

Concepts and definitions

Commodity

Commodities refer to tangible or intangible instruments that directly (consumables) or indirectly (capital goods) satisfy people's needs. Tangible assets comprise both goods, as well as materials and supplies. Services are intangible assets.

Industrial service

An industrial service refers to industrial services charged as a separate service from a customer enterprise, such as remodelling, processing, working and other such finishing, maintenance and repairs and installations. Industrial services do not include vehicle maintenance and repair, office machinery and computer maintenance and repair, software design, programming, consultancy and data processing services.

Total output

Total output refers to domestic manufacturing during the calendar year. It comprises sold intermediate products, intermediate products produced for stock and intermediate products produced for the manufacturer's own use. Only volume data of total output is inquired, however, for large vessels only value data.

Data on total output are inquired as complementary data on such commodities on which the sales data are not thought to describe the actual manufacturing sufficiently.

Measurement unit

The measurement units for volume data vary by heading. Close on 40 different measurement units are in use.

Sold production

Sold production refers to the output manufactured by the enterprise / the establishment in Finland and sold outside the enterprise during the calendar year irrespective of the completion date of production.

Sold production also includes sales ex warehouse. The value or volume of sold production does not include resale of such goods that are sold as such (unprocessed) to other enterprises (merchandise).

Subcontracting

Subcontracting production refers to goods produced as subcontracts to others for which the producer enterprise has paid a fee in the target year. In subcontracting production, raw materials and semi-finished products are mainly obtained from the producer enterprise. The subcontractor does not own or sell the products it has manufactured.

Legal unit

A legal unit is a corporation, or an organisation registered for conducting business. A legal unit is identified with a Business ID.

Legal units are, for example, limited companies, private practitioners of trade, co-operative societies, state-owned companies and foundations.