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Description Several functions are provided to harmonize CN8 (Combined Nomenclature 8 digits) and PC8 (Production Communautaire 8 digits) product codes over time and the classification systems HS6 and BEC. Harmonization of CN8 codes are possible by default from 1995 to 2022 and of PC8 from 2001 to 2021, respectively.
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cn8_to_bec Concordance list between CN8 and BEC

## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all CN8 product codes and related BEC codes in a given time period.

## Usage

cn8_to_bec(b, e, historymatrix = NULL, progress = TRUE)

## Arguments

b first year of interest
e last year of interest
historymatrix History matrix of CN8 product codes. Provided by history_matrix_cn8().
progress logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not.

## Value

A data frame that contains all CN8 product codes and related BEC and HS6 codes in a given time period. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

| Variable | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- |
| CN8 | character; a specific CN8 code |
| HS6 | character; provides the HS6 classification of the CN8plus code |
| BEC | character; provides the BEC classification on a high aggregation level (1 digit) |
| BEC_agr | character; provides the BEC classification on a lower aggregation level (up to 3 digits) |

## Examples

cn8_to_bec(b $=2008$, e = 2010)

```
get_data_directory Data path for custom data
```


## Description

Provides the directory where custom data must be stored and the used data (e.g., concordance lists, list of codes) can be edited.

```
Usage
    get_data_directory(path = TRUE, open_explorer = FALSE,
                            show_data = NULL)
```


## Arguments

path logical, determines whether the path is printed in the console
open_explorer logical, determines whether an explorer is opened in addition. Only executable if the directory path does not contain any blanks.
show_data character string, which must take one of the following values: "CN8", "HS6", "PC8" or "HS6toBEC". All available data in in the given directory is printed in the console. Only executable if the directory path does not contain any blanks.

## Value

Returns the path (character), of the directory where custom data must be stored and the used data (e.g., concordance lists, list of codes) can be edited.

## Examples

```
    get_data_directory()
    get_data_directory(path = FALSE, show_data = "CN8")
```

harmonize_cn8 Harmonization of CN8 product codes

## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all CN8 product codes and their history in the demanded time period, as well as harmonized CN8plus code, harmonized HS6plus code and BEC classification.

## Usage

```
harmonize_cn8(b, e, historymatrix, harmonize.to = "e",
    HS6breaks = c(1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017),
    progress = TRUE)
```


## Arguments

b
e
historymatrix History matrix of CN8 product codes. Provided by history_matrix_cn8(). By default $N U L L$; the function computes the needed harmonized data.
harmonize.to Defines which year for harmonization is used. It may take the following values:

- "e", harmonizes product codes towards year e
- "b", harmonizes product codes towards year b

HS6breaks Vector of years, where HS6 codes were changed. Do not edit, unless additional break is needed.
progress logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not.

## Value

A data frame that contains all CN8 product codes and their history, harmonized CN8plus codes, harmonized HS6plus codes, and BEC classification. The 'plus-codes' are the main outcome of the function. They provide harmonized information of the product codes, i.e. comparable codes. Every harmonization refers to the last year of interest. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

| Variable | Explanation <br> character; a specific CN8 code in a given year |
| :--- | :--- |
| CN8plus | character; the harmonization code for CN8, which refers to the last/first year of the time period |
| HS6plus | character; the harmonization code of HS6, which refers to the last/first year of the time period |
| BEC | character; provides the BEC classification at a high aggregation level (1 digit) |
| BEC_agr | character; provides the BEC classification at a lower aggregation level (up to 3 digits) |
| SNA_basic_class | character; provides information if the code is classified as consumption, capital or intermediate good in |
| flag | numeric; either 0 or 1; 1 indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time perio |
| flagyear | numeric; indicates the first year in which the flag was set to 1 |

## Examples

```
harmonize_cn8(b = 2008, e = 2010)
mydata <- history_matrix_cn8(b = 2016, e = 2018)
myharmonization <- harmonize_cn8(b = 2016, e = 2018,
    historymatrix = mydata)
```

    harmonize_pc8 Harmonization of PC8 product codes
    
## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all PC8 product codes and their history in the demanded time period, as well as harmonized PC8plus code, harmonized HS6plus code and BEC classification.

