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**Overview of the legal requirements
from January/Q1 2024 onwards**

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Overview of the legal requirements

- Transmitting unadjusted, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices
- Transmitting indices according to their periodicity (i.e. voluntary monthly indices should also be sent monthly and not each quarter three monthly indices)
- Keeping the base year 2021 for all indices until the general re-basing in 2028 to the base year 2025.
- In the data tables on requirements, the transmission deadlines are expressed in calendar days.
- Alphabetical codes (e.g. PROD, TOVT) as used in the processing environment are not subject of the legal basis.

Change of weightings and base year

- **Annual update of weights** (in combination with chain-linking) is **recommended** (but no formal requirement) for STS price and volume indicators
- The current **legal requirement is otherwise that the weights are updated every five years** using as base years the years ending with a 0 or a 5; rebasing within three years after the end of the new base year. With EBS, the first base year was 2015, the current base year is 2021 and the third base year will be 2025. From thereon, every five years, Member States shall rebase the indices using as base years the years ending with a 0 or a 5 and again all indices must be rebased on the new base year within three years after the end of this new base year.
- Countries implementing chain-linking for STS indicators shall follow the target methodology elaborated by the STS Task Force on chain-linking.

Thresholds for country grouping

- The variable used for the grouping of countries in size classes is the **gross value added**.
- **Two thresholds – set at 1% respectively at 4% –** are used to distinguish between small (S), medium (M) and large (L) countries.
- The **overall grouping** of the countries is done on the basis of their share in the EU gross value added of Sections B to N (excluding Section K)
- **Safeguard clause:** if a country's share in the EU value added in one of the following NACE Section, or defined aggregates corresponds to that of a lower size category (lower than the size category resulting from the overall grouping), the level of detail for that country shall correspond to those of the lower size category for the Section (or Sections) in question. This may apply to NACE Section C (Manufacturing), Section F (Construction), Section G (Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles) and to the aggregate of Sections H to N excluding K, (Services).

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Country size groups

Country grouping for period January/Q1 2024 to December/Q4 2027, base year 2021

Group	Group members	Additional comments
S	BG, EE, EL, HR, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, RO, SI, SK	
M	BE, CZ, DK, IE, AT, PL, PT, FI, SE	CZ: country group S for NACE H to N excl. K according to safeguard clause PT: country group S for NACE H to N excl. K according to safeguard clause
L	DE, ES, FR, IT, NL	

Country grouping for period January/Q1 2028 to December/Q4 2032, base year 2025

Group	Group members	Additional comments
S	BG, EE, EL, HR, CY, LV, LT, LU, MT, SI, SK	
M	BE, CZ, DK, HU, AT, PL, PT, RO, FI, SE	HU: country group S for NACE H to N excl. K according to safeguard clause PT: country group S for NACE Section F according to safeguard clause RO: country group S for NACE Section C according to safeguard clause
L	DE, IE, ES, FR, IT, NL	IE: country group M for NACE Section F and NACE Section G according to safeguard close

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Industry

Scope: applies to all activities listed in **Sections B, C, D, E** of NACE respectively all products of the equivalent CPA Sections.

Statistical unit: Kind of activity unit (for import prices the statistical unit is not applicable)

Variable	Data elements	Country group	EBS requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards
140101 Production (volume) (PROD)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry (B+C+D), MIGs (MIG Energy excluding Section E = MIG_NRG_X_E) and Section-level of NACE [NACE D353, Section E not included]
		M	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
		L	As Group M. Additionally: 3- and 4-digit NACE representing at least 90% of total value added of Section C
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	1 month and 10 days
		L	
First reference period	S,M,L	January 2000 Exceptions for Spain and Austria.	
140301 Net turnover (value) (TOVT) 140302 Domestic net turnover (value) (TOVD) 140303 Non-domestic net turnover (value) (TOVE) 140304 Non-domestic net turnover (value) (euro area) (optional for non- euro area countries) (TOVZ) 140305 Non-domestic net turnover (value) (non- euro area) (optional for non-euro area countries) (TOVX)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry excluding Section D and E (B+C), MIGs (MIG Energy excluding Sections D and E = MIG_NRG_X_D_E) and Section-level of NACE (not Sections D and E) [NACE Sections D and E not included]
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	2 months
		L	
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2000 - variables: 140301/ 140302/140303 January 2005 - variables: 140304/140305 Exceptions for Spain and Austria.

