



## Selecting Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) Codes

When creating a contract notice for publication on eTenders, contracting authorities must select one CPV code as a main code (mandatory) and they can include additional sub-codes (optional) if required.

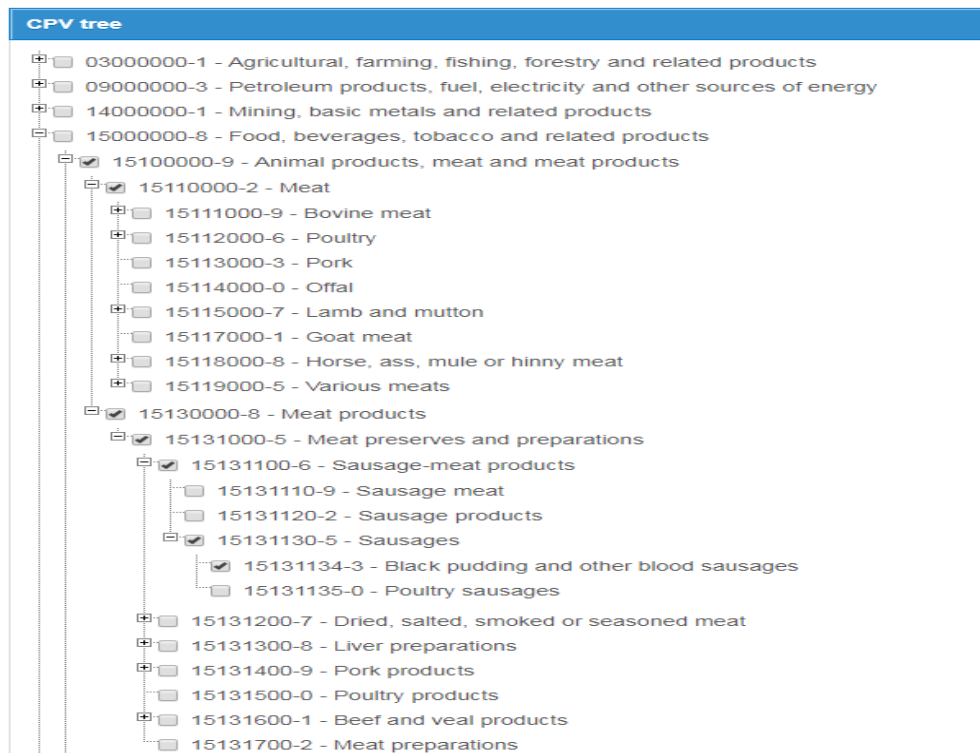
### Structure of the CPV

The CPV follows a tree structure with a hierarchy of divisions (first 2 digits), groups (3rd digit), classes (4th digit), categories (5th digit) and subcategories (6th to 8th digits). Overall, there are 45 divisions, 272 groups, 1,002 classes, 2,379 categories and 5,756 subcategories (9,454 codes in total).

The following table shows an example for Food, Beverages, Tobacco and related products;

| Code         | Level       | Description                                   |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| 15 0 0 0 000 | Division    | Food, beverages, tobacco and related products |
| 15 1 1 0 000 | Group       | Meat  |
| 15 1 3 0 000 | Class       | Meat products                                 |
| 15 1 3 1 000 | Category    | Meat preserves and preparations               |
| 15 1 3 1 100 | Subcategory | Sausage-meat products                         |
| 15 1 3 1 130 | Subcategory | Sausages                                      |
| 15 1 3 1 134 | Subcategory | Black pudding and other blood sausages        |

While below is a representation of how the above codes are selected in the CPV Structure on the eTenders platform





The image below shows the division code as the selected main CPV code, this ensures that all suppliers who have activated alerts under this divisional code will be alerted about any upcoming competitions in this division, meaning if a supplier has selected any individual code under this overall divisional category of “Food, beverages, tobacco and related products” then they will receive an alert regarding up coming competitions in that area.

| Set categories  |               |
|---|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category   | Main CPV code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15000000-8 Food, beverages, tobacco and related products | ★             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15100000-9 Animal products, meat and meat products       |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15110000-2 Meat  |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15130000-8 Meat products                                 |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15131000-5 Meat preserves and preparations               |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15131100-6 Sausage-meat products                         |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15131130-5 Sausages                                      |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15131134-3 Black pudding and other blood sausages        |               |

Registered Suppliers **will receive business alerts** for a published tender notice where:

- Both contracting authority and supplier have the same main code
- Both contracting authority and supplier have the same sub-code
- If contracting authority has main code and supplier has sub-code from the same main tree
- If supplier has main code and contracting authority has sub-code from the same main tree

Registered Suppliers **will not receive business alerts** for a published tender notice where:

- Contracting authority and supplier have different sub-codes even where it is in the same tree





In December 2019 the Publications Office at the EU Commission made amendments to the schemas which govern the usage of CPV codes in order to ensure greater consistency with the type of procurement being advertised. Subsequently, the CPV codes are now grouped by Supplies, Works and Services categories as follows:

- Supplies – CPV Code range 0 to 44 and 48
- Works – CPV Code range 45
- Services – CPV Code range 49 to 98

These changes have been implemented on the eTenders platform and a warning will be displayed to users who try to select a main CPV code that is not aligned to the relevant contract type:

**Form data**

One or more validation errors found in form! Please review marked sections  
Main CPV code inconsistent with the type of contract: Supplies corresponds to CPV code starting from 0 to 44 and with 48, Works with 45, Services from 49 to 98.

**Section II: Object**

**II.1.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1.1. Title**

Title \*

Reference number

**II.1.2. Main CPV code \***

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**II.1.4. Short description**

Short description \*

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