

Information on the new classification of business activities in BiH

In the course of time, significant changes in the structure and organization of economy including the development of new technology have occurred resulting in the establishment of new activities and new products. Therefore, it was essential to perform a comprehensive review of NACE Rev. 1.1 classification and ISIC Rev.3 classification of economic activities including all other classifications based upon it.

The result of the big review that had taken place in the EU between 2000 and 2007 known as the Operation 2007 was drawing up of a new version of Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the EU – NACE Rev.2

In view of the fact that the Classification of Business Activities in BiH has been grounded on the European standards in accordance with the Law on Classification of Business Activities, each review of classifications of economic activities in the EU implies amendments being made to the Classification of Business Activities in BiH. In this manner, the comparative continuity of BiH data on the European and global level is ensured.

In view of the aforementioned, the statistical institutions in BiH have performed the harmonization of the Classification of Business Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU NACE Rev 2 classification. A working group constituted of representatives from all three statistical institutions in BiH have developed a new version of statistical classification of business activities in BiH entitled Classification of Business Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2010.

Apart from the fact that some former rules for the application of the business activity classification have been changed and the criteria for drawing up the classification and formulation of the explanations have been reviewed, the basic characteristics of the classification have remained unchanged. It is important to underline that the level of details of the classification has increased (from 514 to 615 categories) and that the Classification of Business Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2010 uses the level of a category as the lowest level with a four-digit code of the activity in line with the classifications in NACE Rev.2. In the former version of the Classification of Business Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a five-digit code of activity was used which was an additional development in comparison to NACE Rev 1.1.

Pursuant to Articles 6 and 9 of the Law on Classification of Business Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH no. 76/06, 100/08 and 32/10) **the Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina has passed a Decision on the Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010 which was announced in the Official Gazette of BiH no. 47/10 dated June 8, 2010. The following Decisions constitute its integral part:**

- a) Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010,**
- b) Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010 with explanations,**
- c) Methodology for the statistical application of the Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010**

The Decision has entered into force on the day of its announcement in the Official Gazette of BiH, and its enforcement shall begin as of January 1, 2011.

Until January 1, 2011, the statistical institutions will prepare and perform a planned set of related tasks and activities in connection with the coordinated transition from Classification of Business Activities in BiH to Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010 including tasks and activities in connection with the implementation of the Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010 in the statistical business register and various other statistical domains.

The units listed in the statistical business register will change their codes by using the existing tables of links, using the information from the existing statistical surveys and conducting a special survey. The remaining part of the units will change their codes by using the method of probability based on the results obtained from the special survey.

Both versions of classifications in the statistical business register must be operational until all statistical surveys have made a transition to the new classification of business activities. In other words, all units listed in the statistical business register will have two codes for business activities; one in line with the Classification of Business Activities in BiH and the other in line with the Classification of Business Activities in BiH 2010.