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Variable	Data elements	Country group	EBS requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards
120101 Number of employees and self-employed persons (EMPL)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry (B+C+D, E36), MIGs and Section-level of NACE, Division E36 [NACE E37, E38 and E39 not included]
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	2 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Finland.	
120201 Hours worked by employees (HOWK)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry (B+C+D, E36), MIGs and Section-level of NACE, Division E36, [NACE E37, E38 and E39 not included]
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Finland and Austria.	
120301 Wages and salaries (WAGE)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry (B to E36), MIGs and Section-level of NACE, Division E36, [NACE E37, E38 and E39 not included]
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Finland and Austria.	
130201 Producer prices (PRON) 130202 Domestic producer prices (PRIN) 130203 Non-domestic producer prices (PREN)	Level of detail	S	Total Industry (B+C+D, E36), MIGs and Section-level of NACE, Division E36, [NACE B0721, C2446, C254, C301, C303, C304, E37, E38 and E39 not included]
		M	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
		L	As Group M. Additionally: 3- and 4-digit NACE representing at least 90% of total value added of Section C
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	1 month

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Variable	Data elements	Country group	EBS requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards
		L	
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2005
130204 Non-domestic producer prices (euro area) (optional for non-euro area countries) (PREZ) 130205 Non-domestic producer prices (non-euro area) (optional for non-euro area countries) (PREX)	Level of detail (only euro area)	S	Total Industry (B+C+D, E36), MIGs and Section-level of NACE, Division E36 [NACE B0721, C2446, C254, C301, C303, C304, E37, E38 and E39 not included]
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines (only euro area)	S,M	1 month
		L	
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2005 Exceptions for Austria.
130101 Import prices (optional for non-euro area countries and countries applying the European sampling schemes) (IMPR) 130102 Import prices (euro area) (optional for non-euro area countries and countries applying the European sample schemes) (IMPZ) 130103 Import prices (non-euro area) (optional for non-euro area countries) (IMPX)	Level of detail (only euro area)	S	Total Industry (B+C+D of CPA), MIGs and Section-level of CPA [CPA B0721, B09, C18, C2446, C254, C301, C303, C304, C33, E36, E37, E38 and E39 not included].
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of CPA
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines (only euro area)	S,M	1 month and 15 days
		L	
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2006 Exceptions for Austria.

Use of approximations and quality requirements:

- Number of employees and self-employed persons may be approximated by the number of employees.
- For non-domestic producer prices the scope of data provision for euro area/non-euro area breakdown limited by European sampling schemes for specific countries.
- For import prices the scope of data provision limited by European sampling schemes for specific countries.

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Construction

Scope: applies to all activities listed in **Section F of NACE** respectively all products of the equivalent CPA Sections

Statistical unit: Kind of activity unit (for building permits the statistical unit is not applicable)

Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)
140101 Production (volume) (PROD)	Level of detail	S	Total construction (NACE Section F)
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S	Quarter (or month)
		M	Month
		L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S	2 months
		M	1 month and 15 days
		L	
	First reference period	S	First quarter 2000 (or month 2005)
M		January 2005 for Section F	
L			
120101 Number of employees and self-employed persons (EMPL)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Total construction (NACE Section F)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	2 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000	
120201 Hours worked by employees (HOWK)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Total construction (NACE Section F)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000	
120301 Wages and salaries (WAGE)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Total construction (NACE Section F)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000	