## Usage

harmonize_pc8(b, e, historymatrix = NULL, harmonize.to = "e", HS6breaks = c(1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017), progress = TRUE)

## Arguments

b first year of interest
e last year of interest
historymatrix History matrix of PC8 product codes. Provided by history_matrix_pc8(). By default $N U L L$; the function computes the needed harmonized data.
harmonize. to Defines which year for harmonization is used. It may take the following values:

- "e", harmonizes product codes towards year e
- "b", harmonizes product codes towards year b

HS6breaks Vector of years, where HS6 codes where changed.
progress logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not.

## Value

A data frame that contains all PC8 product codes and their history, harmonized PC8plus codes, harmonized HS6plus codes, and BEC classification. The 'plus-codes' are the main outcome of the function. They provide harmonized information of the product codes, i.e. comparable codes. Every harmonization refers to the last year of interest. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

| Variable | Explanation <br> character; a specific PC8 code in a given year |
| :--- | :--- |
| PC8_xxxx | character; the harmonization code for PC8, which refers to the last/first year of the time period |
| PC8plus | character; the harmonization code of HS6, which refers to the last/first year of the time period |
| HS6plus | character; provides the BEC classification at a high aggregation level (1 digit) |
| BEC | character; provides the BEC classification at a lower aggregation level (up to 3 digits) |
| BEC_agr | character; provides information if the code is classified as consumption, capital or intermediate good in I <br> SNA_basic_class <br> flag |
| numeric; either 0 or 1; 1 indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time perio |  |
| flagyear | numeric; indicates the first year in which the flag was set to 1 |

## Examples

```
harmonize_pc8(b = 2009, e = 2011)
mydata <- history_matrix_pc8(b = 2015, e = 2017)
myharmonization <- harmonize_pc8(b = 2015, e = 2017,
```

```
historymatrix = mydata)
```

history_matrix_cn8 History matrix of CN8 product codes

## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all CN8 product codes and their history in a given time period.

## Usage

history_matrix_cn8(b, e, c1 = 1988, c2 = 2022, progress = TRUE)

## Arguments

b first year of interest
e last year of interest
c1 first year of the concordance list
c2 last year of the concordance list
progress logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not.

## Value

A data frame that contains all CN8 product codes and their history over time for the demanded time period. This dataset is the basis for the main function harmonize_cn8() and can be obtained therewith as well. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

## Variable Explanation

CN8_xxxx character; a specific CN8 code in a given year
flag numeric; either 0 or $1 ; 1$ indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time period but wa
flagyear numeric; indicates the first year in which the flag was set to 1

## Examples

```
    history_matrix_cn8(b = 2008, e = 2010)
```

    history_matrix_pc8 History matrix of PC8 product codes
    
## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all PC8 product codes and their history in a given time period.

## Usage

history_matrix_pc8(b, e, progress = TRUE)

## Arguments

b first year of interest
e last year of interest
progress logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not.

## Value

A data frame that contains all PC8 product codes and their history over time for the demanded time period. This dataset is the basis for the main function harmonize_pc8() and can be obtained therewith as well. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

| Variable | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- |
| PC8_xxxx | character; a specific PC8 code in a given year |
| flag | numeric; either 0 or 1; 1 indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time period but wa |
| flagyear | numeric; indicates the first year in which the flag was set to 1 |

## Examples

```
history_matrix_pc8(b = 2008, e = 2010)
```

pc8_to_bec concordance list between PC8 and BEC

## Description

Provides a dataframe which contains all PC8 product codes and related BEC codes in the demanded time period.

## Usage

pc8_to_bec(b, e, historymatrix = NULL, progress = TRUE)

## Arguments

| b | first year of interest |
| :--- | :--- |
| e | last year of interest |
| historymatrix | History matrix of PC8 product codes. Provided by history_matrix_pc8(). |
| progress | logical, determines whether progress is printed in console or not. |

## Value

A data frame that contains all PC8 product codes and related BEC and HS6 codes in a given time period. The following table offers an overview of all provided variables.

| Variable | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- |
| PC8 | character; a specific PC8 code |
| HS6 | character; provides the HS6 classification of the PC8plus code |
| BEC | character; provides the BEC classification on a high aggregation level (1 digit) |
| BEC_agr | character; provides the BEC classification on a lower aggregation level (up to 3 digits) |

## Examples

```
    pc8_to_bec(b = 2008, e = 2010)
```

```
utilize_cn8 A possible utilization of harmonized CN8 products codes
```


## Description

Provide an application of the data frames obtained by the main function, harmonize_cn8. To use these additional functions, data on firm-level is required, which is data that is not provided by the package.

