OECD-Eurostat 2005 Inquiry on National Collection of Services Producer Prices

Preliminary report

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2005 results

• Inquiry was sent to 47 countries. Responses received from 34 countries.
• Cumulative total of 45 countries have replied since 1997.
• The number of countries that collect service PPIs is now 30.
• Of responding countries, 9 informed that they don’t collect prices for services PPIs. However, a half of them have plans to start the work or preliminary work is already ongoing.
• Development started in some countries (LUX, PRT) but is now on hold.
Contents of the inventory

• Same as in 2004 three additional summary tables:
  – Number of SPPIs by activity: available, under development or planned to be developed
  – Number of SPPIs (existing ones and under development) in countries (at 4-digit or more aggregated level of ISIC)
  – Frequency of price collection by industry

• Substantial revision of the inventory will be executed in 2006
Activities where SPPIs are available or under development at least in 15 countries

- 642 Telecommunications
- 6023 Freight transport by road
- 7421 Architectural, engineering etc. activities
- 621 Scheduled air transport
- 611 Sea and coastal transport
- 7412 Accounting, book-keeping etc.
- 6411 National post activities
- 743 Advertising
- 6412 Courier activities
- 551 Hotels; camping sites etc.
- 7493 Building cleaning activities
- 7111 Renting of land transport equipment
- 7411 Legal activities

Number of countries

- PPI available
- PPI under development
Developments since July 2004 (new SPPIs or revisions)

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Eight activities belonging mainly to business activities (ISIC 7) 3
Number of SPPIs (at 4-digit or more aggregated level of ISIC) in countries. Available or under development

- 30 or more service activities (out of about 80 activities):
  NZL, JPN, USA, KOR, MEX, AUS, GBR

- 15-30 service activities:
  SWE, FIN, DNK, FRA, NLD, DEU, CZE, SVK, POL, HKG

- 5-15 service activities:
  CAN, ESP, NOR, BEL, AUT, CHN, LTU, SVN, VTN

- 1-5 service activities:
  ITA, CHE, ISR, (IRL)

- No SPPIs available (out of OECD countries):
  PRT, LUX, GRC, HUN, (ISL), (TUR)
Finalisation of the 2005 inventory

• Comments and additions from countries by the end of October
• Final editing and transfer into the OECD website in November
What next?

• Developing the inventory, particularly:
  – Adoption of the classification of pricing methods
  – Other improvements to be considered:
    • Developing the classification of type of prices collected (transaction, list, virtual,…)
    • Results shown also by country groups (OECD, EU)
    • Other improvements

• Drafting a new questionnaire to be used in the 2006 inquiry
  – Possibly the inquiry should be sent out earlier to ensure that results are available in the next VG meeting
Discussion points

• Is the proposed development plan in principle sound?
• Due to rapid changes, should the inventory be updated more frequently than once a year?
• How useful is Table 3 (information by products)?
• Other comments, remarks?