Annex 3. International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) Rev.4 explanatory notes
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These explanatory notes refer exclusively to internationally comparable tourism characteristic activities and follow the same order as the list of tourism industries. They have been extracted from International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev. 4. Statistical papers (Series M No. 4/Rev.4), United Nations. New York, 2008. The complete document can be consulted in http://unstats.un.org/unsd/cr/registry/regdntransfer.asp?f=135

Accommodation for visitors

5510 Short term accommodation activities

This class includes the provision of accommodation, typically on a daily or weekly basis, principally for short stay by visitors. This includes the provision of furnished accommodation in guest rooms and suites or complete self-contained units with kitchens, with or without daily or other regular housekeeping services, and may often include a range of additional services such as food and beverage services, parking, laundry services, swimming pools and exercise rooms, recreational facilities and conference and convention facilities.

This class includes the provision of short-term accommodation provided by:
- hotels
- resort hotels
- suite / apartmenthotels
- motels
- motor hotels
- guesthouses
- pensions
- bed and breakfastunits
- visitorflats and bungalows
- time-share units
- holidayhomes
- chalets, housekeepingcottages and cabins
- youthhostels and mountainrefuges

This class excludes:
- provision of homes and furnished or unfurnished flats or apartments for more permanent use, typically on a monthly or annual basis, see division 68

5520 Camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks

This class includes:
- provision of accommodation in campgrounds, trailer parks, recreational camps and fishing and hunting camps for short stay visitors
- provision of space and facilities for recreational vehicles

This class also includes accommodation provided by:
- protective shelters or plain bivouac facilities for placing tents and/or sleeping bags
5590 Other accommodation

This class includes the provision of temporary or longer-term accommodation in single or shared rooms or dormitories for students, migrant (seasonal) workers and other individuals.

This class includes accommodation provided by:
- student residences
- school dormitories
- worker hostels
- rooming and boarding houses
- railway sleeping cars

6810 Real estate activities with own or leased property

This class includes:
- buying, selling, renting and operating of self-owned or leased real estate, such as:
  - apartment buildings and dwellings
  - non-residential buildings, including exhibition halls, self-storage facilities, malls and shopping centers
  - land
- provision of homes and furnished or unfurnished flats or apartments for more permanent use, typically on a monthly or annual basis

This class also includes:
- development of building projects for own operation, i.e. for renting of space in these buildings
- subdividing real estate into lots, without land improvement
- operation of residential mobile home sites

This class excludes:
- development of building projects for sale, see 4100
- subdividing and improving of land, see 4290
- operation of hotels, suite hotels and similar accommodation, see 5510
- operation of campgrounds, trailer parks and similar accommodation, see 5520
- operation of workers hostels, rooming houses and similar accommodation, see 5590

6820 Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis

This class includes the provision of real estate activities on a fee or contract basis including real estate related services.

This class includes:
- activities of real estate agents and brokers
- intermediation in buying, selling and renting of real estate on a fee or contract basis
- management of real estate on a fee or contract basis
- appraisal services for real estate
- activities of real estate escrow agents

This class excludes:
- legal activities, see 6910
- facilities support services, see 8110
- management of facilities, such as military bases, prisons and other facilities (except computer facilities management), see 8110

**Food and beverage serving activities**

**5610 Restaurants and mobile food service activities**

This class includes the provision of food services to customers, whether they are served while seated or serve themselves from a display of items, whether they eat the prepared meals on the premises, take them out or have them delivered. This includes the preparation and serving of meals for immediate consumption from motorized vehicles or nonmotorized carts.

This class includes activities of:
- restaurants
- cafeterias
- fast-food restaurants
- pizza delivery
- take-out eating places
- ice cream truck vendors
- mobile food carts
- food preparation in market stalls

This class also includes:
- restaurant and bar activities connected to transportation, when carried out by separate units

This class excludes:
- concession operation of eating facilities, see 5629

**5629 Other food service activities**

This class includes industrial catering, i.e. the provision of food services based on contractual arrangements with the customer, for a specific period of time.

Also included is the operation of food concessions at sports and similar facilities. The food is often prepared in a central unit.

This class includes:
- activities of food service contractors (e.g. for transportation companies)
- operation of food concessions at sports and similar facilities
- operation of canteens or cafeterias (e.g. for factories, offices, hospitals or schools) on a concession basis

This class excludes:
- manufacture of perishable food items for resale, see 1079
- retail sale of perishable food items, see division 47

**5630 Beverage serving activities**

This class includes the preparation and serving of beverages for immediate consumption on the premises.