## Usage

utilize_cn8(b, e, firm_data, harmonized_data = NULL, progress = TRUE, output = "merged.firm.data", value = FALSE, base = "CN8")

## Arguments

| b | first year of interest |
| :--- | :--- |
| e | last year of interest |
| firm_data | Data on firm level which must provide the following columns: "firmID", "year" <br> and "CN8". |
| harmonized_data |  |$\quad$| Harmonized data of CN8 product codes. Provided by harmonize_cn8(). By |
| :--- |
| default NULL; the function computes the needed harmonized data. |

- "all", returns both dataframes as a list
value logical, determines whether value is calculated for same/new/dropped products. Only possible if data contains a column: "value". Value may contain different quantities (e.g. sales [Euro] or weight [kg]).
base Defines which plus-codes are used as a base for calculating added/dropped/same products and their corresponding values. It may take the following values:
- "CN8", uses CN8plus codes for computation.
- "HS6", uses HS6plus codes for computation.


## Value

Provides two possible data frames:
(a) One dataframe that contains all changed CN8 product codes per firm per year. In more detail, this means how many products remained the same, were added or dropped - the value of the same/added/dropped products - how many products were produced by a certain firm in a given year, and how many products were produced in the year after. As a base of this computation CN8plus codes or HS6plus codes can be used.
(b) One dataframe that is based on the entered firm data. The entered firm data is extended by harmonized data (that is "CN8plus", "flag", "flagyear", "HS6plus", "BEC", "BEC_agr", "SNA_basic_class").

Table that summarizes the output, described by the notation (a) above:

```
Variable Explanation
firmID character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over
period_UL
period
gap
same_products
value_same_products
new_products
value_new_products
dropped_products
value_dropped_products
nbr_of_products_period_LL
nbr_of_products_period_UL
```


## Explanation

```
character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over character; lower limit of the time period character; time period in which the product was produced numeric; indicating if the time period is greater than one (i.e. upper limit - lower limit > 1) numeric; number of products that were produced in both years (i.e. remained in the product numeric; value of products that were produced in both years (i.e. remained in the product po numeric; number of added products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. added to the pr numeric; value of added products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. added to the proc numeric; number of dropped products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. removed of numeric; value of dropped products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. removed of the numeric; number of all products produced in the lower limit of the time period (i.e. entire pr
nbr_of_products_period_UL numeric; number of all products produced in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. entire pr
```

Table that summarizes the output, described by the notation (b) above:

| Variable | Explanation <br> firmID |
| :--- | :--- |
| character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over time, provide |  |
| year | numeric; year in which the firm produced a product (provided by user) |
| CN8 | character; CN8 code of firm product (provided by user) |
| (value) | numeric; value of the corresponding product code (may be provided by user) |
| $\ldots$ | character; additional columns from original firm data (provided by user) |
| CN8plus | character; final harmonization, which refers to the last year of the time period |
| flag | character; either 0 or $1 ; 1$ indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time peri |

```
HS6 character; provides the HS6 classification of the CN8plus code
HS6plus character; also adjusts for the change lists of HS6
BEC character; provides the BEC classification on a high aggregated level (1 digit)
BEC_agr character; provides the BEC classification on a less aggregated level (up to 3 digits)
SNA_basic_class character; provides information if the code is classified as consumption, capital or intermediate good in F
```


## Examples

```
sampledata <- read.table(paste0(system.file("extdata", package = "harmonizer"),
    "/sampledata/cn8sample.txt"), sep = ";",
    header = TRUE, colClasses = "character")
utilize_cn8(b = 2008, e = 2010, firm_data = sampledata)
newdata <- utilize_cn8(b = 2008, e = 2010, firm_data = sampledata,
    output = "all")
changes <- newdata[[1]]
merged_data <- newdata[[2]]
```

utilize_pc8 A possible utilization of harmonized PC8 products codes

## Description

Provide an application of the data frames obtained by the main function, harmonize_pc8. To use these additional functions, data on firm-level is required, which is data that is not provided by the package.

