

Developing an aggregation structure for NAPCS

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What is NAPCS?

- North American Product Classification System
 - NAICS for activity dimension
 - NAPCS for product dimension
- Target completion by 2005 for use for reference year 2007
- Services universe only for now, no firm plans yet for goods universe

Why NAPCS?

- To supplement CPC, which is not considered detailed enough
- To develop an aggregation structure that is different from the CPC's, for which there are no actual or planned uses

Current status

- Three 2-year phases for the development of detailed product lists and definitions
- Phase 1 completed (Sectors 51, 52, 54, 56)
- Phase 2 halfway completed (48-49, 61, 62, 71, 72)
- Work started on aggregation structure

Principles for aggregation structure

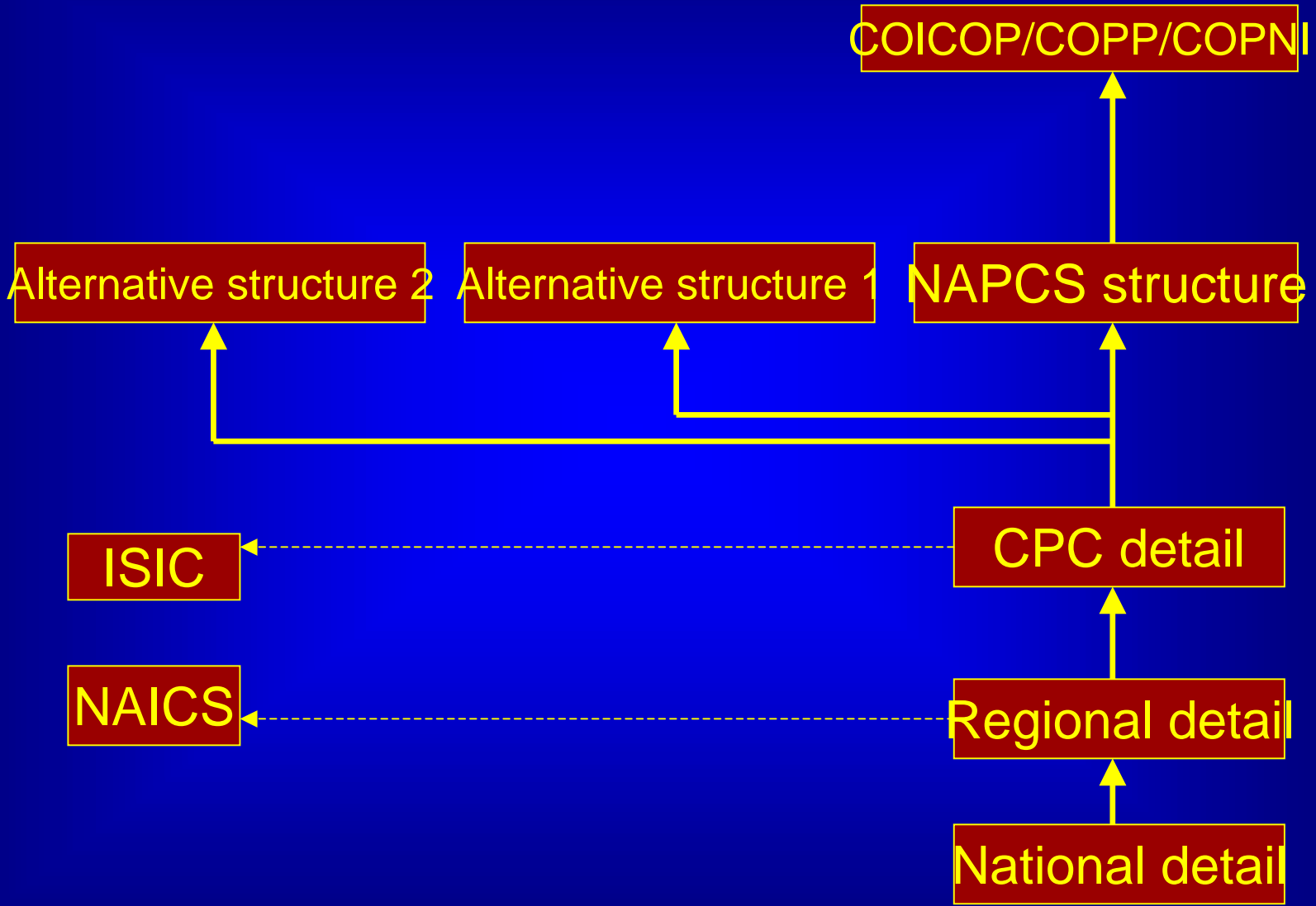
- Based on demand concept
- Covers goods and services
- Can be related to the CPC

Current assumptions

- Build structure based on existing demand based aggregates (for example, Consumer prices, Household and business expenditures)
- Single structure for intermediate and final demand
- Build several alternative structures
- Keep separate industry of origin link

Illustration

- Food
- Shelter/Structure
- Household/Structure operations and furnishings
- Clothing and footwear
- Passenger Transportation
- Goods transportation, warehousing and storage
- Other transportation vehicles
- Health and personal care
- Recreation, education and reading
- Beverages and tobacco products
- Professional and business products
- Financial products
- Construction services
- Other government products
- Feed and miscellaneous food products
- Rubber, leather, plastic fabricated products
- Textile products
- Lumber, sawmill, other wood products
- Paper and paper products
- Primary metal products
- Metal fabricated products
- Machinery and equipment
- Electrical and communication products
- Non-metallic mineral products
- Petroleum and coal products
- Chemical, chemical products
- Miscellaneous manufactured products
- Other products



Next steps

- Voorburg feedback
- January 2003 meeting in Ottawa
- Public consultation in 2003
- Finalize by end of 2003
- Input to CPC revision for 2007