



Welcome

Impact of changes to the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) codes

On 16 September 2008, the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (OPOCE) will be implementing a modified version of the CPV codes (CPV Code Version 2007), to replace Version 2003. Accordingly, the CPV code search facility which is available on the SOPO site will be upgraded to reflect these changes.

What are the changes?

The new vocabulary (termed CPV-2007) is substantially different from the previous one (CPV-2003). CPV-2007 carries approximately 9000 codes, including 3589 codes with new descriptions. In addition:

- Some codes have been reassigned
- Some codes have been deleted
- Some codes have been added

A further difference is that CPV-2007 places much more emphasis on the supplementary vocabulary. The supplementary code identifies the specifics of the item being procured in greater depth.

For example, new code 39132100-7 'Filing cabinets' is supplemented by AA00-1 'Metal' to replace previous code 36121161-1 'Metal filing cabinets'.

CPV-2007 carries around 1000 such supplementary codes. The reasoning behind this change is to make the CPV codes more product-driven and less material-driven, and hence more specific for both buyers and suppliers.

How will these changes affect me?

While the update means that you will be required to familiarise yourself with the new codes, ultimately the changes should ensure a smoother process when dealing with your supplier base.

How will CPV codes be displayed in my notice?

BiP Solutions will upgrade the Health Care Supply Association system

to CPV-2007 codes on 28 July. BiP will also automatically convert old CPV codes into the new vocabulary, and the corresponding 2007 codes will be appended at the bottom of each notice. From 16 September 2008 it is anticipated that all notices will display only the new 2007 codes.

CPV code online mapping tool

To assist all Health Care Supply Association members, BiP has created an online tool for browsing the new CPV-2007 code hierarchy and is also providing a spreadsheet that maps all CPV-2003 codes to their corresponding CPV-2007 codes.

Assistance

Should you have any queries the Helpdesk is open from 8.30 to 5.30 weekdays and can be contacted on 0845 270 7088 or by email at helpdesk@healthcaresupply.org.uk

Further information will also be available at <http://www.bipsolutions.com/cgi-bin/cpv.cgi>

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