first Regional workshop, under UNSD project in South East Asia
- AHSOM 5: agreed to give high priority in the VAP
- AHSOM 6: endorsed a project under APRIS funding

The First Technical Meeting

- Under UNSD project, in collaboration with the UNESCAP, July 2003
- Discussed issues related to preliminary Draft ISIC Rev.4
- Identified issues and practices that may have led to incomparable SIC
- Discussed and finalized the TOR for the TF



The Second Technical Meeting

- October 2004, Manila
- Country's own expense
- APRIS financial assistance to engage a project consultant
- Two very important outputs:
 - ASEAN Position
 - Work Programme 2004-2006



Overall Work Programme

Overall Objective:

Develop a system of industrial classifications that would serve as a guide to the AMCs in revising the national SIC, with uniform structure and consistent criteria, built on the basis of ISIC Rev.4



Overall Work Programme

Specific Objectives:

- Establish a general SIC based on ISIC Rev.4, common to the AMCs, at an agreed level of structure and harmonized with their national SIC
- Develop guideline on revision/expansion, criteria on classifications, and common treatment of boundary activities and vertically-integrated activities
- Develop a correspondence table with ISIC Rev.4 and national SIC



Activities involved: Meetings and National Studies

5 Meetings and 1 evaluation meeting was envisioned to come up with:

- Agreement on uniform classification structure, guidelines and criteria
- Agreement on the description of major industrial groupings, criteria, treatment of boundary and vertically-integrated activities
- Ratification of the draft common classifications and guidelines
- AHSOM approval and implementation



Activities involved: Meetings and National Studies

National Studies:

- To provide inputs and tests for: criteria and principles, structure, common industry groupings, treatment of boundary and vertically-integrated activities
- Methodology and instruments need to be developed and discussed at the TF meetings
- Activities and specific issues to be used in the national studies should be discussed at the TF meetings
- Further on this will be discussed in agenda item 7



Activities envisioned for a later stage of the work programme

- Seeking inputs from all stakeholders, prior to adoption and implementation
- A series of National workshops is necessary to get stakeholders involvement and sense of ownership, and to serve as a means of coordination



Subproject 0508 Implementation Plan



Phase 1 of the Work Programme

- The work programme is to be implemented in two phases
- AHSOM 6 endorsed Subproject 0508, to implement Phase 1
- The Subproject commenced in February 2006, expected to finish by September 2006

Activities Under Phase 1

- Development of common classification structure and guideline for revision
- Preparation of a description of common industry groupings and criteria for classification, treatment of boundary and vertically-integrated activities, and special studies


Activities Envisioned Under Phase 2

- Discussion and ratification of decisions on common industry groupings, criteria, and treatment of boundary and vertically-integrated activities
- Preparation of correspondence table(s)
- Finalization, printing, dissemination of the guideline



Three TF Meetings under Phase 1

- To come up with an agreement on the uniform classifications, at an agreed level, and guidelines for revision
- To come up with an agreement on the description of major industrial groupings and criteria for revision as well as treatment of boundary and vertically-integrated activities

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- Detailed Issues related to National Studies will be discussed in agenda item 7
 - Details on finalization of the implementation of the Subproject 0508 will be further discussed in agenda item 9