Issues for Classification of Intermediaries in Services Transactions
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Issues Paper

• Brief summary of the presentations and the discussion of the Voorburg Group in Rome

• Lists out the options for classification
  • Classify as recommended by the Expert Group
    • Additional index entries
    • New ISIC classes for large areas or more extensive use of “support services” classes
  • Classify intermediaries together

• Lists out a summary of issues
Issues

• There is no practical agreement on the classification of intermediaries across countries
  • EG guidance is applied in many cases
  • Gray areas when the intermediary handles a range of transactions covering multiple goods and/or services

• Capacity risk as a concept is hard to collect and identify
  • May not result in consistent classification over time
Issues (continued)

• Current guidance from the EG suggests that different products may be required within ISIC classes
  • Need for new or refined products in the CPC
• Mixture of survey units – scope issues
  • Often includes employers and nonemployers (households)
More Issues

• Current program practices
  • Very little product or subindustry data available for either output or prices based on the Voorburg Group progress reports
  • Base service and intermediary services measured differently for both prices and output
    • E.g., Reservation or dispatch services for ride share vs. transportation service provided by driver

• No clear way to meet divergent data needs
  • National accounts
  • Policy desire for technology intensity and impacts
Next Steps

• Each NSO is asked to provide their input through the TSG-ISIC questionnaire process
• Any input from the VG will be forwarded to the TSG
• As practitioners, your input is important

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