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Important:

This User Guide and Documentation pertains to Release 7 of dataset and replaces Releases 6 (December 2013), 5 (October 2012), 4 (October 2011), 3 (March 2009), 2 (May2005) and 1 (March 2003). Errors have been corrected, new surveys have been added, and the old files have been reformatted.

INTRODUCTION

This *User's Guide and Documentation* is the companion document to the MTUS dataset. Information on [other time use surveys not included in the harmonised dataset](#) are included on the Centre for Time Use Research web site. This User Guide is publicly available. [Access to the data](#) is however restricted and requires authorization. This User Guide and Documentation pertains to Release 6 of the Harmonised Episode, Aggregate and Simply datasets, and replaces Release 5 (October 2012).

The User's Guide describes the structure of the MTUS dataset and discusses issues of comparability across surveys.

The current version of this User's Guide covers the following surveys:

- Australia 1974, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2006
- Austria 1992
- Canada 1971-72, 1981, 1986, 1992, 1998
- Denmark 1964, 1987, 2001
- Finland 1979, 1987/88, 1999
- France 1966, 1974, 1985, 1998, 2009-10
- Germany 1965, 1991-92, 2001
- Israel 1991-92
- Italy 1979, 1989, 2003
- The Netherlands 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005
- Norway 1971, 1981, 1990/91, 2000
- Republic of Korea 2009
- Slovenia 1965, 2000
- Spain (national) 2002-03, 2009-10, Basque Country in Spain 1992-93, 1997-98, 2002-03, 2008-09
- South Africa 2000
- Sweden 1990/91, 2000
- UK 1961, 1974-75, 1983, 1987, 1995, 2000-01, 2005
- USA 1965-66, 1975-76, 1985, 1992-94, 1994-95, 1998-01, 2003-12

This User's Guide describes the surveys and the various harmonised variables. It also discusses the weighting of time use survey as well as the methods of analysis of time use data. **Survey-specific information regarding the coding of harmonised variables appear separately in**

the README documents and transformation files for each individual survey. These are available by clicking on the year of the surveys in the row for each country included in the [on-line documentation](#).

The MTUS team also has produced a separate [Coding Procedure Document](#) which covers the information in this document of greatest use to people harmonising the MTUS files, as well as supplementary information relating to the conversion process. This document is available on-line.