

**NSCASE: Decisions made by National Statistician**

Paper	Recommendation to National Statistician	Date	National Statistician Decision
UK's adoption of industrial classifications of economic activity.	The Committee recommended that Option B NACE should be adopted to the 4 <sup>th</sup> digit level and ONS should have discretion with the 5 <sup>th</sup> digit. Any 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> digit deviations the ONS wanted to make should be brought back to the Committee. NSCASE felt strongly about the impacts on international comparability and comparatively over time and felt that any proposals to deviate at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> digit needed a strong case.	July 2024	Approved
Balance of Payments Principles Paper	The Committee recommended that the BPM7 should be adopted as the UK's default manual for Balance of Payments.	July 2024	Approved
System of National Accounts 2025 Principles Paper	The Committee recommend that the System of National Accounts 2025 should be the default international manual for the UK. NSCASE will consider in which cases the UK should diverge from the default standard after careful consideration of which best meets UK measurements needs.	Jan 2024	Approved
Treatment of Non-Monetary Gold in the UK National Accounts	The Committee supported option 1: Revise the current treatment of NMG so that it was excluded from both net trade and acquisitions less disposals of valuables and left as a balance sheet change, effectively reflecting a change in the asset composition. This approach was consistent with other countries such as USA, Japan, and Australia which were also affected by gold trade. Changes of ownership of NMG between residents and non-residents should be	Oct 2023	Approved

	<p>recorded in the non-financial balance sheet. However, the UK did not compile balance sheets for valuables.</p> <p>One member disagreed with the majority, concerned that in seeking to resolve a presentational issue the option excluded significant transactions from the national accounts and created a statistical discrepancy in net lending/borrowing; the member proposed a potentially simpler, less conceptually challenged, solution.</p>		
Further information on Amendments made by Eurostat to the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt (MGDD), 2022 Edition	<p>The Committee supported the recommendation to adopt the MGDD 2022.</p> <p>This is with the provision that any emerging evidence of a clear diversion from UK methodology and international best practice can be brought to NSCASE as separate agenda items.</p>	Jul 2023	Approved
Globalisation: an outline of subtopics to be presented to NSCASE, and an introduction to the first subtopic of 'Valuation of Imports and Exports of Goods in the International standards'	The Committee supported the implementation of Option 1 to follow the BPM7 guidance of retaining the current valuation of trade in goods methods and investigate feasibility of adopting valuation of imports and exports at the observed transaction value.	Jul 2023	Approved
Quality adjustment of public services	The Committee agreed that existing quality adjustments should in principle be introduced into the accounts. The Committee asked to be reassured that a high level of scrutiny would be applied to the work and that the appropriate stakeholders would be consulted.	April 2023	Approved

Conceptual Methods in Prices and Volume	The Committee strongly supported the paper's proposal to use the UVI method as a preferred method in the compilation of National Accounts where appropriate.	Jan 2023	Approved
New Public Private Partnerships	The Committee agreed that the Eurostat clarification note should be adopted alongside the existing EPEC PPP guidance.	Jan 2023	Approved
Treatment of Package Holidays in Consumer Prices	The Committee agreed to advise the National Statistician to adopt option 3 'Do not implement the Eurostat methodology but continue to seek improvements to the existing methodology and data collection through the alternative data sources transformation programme.'	Jan 2023	Approved

**Pending final recommendation from Committee** \_\_\_\_\_

Industrial Classifications Consultation Update	The Committee noted that, while the document referred to the dominance of UK requirements over international comparability, the advice offered by the Committee was likely to take international comparability into account. This meant that the issue of comparability would need to be addressed in the proposal which will be put to the Committee in Oct 2023 and April 2024.	Oct 2022	Recommendation not made to NS
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NSCASE Introduction to Natural Capital Depletion and Consultation on SNA Guidance Note WS.6	An overview on Natural Capital Depletion and Consultation on SNA Guidance Note WS.6 was provided to the Committee. The ONS sought to begin to inform the Committee that a number of potentially significant changes may arrive in SNA 2025, seek their thoughts and ensure they understand the potential ramifications at least to the degree that we do. The Committee welcomed the planned further papers.	April 2023	Recommendation not made to NS
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