

Box 5.1: The ECP survey cycle

ECP Survey cycle		
Sequence	Survey	Coverage
First year of cycle	Survey 1 – Food, drinks and tobacco	Food; non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages; tobacco.
	Survey 2 – Personal appearance	Clothing; Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear; footwear; goods and services for personal care; personal effects.
Second year of cycle	Survey 1 – House and garden	Materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling; household appliances; glassware, tableware and household utensils; tools and equipment for house and garden; non-durable household goods such as products for routine cleaning and maintenance; audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment; games, toys, hobbies, gardens, plants, flowers and pets; newspapers, books, stationery and drawing materials; electric appliances for personal care.
	Survey 2 – Transport, restaurants & and hotels	Personal transport equipment; spare parts and accessories, fuels and lubricants for the operation of personal transport equipment; equipment for sport, camping and open-air recreation; catering services; accommodation services.
Third year of cycle	Survey 1 - Services	Maintenance and repair services for the dwelling; water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling; electricity, gas and other fuels; domestic and household services; maintenance and repair services for personal transport equipment; transport services; postal services; telephone and telefax services; maintenance and repair services for major durables; veterinary and other services for pets; recreational and cultural services; other services not elsewhere specified.
	Survey 2 – Furniture and health	Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings; household textiles; medical products, appliances and equipment; out-patient services.

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Remark:

Housing, hospital services and education are not included in the survey cycle as they are surveyed annually. Other consumer goods and services, such as narcotics, combined passenger transport, telephone and telefax equipment, major durables for outdoor and indoor recreation, games of chance, package holidays, prostitution, social protection, insurance, FISIM and other financial services, are also not included in the survey cycle either. This is because it is difficult to specify and price products for them that are comparable across countries. Reference PPPs are used for the basic headings containing these goods and services.