Modernising price collection: Scanner data and the HICP

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Topics

*Current use of scanner data in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)*

*The role of Eurostat in facilitating the introduction of scanner data in the HICP*
Scanner Data and EU member states

- **In production of HICP:** BE, CH, DK, NL, NO, SE
- **In development:** FR, IT, ES, LU, PL, PT, FI
- **Starting on scanner data:** SI, SK, MT, BG

- By 2020: half of the EU Member States use scanner data for supermarkets?
- Further extension of the use for clothing, department stores, DIY, pharma ...
Eurostat and the HICP

• **Responsible for the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices**

• **Ensuring Member States are compliant with HICP regulations**

• **Ensuring comparability (of HICP results) across Member States**

• **Supporting the modernisation of price collection**
Eurostat and scanner data

- Financial support to 17 Member States
- Facilitate the use of scanner data by:
  1.) Organising workshops
  2.) Making recommendations on what data to ask for and how to process the data
Workshops

• Support workshops on Scanner Data organised by Member States since 2011 (The Hague, Stockholm, Lisbon, Vienna, Rome,...)

• Organisation of Eurostat workshops in the context of the financial support we give

• Expert Group on Scanner Data (user group)
Recommendations

• Non-legally binding 'recommendations' codify current best practices with an aim at:
  - Assisting the introduction of scanner data
  - Harmonising the use of scanner data

• Developed in 2 parts: what data to ask for & how to process it
Part 1: what data to ask for ...

1 - directly from retailer
2 - at GTIN or equivalent level: turnover, quantity, item name, period & as much meta data as possible
3 - per week & on a weekly basis
4 - per homogeneous (sets) of outlets, per region if necessary
5 - secure & preferably automated
6 - formal agreement with retailer
7 - use appropriate quality framework
Part 2: how to process the data …

- Drafting completed few weeks ago, discussion at Eurostat Scanner Data Workshop 16/17th June
- Eurostat added the need for: quality control & impact assessment
- Aimed at facilitating the implementation of current good practices
- Not aimed at hindering further development
Thank you