

CPV-2007 FAQs

Update to CPV codes

On 16 September 2008, the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (OPOCE) will be implementing a modified version of the CPV codes (CPV Code Version 2007) to replace Version 2003. The CPV code search facility in Supply2.gov.uk will be upgraded accordingly to reflect these changes.

What is a CPV code?

CPV (Common Procurement Vocabulary) codes have been developed by the European Union specifically for public procurement. The main vocabulary is based on a tree structure with high-level codes providing a broad description and sub-categories defining particular products or services. Their main purpose is to help procurement personnel to classify their contract notices consistently and correctly and to help suppliers find those notices which are of interest to them by using a standardised vocabulary.

Using CPV codes

Awarding authorities use CPV codes to accurately describe a particular product or service opportunity. CPV codes may be used in a notice to broadly describe the relevant industry sector or to more narrowly define a particular product or service. It is mandatory for awarding authorities to publish at least one CPV code in an OJEU notice.

What changes have been made?

Certain codes have been reassigned with new descriptions, others have been deleted, and many entirely new codes have been added.

How will these changes affect me?

Supply2.gov.uk will ensure that the CPV code transition process is as simple as possible. We will automatically update your alert and/or supplier profile with the new CPV-2007 codes (we advise you not to delete or amend any CPV codes in your contract profile at this point).

How will I search for legacy contracts once the new CPV-2007 codes are in use?

Supply2.gov.uk has mapped every CPV-2003 code to its corresponding CPV-2007 code. Therefore, when searching using new CPV-2007 codes for contracts that were created prior to 16 September 2008, you will still find your matching legacy contracts.

When you view a legacy contract, you will see both the original CPV-2003 code(s) and the corresponding CPV-2007 code(s). Your ability to search by CPV codes is therefore unaffected.

From 16 September it is anticipated that all notices will display only the new CPV-2007 codes.

CPV code online mapping tool

We have created an [online tool](#) for browsing the new CPV-2007 code hierarchy and also provide a [spreadsheet](#) that maps all CPV-2003 codes to their corresponding CPV-2007 codes in order that you may establish if there are any new codes that apply to your business sector.

Assistance

The Supply2.gov.uk Helpdesk is on hand to assist you and can be contacted on **0845 270 7085** or via email at support@supply2.gov.co.uk