

# Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities

An *institutional unit* (an enterprise such as a company) may be engaged in different kinds of production activities in different locations, producing various kinds of goods and services. For the analysis of production, it is necessary to use a more homogeneous unit than an enterprise. The *unit* is an establishment, defined as an enterprise or part of an enterprise situated in one location and engaged in mainly one type of production activity, which is its principal activity. An establishment can also be engaged in secondary activities which generate a minor part of its production, or ancillary activities which are production not intended for use outside the enterprise. An enterprise can consist of more than one establishment, but an establishment can belong to only one enterprise.

Based on the type of activity described in terms of a set of inputs, a production process and a set of outputs, establishments are grouped together into industries. An *industry* is defined as a group of establishments engaged in the same, or similar, kinds of production activity. Industries are classified according to the 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)*. The *SIC* is based on the 1990 edition of the *International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)*, with suitable adaptations for local conditions. The *SIC* classification refers to the principal activity of establishments.

It is possible to classify institutional units by institutional sector class and by standard industrial class. However, institutional units can only broadly be classified into industries according to their principal class of product produced or service rendered. An example of the *SIC* classification of institutional units by organisation reporting to the SARB is the classification by banks of loans, advances and discounts according to major divisions, as provided by banks on returns to the Registrar of Banks. The major divisions (one-digit level) and divisions (two-digit level) of the *SIC* are shown in Table C1.

In the case of individuals and non-producing households, there is no *SIC* classification as the *SIC* caters only for producing units. To address this problem, sector 0 of the *SIC* is further subdivided into divisions (two-digit level), major groups (three-digit level) and groups (four-digit level), as indicated in Table C2, for instance, where a reporting organisation needs to assign *SIC* codes to all its counterparties.

The complete *SIC* can be obtained from:

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8 The industries are classified according to the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)*, fifth edition. It is based on the third revision of the *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)*, with suitable adaptations for local conditions.

**Table C1 Major divisions and divisions in the SIC<sup>8</sup>**

Category	Major division	Division
<b>Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing .....</b>	<b>1</b>	
Agriculture, hunting and related services .....		11
Forestry, logging and related services.....		12
Fishing, operation of fish hatcheries and fish farms.....		13
<b>Mining and quarrying .....</b>	<b>2</b>	
Mining of coal and lignite.....		21
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas; service activities incidental to oil and gas extraction, excluding surveying.....		22
Mining of gold and uranium ore.....		23
Mining of metal ores, except gold and uranium .....		24
Other mining and quarrying .....		25
Services activities incidental to mining of minerals .....		29
<b>Manufacturing .....</b>	<b>3</b>	
Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco products .....		30
Manufacture of textiles, clothing and leather goods.....		31
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials; manufacture of paper and paper products; publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media .....		32
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel; manufacture of chemicals and chemical products; manufacture of rubber and plastic products.....		33
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products.....		34
Manufacture of basic metals, fabricated metal products, machinery and equipment and of office, accounting and computing machinery .....		35
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus not elsewhere classified .....		36
Manufacture of radio, television and communications equipment and apparatus, and of medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks .....		37
Manufacture of transport equipment .....		38
Manufacture of furniture; manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling.....		39
<b>Electricity, gas and water supply .....</b>	<b>4</b>	
Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply.....		41
Collection, purification and distribution of water.....		42
<b>Construction.....</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods; catering and accommodation .....</b>	<b>6</b>	
Wholesale and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motor cycles.....		61
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal household goods .....		62
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail trade in automotive fuel.....		63
Catering and accommodation .....		64

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<b>Transport, storage and communication .....</b>	<b>7</b>	
Land transport; transport via pipelines.....		71
Water transport .....		72
Air transport .....		73
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies .....		74
Post and telecommunications .....		75
<b>Financial intermediation, insurance, real-estate and business services.....</b>	<b>8</b>	
Financial intermediation, except insurance and pension funding.....		81
Insurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security .....		82
Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation .....		83
Real-estate activities.....		84
Renting of machinery and equipment, without operator, and of personal and household goods.....		85
Computer and related activities .....		86
Research and development.....		87
Other business activities .....		88
<b>Community, social and personal services .....</b>	<b>9</b>	
Public administration and defence activities.....		91
Education .....		92
Health and social work .....		93
Other community, social and personal service activities .....		94
Activities of membership organisations not elsewhere classified .....		95
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities .....		96
Other service activities.....		99

**Table C2 Subdivisions of sector zero in the SIC**

Category	Major division	Division	Major group	Group
<b>Private households, extra-territorial organisations, representatives of foreign governments and other activities not adequately defined .....</b>	<b>0</b>			
Private households with employed persons.....		01		
Extra-territorial organisations .....		02		
Representatives of foreign governments.....		03		
Other activities not adequately defined .....		04		
<b>Individuals and non-producing households.....</b>			<b>041</b>	
Employees.....				0411
Retired persons .....				0412
Other individuals or households, including unemployed persons, students .....				0413
<b>Other .....</b>			<b>042</b>	