



U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE REGISTERS UNDP COPYRIGHT IN UNSPSC™
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UNDP is pleased to announce that the United States Copyright Office has registered UNDP's copyright in the United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC™), effective as of 4 February 2002, thereby confirming that UNDP is the sole owner of copyright in the UNSPSC.

The copyright registration will ensure the availability of the UNSPSC for free use by the general public and will enable UNDP to take appropriate measures to protect the UNSPSC from infringement.

As previously announced, UNDP severed all relations with Electronic Commerce Code Management Association ("ECCMA") in February 2001.

ECCMA, by its continuing unauthorized creation, reproduction, distribution and display of the derivative versions of the UNSPSC, infringes upon UNDP's copyright in the UNSPSC. UNDP, through its legal counsel, has demanded that ECCMA immediately cease and desist from such activities.

ABOUT UNSPSC

UNSPSC™ – United Nations Standard Products and Services Code – is a global standard for classification of products and services. It helps facilitate international commerce and supports procurement organizations' spend analysis and supplier sourcing efforts. The primary users and sponsors of the UNSPSC are generally corporations that are actively building electronic commerce capabilities. UNSPSC is a trademark of the United Nations/UNDP.

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