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Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)
130201 Producer prices (CSTO)	Level of detail	S,M,L	CPA 41.00.1 without CPA 41.00.14. New buildings only
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Bulgaria.	
150101 Building permits Number of dwellings (PNUM)	Level of detail	S,M,L	CPA 41.00.1 without CPA 41.00.14, CPA 41.00.11, CPA 41.00.12+CPA 41.00.13. New residential buildings only
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Absolute value: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	3 months
		L	
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Slovakia.	
150102 Building permits Square metre (PSQM)	Level of detail	S,M,L	CPA 41.00.1, CPA 41.00.1 without CPA 41.00.14, CPA 41.00.11, CPA 41.00.12+CPA 41.00.13, CPA 41.00.14, CPA 41.00.2, CPA 41.00.2 without 41.00.23, CPA 41.00.23. New residential and non-residential buildings only
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Absolute value: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	3 months
		L	
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Greece, Austria and Slovakia.	

Use of approximations and quality requirements:

- Number of employees and self-employed persons may be approximated by the number of employees.
- The total construction costs (CSTI), material costs and labour costs, can be used as a proxy for producer prices in construction (CPA 41.00.1 excluding 41.00.14). Costs that constitute components of the construction costs are also plant and equipment, transport, energy and other costs (excluding architect's fees).

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Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Scope: applies to the activities listed in **Section G of NACE**

Statistical unit: Kind of activity unit

Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)
140201 Volume of sales (TOVV)	Level of detail	S,M,L	G47 of NACE, Division G47 without Group G473 (G47_X_G473), Sum of NACE Group G4711+Group G472)→(G47_FOOD), Sum of NACE Class (G4719+Groups from G474 to G479)→(G47_NFOOD_X_G473), NACE Group G473
		M,L	As Group S. Additionally: NACE G at 3-digit level; NACE Classes G4711, G4719, G4791
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
140301 Net turnover (value) (TOVT)	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S, M,L	1 month
		M L	2 months
140201 Volume of sales (TOVV)	First reference period	S	January 2000 G47 of NACE, Division G47 without Group G473 (G47_X_G473), Sum of NACE Class G4711+G472→ (G47_FOOD), Sum of Class G4719+Groups from G474 to G479 →(G47_NFOOD_X_G473), Group G473
		M,L	January 2000 G47 of NACE, Division G47 without Group G473 (G47_X_G473), Sum of Class G4711+G472 →(G47_FOOD), Sum of Class G4719+Groups from G474 to G479→ (G47_NFOOD_X_G473), Groups G472, G473, Classes G4711, G4719 and G4791. January 2021 Groups of NACE Division G47 (except G472 and G473).
140201 Volume of sales (TOVV)	Level of detail	S	NACE Section G, Divisions G45, G46
		M	As Group S. Additionally: G45 and G46 at 3-digit level
		L	
140301 Net turnover (value) (TOVT)	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M,L	2 months
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2021 or earlier for the already available data provided to Eurostat

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Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)
120101 Number of employees and self-employed persons (EMPL)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Section G, G45, G46, G47 of NACE, Division G47 without G473 (G47_X_G473)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	2 months and 15 days
		L	2 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000 Exceptions for Spain.	
120201 Hours worked by employees (HOWK)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Section G, G45, G46, G47 of NACE, Division G47 without G473 (G47_X_G473)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	3 months and 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2010, except for Division G47 without G473 (G47_X_G473) first quarter (or month) 2021.	
120301 Wages and salaries (WAGE)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Section G, G45, G46, G47 of NACE, Division G47 without G473 (G47_X_G473)
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	3 months and 15 days
		L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2010, except for Division G47 without G473 (G47_X_G473) first quarter (or month) 2021.	

Use of approximations and quality requirements:

- Number of employees and self-employed persons may be approximated by the number of employees.

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Services

Scope: applies to all activities in **Sections H+I+J+L+M** (excluded M701, M72 and M75) +N of NACE.

