

Glossary of Voorburg Group Terminology - 2016 Update

Bonnie Murphy

Chief, Branch of Industry Pricing
Producer Price Index Program
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
31st Voorburg Group Meeting
Zagreb, Croatia

September 2016

Glossary Content

Definitions of preferred terminology for:

- Prices Presentations
- Turnover Presentations
- Sector Papers
- Revisited Sector Papers
- Cross Cutting Topic Papers

Glossary Development Process

- Review of existing Glossary terms and definitions
- Review of Glossary of Voorburg Group Terminology Guidelines
- Review of papers and presentations since the glossary was updated in 2008*
 - Sector Papers
 - Revisited Sector Papers
 - Cross Cutting Topics

*total of 616 documents (includes both presentations and papers)

Glossary Development Process

- 80 Papers and presentations were reviewed by 3 members of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics over the course of 5 months
- Proposed additions were reviewed by Joseph Keating, Central Statistics Office, Ireland
- Proposed changes to current definitions were provided by Joseph Keating, Central Statistics Office, Ireland

Additions and Updates for 2016

- 22 Terms proposed for addition to the Glossary

Generally added:

- Terms related to use of alternative data sources (e.g. administrative data and web scraping)
- Terms related to bundling and reselling of services
- Terms related to Factoryless Goods Production

- 8 revisions to existing terminology

- Sources for existing terminology were updated to current hyperlinks

Suggestions for Future Updates

- The Glossary should be updated before every meeting of the Voorburg Group
- Papers should reviewed by both Voorburg and Non-Voorburg Group members
 - Non-Voorburg group members added terms that are commonly used at Voorburg meetings but might not be recognized by representatives that are new to the group (e.g. JSIC and ANZSIC)
- Review the session notes from the previous meeting if available

Glossary Updates after the 2016 Voorburg Meeting

- Proposed definitions will be finalized and added
 - Examples:
 - Service product
 - Price bundle
- Current definitions will be updated to reflect terminology that was updated during the 2016 Voorburg Group meeting
 - Content Development Framework (CDF)

2016 Update to the Thesaurus

- The 2nd Edition of the Eurostat-OECD Methodology Guide contains much more extensive discussion of the 8 pricing methods and data types in the survey including examples
 - Committee feels that this document is no longer necessary and that information included in sections 3 and 4 could be incorporated in the glossary
- If we keep the Thesaurus - very few changes were necessary for 2016 update
 - Section 2:
 - Added the 8th pricing method for Margin pricing to match the OECD/Eurostat SPPI Guide (an example already existed)
 - Added acquisition and selling prices as a data type in the survey
 - Section 3: Other Preferred Terms
 - Clarified 'input component pricing' to match the revised Voorburg Glossary
 - Section 4: Related Terms
 - 'turnover' was removed from the discouraged terms section of the Thesaurus

Contact Information

Bonnie Murphy

Chief, Branch of Industry Pricing

Producer Price Index Program

www.bls.gov/ppi

202-691-7689

murphy.bonnie@bls.gov