

## **EBOPS**

**Full title:** Extended classification system of balance of payments services

**Abbreviation:** EBOPS

**Legal basis (Source):**

- Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 555/2012 of 22 June 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, as regards the update of data requirements and definitions
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 707/2009 of 5 August 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment, as regards the update of data requirements

**Implementation date:** 2005

**History of the classification:** In 1993, Eurostat, in cooperation with OECD and IMF, worked out a new nomenclature system for measuring service transactions between residents and non-residents, called EBOPS (Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification). The classification currently used is based on the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual.

Regular revisions: once a year, in February. Quarters 1-3 of the reference year and quarters 1-4 of the previous year are revised. Main reason for data amendment: data provision is completed after deadline or modified afterwards. Revised data as well as the average rate of revision are reported in the current publication.

**Structure:**

The types of services can be split into main categories, categories and 3 more subcategories. A total of 65 types of services are distinguished, all of which are marked with a 3-digit numerical code.

Main categories:

- 001 Maintenance and repair services
- 004 Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others
- 205 Transport services
- 236 Travel (aggregate)
- 291 Other government services
- 981 Business services

**Short description:**

Classification of service types based on EBOPS codes. The EBOPS code system is an extended classification system for Balance of Payments Services worked out by experts from

several international and national organizations on the basis of a common consensus. The internationally integrated classification also makes it possible to survey international trade in services and to produce mirror statistics on international trade affairs.

**Main statistical application:** Balance of payments statistics, international trade in services statistics, travel statistics.

**Linked classifications:**

CPC (Central Product Classification), GNS/W/120 (list of services under the convention GATS).

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