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PREFACE

This 1978 edition of the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) has been prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for use in the collection, compilation and publication of its statistics. The ABS encourages other organisations to use this Classification in their own statistical work in order to improve the comparability and usefulness of statistics generally.

This edition of the Classification updates the 1969 preliminary edition of ASIC. In preparing the updated edition the ABS has carried out an extensive review of the 1969 edition, involving a substantial programme of empirical investigation and analytical work over a period of some three years. As a result of the review numerous changes have been made to the Classification, mainly affecting the definitions of individual industry classes. The impact of these changes at the subdivision and division levels has been considerably less leaving their basic character and structure largely unchanged. A separate document will describe the differences between the 1969 and the 1978 editions of the Classification.

A summary description of the Classification is provided in Chapter 1. A fuller understanding of the Classification may be gained by reading the more detailed material provided in Chapters 2 to 6. Any inquiries about the Classification should be addressed to the Classification Section of the ABS in Canberra.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in the Classification are:

n.e.c. - not elsewhere classified

mfg - manufacturing