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Classification of Environmental Functions

Global Consultation

Comments Form

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Question 1: Do you have any comments on the proposed structure of the Classification of Environmental Functions?

Some remarks to avoid certain confusions and get closer to the practices in reality:

1-To group: monitoring, measurement and similar services for all functions in a separate division: in practice, companies can perform these services for several environmental functions and it becomes too difficult to make the distinction.

2-Separation of renewable energies: hydraulic, wind and solar and others (nuclear …) because each one has different processes and equipments.

3- Class 1.3.1: we believe that it is not really a specific activity, it is rather the adoption of processes minimizing energy consumption and it concerns all economic activities: these are charges borne by the production units for efficient and energy-saving management.

4- Group 6.4: separate terrestrial and marine research and development.

5- Several positions present a difficulty for data collection: example of energy-saving buildings, energy-saving devices and machines (1.3.2), equipment manufactured for a low noise or vibration level (5.1.1)

Question 2. Do you have any comments on the explanatory notes and on the heading reference?

The other activities class needs more detail and clarification (provide examples) to enable a common language among users

Question 3. Do you have any other comments on the Classification of Environmental Functions?

the link between ISIC 4 and this classification is very beneficial for taking advantage of current databases and making easy the connection between the economic data collected and the environmental data.

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