



Review of The Minutes of the Second Technical Meeting

Agenda item 2

ASEAN Secretariat

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



ISSUES and CONCERNS

Practices in Adapting ISIC Rev. 3

- Incorporate important activities:
 - Elevate categories
 - Add categories
 - Add codes
- Apply different principles and criteria
- Apply different treatment for boundary and vertically integrated activities

Diversity led to loss in comparability

Structure of National SIC (R.3): Overall

Country	2 digit	3 digit	4 digit	5 digit
IDN	63	183	393	1016
MAL	60	157	302	698
PHL	63	220	513	998
SGP	54	152	323	1072
THA,ISIC	60	159	292	-
VNM	60	159	299	-

Diversity led to loss in comparability

Structure of National SIC (R.3): Agriculture

Country	2 digit	3 digit	4 digit	5 digit
IDN	3	7	18	103
MAL	3	7	9	38
PHL	6	39	102	132
SGP	3	8	16	49
THA,ISIC	3	7	10	-
VNM	3	7	15	-

Significance of Comparable SIC

- Cuts across all areas of statistics
- Related to other classifications:
 - CPC
 - SITC
 - HS

- Harmonization is necessary



Significance of Initiative on Harmonization

- Contribute to integration of ASEAN Statistics, hence regional integration
- Capacity strengthening
 - In line with adoption and revision of the national SIC



Highlights of the Second Technical Meeting



Date, Venue and Participants

- 4-6 October 2004, Manila
- 9 AMCs
- UNSD
- UNESCAP
- ABS



UNSD presentation

- Revision process and results of UN Expert Group Meeting Dec 2003
- Conclusion and recommendation of the Expert Group
- Discussed specific issues listed in the draft ISIC Rev.4 and country papers/comments



ABS presentation

- The need to have a clear framework, principles and criteria for classifications
- Emphasized practicality
- Deviation from ISIC is unavoidable
- Comparability is maintained by aligning ANZSIC to two-digit ISIC level



UNESCAP recommendations

- AMCs should agree on the date or period in which to implement ISIC Rev.4
- ASEC should come up with a project to assist CLMV countries in implementing ISIC Rev.4



AHTN and NSCB Presentation

- The Philippines Technical Committee on Standards and Classifications:
 - AHTN history and process of revision
 - The importance of principles, policies and criteria for revision (agreed by AMCs)
 - Structure & details: agreed by AMCs
 - Implementation is yet to take place
- NSCB presentation:
 - Database on Standards and Classifications



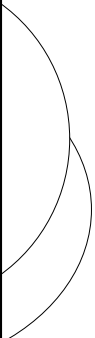
ASEAN Position on Draft ISIC R.4

- Based on discussions and country views concerning:
 - Conceptual issues
 - Principles and criteria
 - Proposed structure
 - Specific issues on: agriculture, mfg. of textile, retail sale via internet, info and com, financial leasing, rental
- Finalized on ad-referendum basis



Work Programme 2004-2006

- Discussed the objectives, time frame, intended outputs, activities, role of AMCs and ASEC
- Singapore's concern: common structure would be difficult and may lead to unnecessary categories or classes
- The Meeting: any solution should not affect independence of the AMCs in their SIC and PC

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- ASEAN Position and how it is incorporated in the ISIC Rev.4 will be further discussed in agenda item 5
 - Overview of the work programme and the Subproject on harmonization of ISIC will be further discussed in agenda item 3
 - Detailed on Subproject and finalization of activities under the Subproject will be discussed in agenda item 9

