

Singapore Standard Industrial Classification 2005

Introduction

The Singapore Department of Statistics has just released the Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) 2005. The SSIC 2005 is the ninth and latest edition. It adopts the basic framework of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Revision 4, the draft version of which was released in May 2004, with the necessary modifications to meet national requirements while providing for international comparability of data. It replaces the SSIC 2000 which was based on ISIC Revision 3.

The SSIC is designed for use in statistical surveys and administrative records requiring classification of economic activities. It is also used in the presentation of a wide range of statistics, including national income, production, as well as demographic, social and labour statistics.

Comparison with the SSIC 2000

The main changes between the SSIC 2000 and SSIC 2005 are as follows :

- ◆ The number of sections has increased to 22 in SSIC 2005 from 18 in SSIC 2000.
 - ◆ The two sections of 'Agriculture and Forestry' and 'Fishing' have been merged and renamed as 'Agriculture and Fishing'.
 - ◆ A new section consolidating all environment-related activities has been created, namely 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Waste Management'.
 - ◆ Another new section 'Information and Communications' has also been created, encompassing the following info-comm activities which were previously classified in different sections in SSIC 2000 –
 - Publishing
 - Telecommunications and broadcasting
 - IT services
 - Motion picture, TV and radio activities
 - Libraries, news agencies and other information services
 - ◆ The section on 'Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities' in SSIC 2000 has been divided into three sections in SSIC 2005 to reflect better the variety and heterogeneity of services, namely –
 - Real Estate, Rental and Leasing Activities
 - Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
 - Administrative and Support Service Activities
 - ◆ Another section on 'Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities' has been divided into the following two sections namely –
 - Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
 - Other Service Activities
- A comparison of the sections in SSIC 2005 and SSIC 2000 is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1 COMPARISON OF SECTIONS IN SSIC 2005 AND SSIC 2000

SSIC 2005	SSIC 2000
A Agriculture and Fishing	A Agriculture and Forestry B Fishing
B Mining and Quarrying	C Mining and Quarrying
C Manufacturing	D Manufacturing
D Electricity and Gas Supply	E Electricity, Gas and Water Supply
E Water Supply, Sewerage and Waste Management	
F Construction	F Construction
G Wholesale and Retail Trade	G Wholesale and Retail Trade
H Transport and Storage	I Transport, Storage and Communications
J Hotels and Restaurants	H Hotels and Restaurants
K Information and Communications	Parts of Section I (telecommunications, broadcasting), K (IT services, publishing, news agencies) and O (motion picture, TV and radio activities, libraries)
L Financial and Insurance Activities	J Financial Intermediation
M Real Estate, Rental and Leasing Activities	K Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities
N Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	
O Administrative and Support Service Activities	
P Education	M Education
Q Health and Social Work	N Health and Social Work
R Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	O Other Community, Social and Personal Service Activities including Repair of Vehicles
S Other Service Activities	
T Public Administration and Defence	L Public Administration and Defence
U Domestic Work Activities	P Domestic Work Activities
V Extra-Territorial Organisations and Bodies	Q Extra-Territorial Organisations and Bodies
W Activities Not Adequately Defined	R Activities Not Adequately Defined

The number of divisions has also increased, due partly to the increase in the number of sections. The new divisions are shown below :

TABLE 2 NEW DIVISIONS IN SSIC 2005

Section		Division	
Section C	Manufacturing	15	Manufacture of Food Products
		16	Manufacture of Beverages
		26	Manufacture of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products
Section H	Transport and Storage	56	Post and Courier Activities
Section K	Information and Communication	60	Publishing Activities
		61	Motion Picture, Radio, Television, Sound Recording and Broadcasting Activities
		62	Telecommunications
Section N	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	73	Legal, Accounting, Management and Management Consultancy Activities
		74	Architectural and Engineering Activities; Technical Testing and Analysis
		76	Other Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
Section O	Administrative and Support Service Activities	78	Administrative and Support Service Activities
Section Q	Health and Social Work	85	Health Activities
		86	Social and Community Activities
Section S	Other Service Activities	92	Repair and Maintenance of Vehicles, Office Equipment, Personal and Household Goods

At the more detailed level, a number of new five-digit codes have been introduced for new industries as well as existing ones which have become significant but which were subsumed in one code with other industries previously. Some examples are listed below :

- Manufacture of photographic film, paper, plate and chemicals; petroleum lubricating oil, epoxy moulding compounds, ultrapure electronic chemicals; petroleum refineries and colour separation services in Section C - Manufacturing.
- Generation and transmission, distribution and sale of electricity in Section D - Electricity and Gas Supply.
- Wholesale and retail of computer and electronic games, musical instruments and scores in Section G - Wholesale and Retail Trade.
- Web search portals, development and publishing of computer games, sound recording production and distribution in Section K - Information and Communications.
- Leasing of non-financial intangible assets (eg patents, trademarks), arbitration services, landscape design and architecture, and furniture design in Section N - Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities.
- Maid agencies, executive search services, management of human resources functions and office administrative services on a fee or contract basis in Section O - Administrative and Support Service Activities.

Insignificant industries like growing of tobacco, rubber and coconut; retail of firewood and charcoal, Turkish baths and processing of nuclear fuel were either consolidated or deleted.

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