Statistical unit: Kind of activity unit

Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)
140101 Production (volume) (PROD)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Aggregate of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N, Sections and Divisions of NACE: H, I, J, L, M (excluding M701, M72 and, M75) and N.
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M,L	2 months
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2021 or earlier for the already available data provided to Eurostat
140301 Net turnover (value) (TOVT)	Level of detail	S,M,L	Aggregate of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N, Sections and Divisions of NACE: H, I, J, L, M (excluding M701, M72 and, M75) and N.
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Month
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted; seasonally adjusted
	Deadlines	S,M,L	2 months
	First reference period	S,M,L	January 2021 or earlier for the already available data provided to Eurostat
120101 Number of employees and self-employed persons (EMPL)	Level of detail	S,M	Aggregate of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N, NACE Sections: H, I, J, L, M (excluding M701, M72 and, M75) and N.
		L	As Groups S, M. Additionally: Sections H, I, J at 2-digit level of NACE
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted
	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days ²
		L	2 months
	First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2000, except for NACE Section L, NACE Divisions N77 and NACE Groups N811 and N813 to be included first quarter (or month) 2021. Exceptions for Spain and Austria.

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Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2024 onwards (EBS)	
120201 Hours worked by employees (HOWK)	Level of detail	S,M	Aggregate of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N, NACE Sections: H, I, J, L, M (excluding M701, M72 and, M75) and N.	
		L	as Groups S, M. Additionally: Sections H, I, J at 2-digit level of NACE	
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter (or month)	
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted; calendar adjusted	
	120301 Wages and salaries (WAGE)	Deadlines	S,M	As Group L plus 15 days
			L	3 months
First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2010, except for NACE Section L, NACE Division N77 and Groups N811 and N813 to be included first quarter (or month) 2021		
130201 Producer prices (PRON)	Level of detail	S,M	Aggregate of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N, Sections and Divisions of NACE: H, I, J, L, M (excluding M701, M72 and, M75) and N.	
		L		
	Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter	
	Form	S,M,L	Indices: unadjusted	
	Deadlines	S,M,L	3 months	
	First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter (or month) 2010, except for: - Aggregated of NACE Sections H+I+J+L+M (excl. M701, M72 and M75) +N; - NACE Sections H to M (excl. K, M701, M72 and M75) and N; - NACE Divisions H49, H50, H52, I55, I56, J58, J59, J60, L68, M74, N77, N79, N81, N82 that are to be included as of first quarter (or month) 2021.	

Use of approximations and quality requirements:

- Number of employees and self-employed persons may be approximated by the number of employees.
- Indices based on actual producer prices are preferable. If those are not available, approximations may be used for H49, H50, H52, I55, I56, J58, J59, J60, L68, M74, N77, N79, N81 and N82. Products (CPA) may be used to approximate activities (NACE).
- The Service producer price indicators (SPPIs) are Business-to-All (B2All). Where the share of transactions with private consumers (B2C) is negligible, the SPPIs may be approximated by Business-to-business (B2B) indicators.

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Short term business statistics on business population

Scope: applies to all market activities listed in NACE Sections **B to N**, and **P to R** and Divisions **S95 and S96**.

Statistical unit: Legal unit

Variable	Data elements	Country group	Requirements from January/Q1 2021 onwards (EBS)		
110101 Registrations (BURE)	Level of detail	S,M,L	- Aggregates of NACE Sections: B+C+D+E, K+L+M+N, P+Q+R+S95+S96; - NACE Sections: F, G, H, I and J; - Special aggregate as defined in Annex II.B of EBS GIA: Industry, construction and services (except public administration, defence, compulsory social security, activities of membership organisations, activities of households as employers and extra-territorial organisations and bodies).		
110102 Bankruptcies (BUBA)			Periodicity	S,M,L	Quarter
			Form	S,M,L	Absolute value: unadjusted
			Deadlines	S,M,L	40 days
			First reference period	S,M,L	First quarter 2021