

Goods and services, by group of expenditure, 2012

Full title: Goods and services, for consumer price index, by group of expenditure, 2012

Abbreviation: Goods and services, by group of expenditure, 2012

Legal basis: The classification has no legal basis.

Implementation date: 1st January 1992

History of the classification: The Hungarian Central Statistical Office developed this classification at the same time as the currently applied methodological principles were set for the consumer price index, and has used this classification ever since. The groups of expenditure of different goods and services, made up of 160 components in the beginning, were developed taking into account users' needs at the time that the classification was created. Later, the classification was modified on four occasions in total – in 1999, 2000, 2009 and 2012 – because of methodological modifications concerning the consumer price index and changes in users' needs. Due to conversions, mergers and deletions of various sizes, the classification contains 140 different groups today, which have been unaltered since 2012.

Structure: This classification applies a three-level, hierarchical categorisation. It currently contains 140 different groups of goods and services (three-digit groups), classified into a total 36 higher-level groups (two-digit groups) and, in addition, 7 aggregate groups (e.g.: food, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, etc.).

Short description: The aim of the nomenclature is to ensure that the consumer price index should also be available broken down into individual groups of goods and services, which are relevant for users. The classification is very similar to the nomenclature referred to as "Classification of individual consumption by purpose (COICOP)", which is the primary one for many other statistical domains but a secondary one in the field of the Hungarian consumer price index and was only later adapted in Hungary. The definition of the different groups within the classification is in many cases partly or entirely identical to the definition of the COICOP groups with the same name. Compared with COICOP, however, the classification of goods and services by group of expenditure, as a nomenclature made and solely applied in Hungary, takes better account of specific Hungarian features. A further difference is that the main basis for classification in the former is the purpose of consumption (e.g. housing, education, etc.), while the aggregate groups (e.g. durable consumer goods, services, etc.) within the classification of goods and services by group of expenditure are formed primarily according to the type of goods and services.

Main statistical applications: Consumer price index.

Linked classification: There is no international version of this classification.

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