



ISIC Rev.4 Main changes

United Nations Statistics Division



Objectives of the ISIC revision

- **Relevance**
 - Reflect new industries, new production pattern, new needs for economic analysis
- **Comparability**
 - Improve linkages to major regional classifications
- **Continuity**
 - Maintain close links to the previous version of ISIC
- **Main task: balancing these three objectives**



ISIC structure changes

- Increase in top-level categories
- Increase in overall detail
- New concepts (information, professional services, support services)
- New application rules (vertical integration, top-down method, outsourcing)
- This presentation provides an overview. Specific sections will be discussed separately.



Increased detail of ISIC Rev.4

	ISIC Rev.3	ISIC Rev.4
Sections	17	21
Divisions	60	88
Groups	159	238
Classes	292	419



SNA/ISIC aggregations

- National accountants have identified a need for a standard ISIC aggregation above the section level of ISIC for summary data reporting by activity in the System of National Accounts (SNA).
- This is referred to as the *High-level SNA/ISIC aggregation*.



SNA/ISIC aggregations (continued)

High Level aggregation	ISIC Rev 4 Sections	Descriptions
1	A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing
2	B, C, D, E	Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industrial activities
2a	C	<i>Of which: manufacturing</i>
3	F	Construction
4	G, H, I	Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities
5	J	Information and communication
6	K	Financial and insurance activities
7	L	Real estate activities*
8	M, N	Professional, scientific, technical, administrative and support service activities
9	O, P, Q	Public administration and defence, education, human health and social work activities
10	R, S, T, U	Other service activities



ISIC 4 structure

- Complete correspondence at lowest level is available (on UNSD website)
- Are there other specific areas that should be discussed?



Thank You