## Usage

```
utilize_pc8(b, e, firm_data, harmonized_data = NULL,
    progress = TRUE, output = "merged.firm.data",
    value = FALSE, base = "PC8")
```


## Arguments

| b | first year of interest |
| :--- | :--- |
| e | last year of interest |
| firm_data | Data on firm level which must provide the following columns: "firmID", "year" <br> and "PC8". |
| harmonized_data |  |$\quad$| Harmonized data of PC8 product codes. Provided by harmonize_pc8(). By |
| :--- |
| default $N U L L ;$ the function computes the needed harmonized data. |

- "product.changes", returns all changed PC8 product codes per firm per year (see description of (a) below)
- "merged.firm.data", returns entered firm data, extended by harmonized data (see description of (b) below)
- "all", returns both dataframes as a list
value logical, determines whether value is calculated for same/new/dropped products. Only possible if data contains a column: "value". Value may contain different quantities (e.g. sales [Euro] or weight [kg]).
base Defines which plus-codes are used as a base for calculating added/dropped/same products and their corresponding values. It may take the following values:
- "PC8", uses CN8plus codes for computation.
- "HS6", uses HS6plus codes for computation.


## Value

Provides two possible data frames:
(a) One dataframe that contains all changed PC8 product codes per firm per year. In more detail, this means how many products remained the same, were added or dropped - the value of the same/added/dropped products - how many products were produced by a certain firm in a given year, and how many products were produced in the year after. As a base of this computation PC8plus codes or HS6plus codes can be used.
(b) One dataframe that is based on the entered firm data. The entered firm data is extended by harmonized data (that is "PC8plus", "flag", "flagyear", "HS6plus", "BEC", "BEC_agr", "SNA_basic_class").

Table that summarizes the output, described by the notation (a) above:

```
Variable Explanation
gap
value_same_products
new_products
value_new_products
dropped_products
value_dropped_products
nbr_of_products_period_LL
nbr_of_products_period_UL
```

firmID character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over
period_UL character; lower limit of the time period
period character; time period in which the product was produced

## Explanation

character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over character; lower limit of the time period
character; time period in which the product was produced
numeric; indicating if the time period is greater than one (i.e. upper limit - lower limit > 1) numeric; number of products that were produced in both years (i.e. remained in the product numeric; value of products that were produced in both years (i.e. remained in the product po numeric; number of added products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. added to the pr numeric; value of added products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. added to the proc numeric; number of dropped products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. removed of numeric; value of dropped products in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. removed of the numeric; number of all products produced in the lower limit of the time period (i.e. entire pr numeric; number of all products produced in the upper limit of the time period (i.e. entire pr

Table that summarizes the output, described by the notation (b) above:

| Variable | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- |
| firmID | character; specific code that describes a firm over the years (this code does not change over time, provide |
| year | numeric; year in which the firm produced a product (provided by user) |
| PC8 | character; PC8 code of firm product (provided by user) |


| (value) | numeric; value of the corresponding product code (may be provided by user) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\ldots$ | character; additional columns from original firm data (provided by user) |
| PC8plus | character; final harmonization, which refers to the last year of the time period |
| flag | character; either 0 or 1; 1 indicates that this code remained the same in notation over the whole time peri |
| HS6 | character; provides the HS6 classification of the PC8plus code |
| HS6plus | character; also adjusts for the change lists of HS6 |
| BEC | character; provides the BEC classification on a high aggregated level (1 digit) |
| BEC_agr | character; provides the BEC classification on a less aggregated level (up to 3 digits) |
| SNA_basic_class | character; provides information if the code is classified as consumption, capital or intermediate good in E |

## Examples

```
sampledata <- read.table(paste0(system.file("extdata", package = "harmonizer"),
    "/sampledata/pc8sample.txt"), sep = ";",
    header = TRUE , colClasses = "character")
utilize_pc8(b = 2011, e = 2013, firm_data = sampledata)
newdata <- utilize_pc8(b = 2011, e = 2013, firm_data = sampledata,
    output = "all")
changes <- newdata[[1]]
merged_data <- newdata[[2]]
```


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