I. EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE SECTIONS A TO M CONCERNING SUPPLIES AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The Supplementary Vocabulary is composed of 19 sections (and 42 groups). Some sections are used more to add descriptions of supplies and construction/works like sections A to M, and of services like sections P to U.

A section such as Section M, ‘Residual attributes for transport’, may be used to give an additional description for supply or service codes.

The supplementary codes are generic and are not designed to fit a specific code in the Main Vocabulary. Users are advised to use the closest attribute in the Supplementary Vocabulary to fit their need, provided that it belongs to a section coherent with the meaning of the Main Vocabulary code.

SECTION A — MATERIALS

Group A - Metal and alloy
This group includes:
- Basic metals, like aluminium, nickel, and gold
- Metal alloys, like steel, brass

Group B - Non-metal
This group includes attributes for non-metallic materials like:
- Plastics, like polyester, polythene, and PVC
- Stone, like marble, slate
- Wood, like bamboo, cork, and coniferous wood
- Natural fibres, like silk, and wool

Additional definitions:
- Glass inners: small pieces of glass, often rounded, to fit in any apparatus for isolation, for instance for vacuum vessels or fittings for power lines.

SECTION B — FORM, SHAPE, PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Group A - Form
This group includes:
- Condition and physical properties, like hot, cold, liquid, solid, hard, and soft.
- Form, like dust/powder, ingots, and rods.
- Specific preparation of a basic material, like coated, unwrought, and vulcanised.

Additional definitions:
- Unwrought: product or material that has gone through the first step(s) of a transformation process
- Processed: product or material that has gone through a transformation process
- Refined: product or material that has gone through a complete transformation process to be freed from impurities

Group B - Shape
This group includes all geometrical shapes like round, or square.

Group C — Packaging and conditioning
This group includes:
- Packaging, e.g. in bags, in cartons, bottled. These attributes describe the way in which the product will be received by the end-user.
- Conditioning, e.g. in brine, in bulk. These attributes describe the condition in which the product will be found by the end-user in the packaging.

This group does not includes:
- Residual attributes for food, drink and meals, to be found under section H.

SECTION C — MATERIALS/PRODUCTS WITH SPECIAL QUALITIES AND OPERATION MODE.
This section does not include:
- Environmental attributes, like recycling and treatment, which are classified in section D.
Group A — Materials/products with special qualities
This group includes attributes related to:
- Resistance characteristics, like waterproof, fire retardant, wired, and reinforced
- Comfort/health characteristics, like ergonomic, asbestos free, and sterile
- Specific use, like submersible, and portable
- Agriculture, like organic, farmed, and cultivated

Additional definitions:
- Disposable: product designed to be used once and thrown away, but which could be reused
- Single-use: product designed to be used only once and for which the first use damages it in a such way that it is not reusable
- Reusable: product designed to be reused

Group B — Mode of Operation
This group includes:
- Pressure and voltage attributes
- Type of energy used for a vehicle, machinery and other apparatus
- Other features of vehicles, engines, machinery and apparatus, e.g. 4-wheel drive, automatic, single-phase

SECTION D — GENERAL, ADMINISTRATION

Group A — General and administration attributes
This group includes:
- Specific status, mostly for services, like national/international, public/private, etc.
- Management, administrative, etc.
- Social attributes like social work, guidance, etc.
- Environmental attributes like recycling, treatment, etc.

SECTION E — USERS / BENEFICIARIES

Group A — Users or beneficiaries
This group includes:
- Any kind of users or beneficiary, mentioning age range (babies, children, teenagers…), sex, specific users (unemployed person, drug user, passengers, etc.)
- A list of disabilities, for disabled users or beneficiaries

SECTION G — SCALE AND DIMENSION

Group A — Dimension and power indication
This group includes attributes stating that a specific weight, measurement/size, volume, power or pressure are required. To quote the specific weight, measurement/size, volume, power or pressure, additional attributes are to be found under section G, group C.

Group B — Frequency
This group includes:
- Daily, weekly, etc.

Group C — Other indication
This group includes additional attributes to quote a specific weight, measurement/size, volume, power or pressure, specific or reference data and quantities.

SECTION H — RESIDUAL ATTRIBUTES FOR FOOD, DRINK AND MEAL

Group A - Attributes for food, drink and meals
This group includes:
- Residual attributes to describe a specific food preparation.
- Attributes to describe food for consumers having specific requirements (pork-free, vegetarian meals, gluten-free meals).
SECTION I — RESIDUAL ATTRIBUTES FOR CONSTRUCTION/WORKS

This section does not include:
- General purpose use, which is classified in section F.

Group A — Attributes for construction/works
This group includes:
- Attributes to describe the type of works or specific features of the works
- Attributes to describe the intended purpose of the works

SECTION J - RESIDUAL ATTRIBUTES FOR COMPUTING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR COMMUNICATION

This section does not include:
- General purpose use, which is classified in section F.

Group A — Attributes for computing, information technology or communication
This group includes:
- Attributes to describe a special-purpose network (Internet, intranet, etc.)
- Residual attributes to define certain features of hardware and software

SECTION K — RESIDUAL ATTRIBUTES FOR ENERGY AND WATER DISTRIBUTION

This section does not include:
- General purpose use, which is classified in section F.

Group A - Attributes for Energy and water distribution
This group includes:
- Attributes in the field of heating, water distribution, electricity, oil and gas
- Residual attributes describing specific users in the field of energy and water distribution

SECTION L — RESIDUAL MEDICAL AND LABORATORY ATTRIBUTES

This section does not include:
- General purpose use, which is classified in section F.

Group A — Attributes for medical and laboratory
This group includes special-purpose use in the field of:
- Surgery
- Nursing
- Medical examination and treatment
- Hospital or laboratory use
- Medical supplies
- Forensics
- Veterinary use