



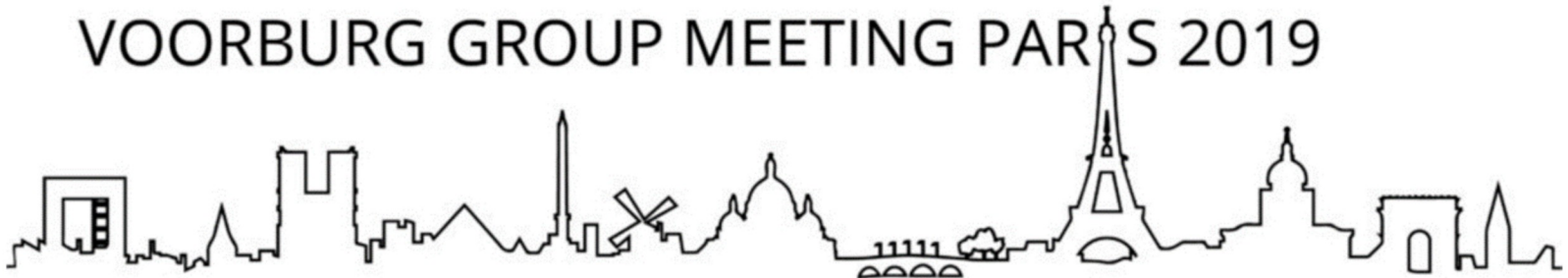
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Issues for Classification of Intermediaries in Services Transactions

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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

Separate comments can be sent to:

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