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1. Recommendations and the progress made by the NSI

• SURS should develop the explicit use of consumption segments especially in technologically fast moving markets as an aid to structure product selection and ensure the continued representativity of the HICP.

This recommendation has been followed up. Consumption segments have been defined and the coverage of several sub-classes has been updated by the introduction of new consumption segments in the area of technology products.

• For the market rentals it is suggested to continue exploring the possibility of including existing contracts in the price collection and include these when feasible.

This recommendation has not yet been followed up. Works on setting up a database for real estate transactions including market rentals are currently ongoing. However, further work is still needed to ensure the quality and the availability of the data in monthly frequency.

• The products sampled for the maintenance and repair of dwellings should be reviewed and updated.

This recommendation has been followed up. The sample for the maintenance and repair of dwellings has been reviewed and updated since 2017.

• Concerning the flights it is recommended to review the current destinations from the perspective of consumer behaviour and update the destinations.

This recommendation has been followed up. Test collections for new destinations were carried out throughout 2018. The new destinations will be added to the sample from 2019 onward.

• In case of a significant quality change in assortment of clothing, a judgement should be made on the comparability of the quality between the brands and either direct comparison or bridged overlap should be used.

This recommendation has been followed up. In case of changes in the assortment of clothing efforts are made to find the most comparable items (in quality, brand, material composition, etc.) for replacements so that the replacement prices can be directly compared to the prices of the replaced products.

2. Additional measures to improve the quality of the Slovenian HICP

Slovenia is currently working on the introduction of a new data source (web scraping) for airfares and package holidays and analysing the possibility of integrating web scraped data in the index production.

3. Conclusion

Slovenia has made progress on the implementation of measures increasing the relevance and reliability of the Slovenian HICP. Eurostat encourages Slovenia to follow this path and implement further measures in the near future.