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The detailed composition of all the groups presented in the database is available in UNCTADstat Classifications

ECONOMIC GROUPINGS

2210 Least developed countries
Removed: 462 Maldives
2216 Least developed countries: Islands
Removed: 462 Maldives

2309 Major petroleum and gas exporters (New definition and new criteria as follows)
(1) the share of petroleum and gas (SITC code 33 + 34) was not less than 50 per cent of their total exports and (2) exports of those products amounted to at least 1% of petroleum and gas world share in the period 2004-2006

2310 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing economies

2311 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing Africa

2312 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing America

2313 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developing Asia

NEW! 2314 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Transition economies

NEW! 2315 Major petroleum and gas exporters: Developed economies

2319 Major exporters of manufactured goods (New criteria as follows)
(1) the share of manufactured products (SITC 5 to 8 excl. 667 and 68) was not less than 50 percent of their total exports and (2) their exports of those products amounted to at least 1% of manufacture goods world share in the period 2004-2006.

2320 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing economics

2322 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing America

2323 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developing Asia

NEW! 2324 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed economies

NEW! 2325 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed America

NEW! 2326 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed Asia

NEW! 2327 Major exporters of manufactured goods: Developed Europe

NEW! 2328 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels
(1) the share of primary commodities, precious stones and non-monetary gold excluding fuels (SITC 0 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 68 + 667 + 971) was not less than 50 percent of their total exports and (2) their exports of those products amounted to at least 1% of primary commodities, precious stones and non-monetary gold excluding fuels world share in the period 2004-2006

NEW! 2329 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developing economies

NEW! 2330 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developing America

NEW! 2331 Major exporters of primary commodities excluding fuels: Developed economies

NEW! 2378 Low-income food deficit countries (FAO)

2520 Newly Industrialized Asian countries (Renamed)
2521 Newly Industrialized Asian countries: 1st tier (Renamed)
2522 Newly Industrialized Asian countries: 2nd tier (Renamed)

2621 High-income developing countries *(New criteria as follows)*
Average 2004-2006 per capita GDP above US$ 4´500
Added: 188 Costa Rica
Added: 226 Equatorial Guinea
Added: 422 Lebanon
Added: 458 Malaysia
Added: 792 Turkey

2622 Middle-income developing countries *(New criteria as follows)*
Average 2004-2006 per capita GDP between US$ 1´000 and US$ 4´500
Added: 144 Sri Lanka
Added: 156 China
Added: 608 Philippines
Removed: 188 Costa Rica
Removed: 226 Equatorial Guinea
Removed: 422 Lebanon
Removed: 458 Malaysia
Removed: 792 Turkey

2623 Low-income developing countries *(New criteria as follows)*
Average 2004-2006 per capita GDP below US$ 1´000
Removed: 144 Sri Lanka
Removed: 156 China
Removed: 608 Philippines

TRADE OR INTERREGIONAL GROUPS

3406 Euro Area
Added: 233 Estonia

3919 G77
Added: 762 Tajikistan

3110 East African Community (EAC)
3908 League of Arab States
3909 Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)
3910 Organization of American States (OAS)
3111 Southern African Customs Union (SACU)
3112 Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)
3113 Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
3210 Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)
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Manufactured goods by degree of manufacturing¹ (SITC 5 to 8 less 667 and 68)

- Labour-intensive and resource-based manufactures
- Manufactures with low skill and technology intensity
- Manufactures with medium skill and technology intensity
- Manufactures with high skill and technology intensity
- Unclassified

¹ The definition is taken from Trade and Development Report (TDR) 2002 Annexes to Chapter III. Furthermore, some additional works were undertaken to convert the original list in SITC Rev.2 into SITC Rev.3, to extend its coverage to all commodities and to ensure consistency with existing UNCTAD product groups.