This class includes activities of:
- bars
- taverns
- cocktail lounges
- discotheques (with beverage serving predominant)
- beer parlors and pubs
- coffee shops
- fruit juice bars
- mobile beverage vendors

This class excludes:
- reselling packaged/prepared beverages, see 4711, 4722, 4781, 4799
- operation of discotheques and dance floors without beverage serving, see 9329

**Railway passenger transport**

**4911 Passenger rail transport, interurban**

This class includes:
- passenger transport by inter-urban railways
- operation of sleeping cars or dining cars as an integrated operation of railway companies

This class excludes:
- passenger transport by urban and suburban transit systems, see 4921
- passenger terminal activities, see 5221
- operation of sleeping cars or dining cars when operated by separate units, see 5590, 5610

**Road passenger transport**

**4922 Other passenger land transport**

This class includes:
- other passenger road transport:
  - scheduled long-distance bus services
  - charters, excursions and other occasional coach services
  - taxi operation
  - airport shuttles
- operation of telfers (téléphériques), funiculars, ski and cable lifts if not part of urban or suburban transit systems

This class also includes:
- other renting of private cars with driver
- operation of school buses and buses for transport of employees
- passenger transport by man- or animal-drawn vehicles

This class excludes:
- ambulance transport, see 8690
**Waterpassenger transport**

**5011 Sea and coastal passenger water transport**

This class includes:
- transport of passengers over seas and coastal waters, whether scheduled or not:
  - operation of excursion, cruise or sightseeing boats
  - operation of ferries, water taxis etc.

This class also includes:
- renting of pleasure boats with crew for sea and coastal water transport (e.g. for fishing cruises)

This class excludes:
- restaurant and bar activities on board ships, when provided by separate units, see 5610, 5630
- operation of “floating casinos”, see 9200

**5021 Inland passenger water transport**

This class includes:
- transport of passenger via rivers, canals, lakes and other inland waterways, including inside harbours and ports

This class also includes:
- renting of pleasure boats with crew for inland water transport

**Air passenger transport**

**5110 Passenger air transport**

This class includes:
- transport of passengers by air over regular routes and on regular schedules
- charter flights for passengers
- scenic and sightseeing flights

This class also includes:
- renting of air-transport equipment with operator for the purpose of passenger transportation
- general aviation activities, such as:
  - transport of passengers by aero clubs for instruction or pleasure

**Transport equipment rental**

**7710 Renting and leasing of motor vehicles**

This class includes:
- renting and operational leasing of the following types of vehicles:
  - passenger cars (without drivers)
  - trucks, utility trailers and recreational vehicles
This class excludes:
- renting or leasing of vehicles or trucks with driver, see 4922, 4923
- financial leasing, see 6491

**Travel agencies and other reservation service activities**

**7911 Travel agency activities**

This class includes:
- activities of agencies primarily engaged in selling travel, tour, transportation and accommodation services to the general public and commercial clients

**7912 Tour operator activities**

This class includes:
- arranging and assembling tours that are sold through travel agencies or directly by tour operators. The tours may include any or all of the following:
  - transportation
  - accommodation
  - food
  - visits to museums, historical or cultural sites, theatrical, musical or sporting events

**7990 Other reservation service and related activities**

This class includes:
- provision of other travel-related reservation services:
  - reservations for transportation, hotels, restaurants, car rentals, entertainment and sport etc.
- provision of time-share exchange services
- ticket sales activities for theatrical, sports and other amusement and entertainment events
- provision of visitor assistance services:
  - provision of travel information to visitors
  - activities of tourist guides
- tourism promotion activities

This class excludes:
- activities of travel agencies and tour operators, see 7911, 7912
- organization and management of events such as meetings, conventions and conferences, see 8230

**Cultural activities**

**9000 Creative, arts and entertainment activities**

This class includes the operation of facilities and provision of services to meet the cultural and entertainment interests of their customers. This includes the production and promotion of, and participation in, live performances, events or exhibits intended for public viewing; the provision of artistic, creative or technical skills for the production of artistic products and live performances.
This class includes:
- production of live theatrical presentations, concerts and opera or dance productions and other stage productions:
  - activities of groups, circuses or companies, orchestras or bands
  - activities of individual artists such as authors, actors, directors, musicians, lecturers or speakers, stage-set designers and builders etc.
- operation of concert and theatre halls and other arts facilities
- activities of sculptors, painters, cartoonists, engravers, etchers etc.
- activities of individual writers, for all subjects including fictional writing, technical writing etc.
- activities of independent journalists
- restoring of works of art such as paintings etc.

