

C-7: Water losses

Glossary, abbreviations and units of measurement

Glossary:

Gross freshwater supplied by water supply industry (ISIC 36): Water supplied by water supply industry to the user. Includes losses during transport. The water supplied by water supply industry for the operation of irrigation canals is excluded.

Losses during transport: The volume of water lost during transport between a point of abstraction and a point of use, and between points of use and reuse. Includes leakages and evaporation. Net freshwater supplied by water supply industry (ISIC 36): Gross freshwater supplied by water supply industry minus freshwater losses during transport.

Water supply industry (ISIC 36): Public or private bodies whose main functions are water collection, treatment and distribution activities for domestic, industrial and other needs.

Abbreviations:

AQUASTAT: FAO's global information system on water and agriculture

ECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

EEA: European Environment Agency

EU: European Union

Eurostat: European Union Statistical Office

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

IRWS: International Recommendations for Water Statistics

ISIC:	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
OECD:	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
UNEP:	United Nations Environment Programme
UNSD:	United Nations Statistics Division
WHO:	World Health Organisation
WMO:	World Meteorological Organization

Units of measurement:

m ³ :	cubic metre
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