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Short Guide

To the CPI survey in the Data Entry Tool

1. Introduction

This short guide should help you to use the DET for the CPI survey. It focuses on the new features introduced for this survey.

If you use the WebStart function, the new DET will automatically be downloaded next time you start the DET.

If you don't use WebStart please download the new version from the DET homepage:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/palojpi/info/data/det/index.html

This version of the DET does not affect the consumer goods surveys or other surveys.

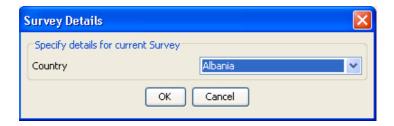
2. Initialising the CPI survey

Principally the procedure to initialise the CPI survey is very similar to the other surveys.



The corresponding survey SUA file is provided by Eurostat.

Please specify details for current survey in the survey details dialogue. Additional checking of the country code will be done whenever you try to export your dataset.

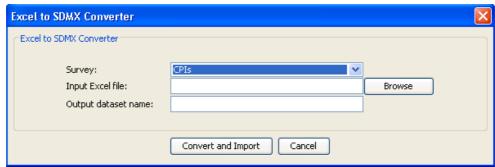


3. DATA ENTRY

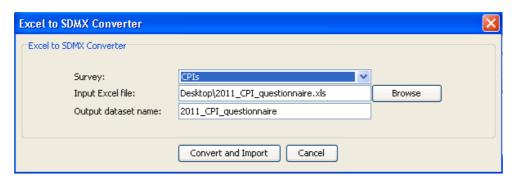
3.1. Conversion and import of the CPI questionnaire

The DET will not replace the CPI questionnaire in Excel format. Instead, it can convert and import the Excel questionnaire distributed by Eurostat in February (with pre-filled HICP data for your country)¹. You will find the feature Convert and Import under Dataset in the menu:





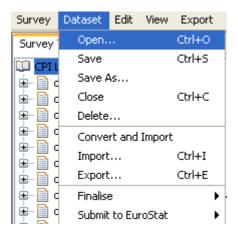
Select the CPI survey. Please click on to select the filled in CPI questionnaire in Excel format.



The name of the Excel file is the default name of the output dataset that will be imported to the DET. You are free to change this name. When all settings are o.k. click on Convert and Import.

¹ Of course, it is also possible to fill in the data directly in the DET.

Please note that the imported dataset will not be opened automatically by the DET. You must open it with Dataset/Open:



3.2. How to fill in the CPI Questionnaire in Excel

- Please fill in only the yellow cells of the Excel file.
- Don't add or delete rows or columns
- Don't change the cells containing formulas.
- Don't change anything on the front page

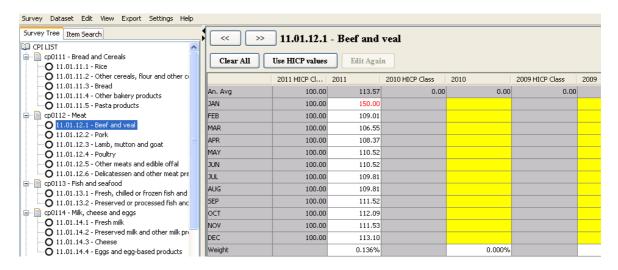
Please respect these advices. Otherwise the conversion will not work correctly.

3.3. Entry and correction of data

Opening the imported dataset you will see the following table:



Entries can be edited by selecting a Basic Heading level in the list, e.g.:



The white cells can be edited directly on the screen. For example, the value for January 2011 is clearly a typing error.

To insert the values of the corresponding HICP class for one year, click the button "Use HICP values". The DET will ask you to confirm that the HICP values are to be copied.

Countries are required to report data in DET only for the latest reference year. In the case of revision of previous years countries will have to contact Eurostat.

4. PREPARATION OF SUBMISSION

The preparation for submission works principally the same as for other surveys.

Upon selecting "Submit to Eurostat/Manually via eDAMIS" the DET will finalise your file and make the following checks:

- All basic headings for the reference year should be filled in (with a positive value) for all months (also those where the corresponding HICP class is empty). Gaps will be highlighted in yellow.
- A warning is provided whenever a CPI value deviates more than 25% of the corresponding HICP class value (the value will show in red font). You can however still proceed with the finalisation.

The weights are voluntary and are not further checked.

The DET will inform you if there are BHs that cannot be finalised and if so, why. After you have closed the warning window, a new tab "Report" will appear on the left part of the screen, which will guide you through the corrections to be made.

After you made all corrections and successfully finalised the whole dataset, you can save the xml file and submit it to Eurostat via eDAMIS.