

# Concepts and definitions

## **Data supplier unit**

The data supplier unit in the inquiry on materials and supplies of manufacturing production is an enterprise, its legal unit or establishment, whose main activity is manufacturing (B Mining and quarrying or C Manufacturing). Thus, even establishments of non-industrial enterprises engaged in industrial activity are included in the inquiry.

Data on materials and supplies of manufacturing production are, as a rule, collected from all enterprises with at least 20 employees.

## **Enterprise**

An enterprise is a unit with decision-making autonomy, which produces goods and/or services to be sold on the market.

Enterprise corresponds to legal unit, if the legal unit is not part of an enterprise group. Otherwise, the enterprise is an enterprise group or part of one.

The definition of enterprise is based on the EU regulation concerning statistical units (EEC) 696/93.

## **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.

## **Materials and supplies**

In the inquiry on materials and supplies of manufacturing production, materials and supplies include materials used for manufacturing production (raw materials, semi-finished products, additives and supplies).

## **Nomenclature of materials and supplies**

Starting from the statistical reference year 2019, the European Union's CN nomenclature (Combined Nomenclature) will be used as the nomenclature of the inquiry on materials and supplies of manufacturing production. The CN nomenclature is the eight-digit classification of goods used in statistics on foreign trade. The nomenclature is revised annually.

Prior to the statistical reference year 2019, the inquiries on materials and supplies of manufacturing production used a nomenclature compiled at Statistics Finland based on the European Union's CPA product classification, adapting it to national needs (CPA= Classification of Products by Activity). The length of the code is six to eight digits. The first four digits describe the manufacturing industry (Standard Industrial Classification TOL2008, TOL2002 or TOL95 depending on the statistical reference year).

**Purchased materials and supplies**

In the inquiry on materials and supplies of manufacturing production, purchased materials and supplies refer to raw materials, semi-finished products, additives and supplies purchased for manufacturing production from outside the legal unit (Business ID) during the year, irrespective of the year when they are used. Value data on purchases by heading are inquired.