This class also includes:
- activities of producers or entrepreneurs of arts live events, with or without facilities

This class excludes:
- restoring of stained glass windows, see 2310
- manufacture of statues, other than artistic originals, see 2396
- restoring of organs and other historical musical instruments, see 3319
- restoring of historical sites and buildings, see 4100
- motion picture and video production, see 5911, 5912
- operation of cinemas, see 5914
- activities of personal theatrical or artistic agents or agencies, see 7490
- casting activities, see 7810
- activities of ticket agencies, see 7990
- operation of museums of all kinds, see 9102
- sports and amusement and recreation activities, see division 93
- restoring of furniture (except museum type restoration), see 9524

9102 Museums activities and operation of historical sites and buildings

This class includes:
- operation of museums of all kinds:
  - art museums, museums of jewellery, furniture, costumes, ceramics, silverware
  - natural history, science and technological museums, historical museums, including military museums
  - otherspecializedmuseums
  - open-air museums
- operation of historical sites and buildings

This class excludes:
- renovation and restoration of historical sites and buildings, see section F
- restoration of works of art and museum collection objects, see 9000
- activities of libraries and archives, see 9101

9103 Botanical and zoological gardens and nature reserves activities

This class includes:
- operation of botanical and zoological gardens, including children's zoos
- operation of nature reserves, including wildlife preservation, etc.
This class excludes:
- landscape and gardening services, see 8130
- operation of sport fishing and hunting preserves, see 9319

**Sports and recreational activities**

**7721  Renting and leasing of recreational and sports goods**

This class includes:
- renting of recreational and sports equipment:
  - pleasureboats, canoes, sailboats,
  - bicycles
  - beachchairs and umbrellas
  - othersports equipment
  - skis

This class excludes:
- renting of video tapes and disks, see 7722
- renting of other personal and household goods n.e.c., see 7729
- renting of leisure and pleasure equipment as an integral part of recreational facilities, see 9329

**9200  Gambling and betting activities**

This class includes:
- bookmaking and other betting operations
- off-track betting
- operation of casinos, including “floating casinos”
- sale of lottery tickets
- operation (exploitation) of coin-operated gambling machines
- operation of virtual gambling web sites

This class excludes:
- operation (exploitation) of coin-operated games, see 9329

**9311  Operation of sports facilities**

This class includes:
- operation of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports events (open, closed or covered, with or without spectator seating):
  - football, hockey, cricket, baseball, jai-alai stadiums
  - racetracks for auto, dog, horse races
  - swimming pools and stadiums
  - track and field stadiums
  - wintersports arenas and stadiums
  - ice-hockey arenas
  - boxing arenas
  - golf courses
  - bowling lanes
  - fitness centers
- organization and operation of outdoor or indoor sports events for professionals or amateurs by organizations with own facilities

This class includes managing and providing the staff to operate these facilities.
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This class excludes:
- renting of recreation and sports equipment, see 7721
- operation of ski hills, see 9329
- park and beach activities, see 9329

9319 Other sports activities

This class includes:
- activities of producers or promoters of sports events, with or without facilities
- activities of individual own-account sportsmen and athletes, referees, judges, timekeepers etc.
- activities of sports leagues and regulating bodies
- activities related to promotion of sporting events
- activities of racing stables, kennels and garages
- operation of sport fishing and hunting preserves
- activities of mountain guides
- support activities for sport or recreational hunting and fishing

This class excludes:
- breeding of racing horses, see 0142
- renting of sports equipment, see 7721
- activities of sport and game schools, see 8541
- activities of sports instructors, teachers, coaches, see 8541
- organization and operation of outdoor or indoor sports events for professionals or amateurs by sports clubs with/without own facilities, see 9311, 9312
- park and beach activities, see 9329

9321 Activities of amusement parks and theme parks

This class includes:
- activities of amusement parks or theme parks, including the operation of a variety of attractions, such as mechanical rides, water rides, games, shows, theme exhibits and picnic grounds

9329 Other amusement and recreation activities n.e.c.

This class includes:
- activities of recreation parks, beaches, including renting of facilities such as bathhouses, lockers, chairs etc.
- operation of recreational transport facilities, e.g. marinas
- operation of skihills
- renting of leisure and pleasure equipment as an integral part of recreational facilities
- operation of fairs and shows of a recreational nature
- operation of discotheques and dance floors
- operation (exploitation) of coin-operated games
- other amusement and recreation activities (except amusement parks and theme parks) not elsewhere classified

This class also includes:
- activities of producers or entrepreneurs of live events other than arts or sports events, with or without facilities
This class excludes:
- fishing cruises, see 5011, 5021
- provision of space and facilities for short stay by visitors in recreational parks and forests and campgrounds, see 5520
- beverage serving activities of discotheques, see 5630
- trailer parks, campgrounds, recreational camps, hunting and fishing camps, campsites and campgrounds, see 5520
- separate renting of leisure and pleasure equipment, see 7721
- operation (exploitation) of coin-operated gambling machines, see 9200
- activities of amusement parks and theme parks, see 9321