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Comment Form

Global Consultation Comment Form

Revised SEEA Chapter 1 - 6

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

Relevant documents

Before submitting responses you are encouraged to read the accompanying papers available on the website.

Revision of the SEEA: Draft Version for Second Round of Global Consultation, October 2011 – Chapters 1 – 6

Reading guide for the SEEA Revision Second Round of Global Consultation

Supporting material for selected classifications and lists in the revised SEEA

Part I: General comments

This is the first global consultation based on the complete set of chapters for the SEEA Central Framework. In this section please provide general comments on the drafts chapters. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

The Czech Statistical Office invites this global consultation and supports the development in the area of environmental accounts. We have been implementing SEEA principles with the cooperation of experts of the Charles University Environment Centre for several years.

Part II: Technical and other comments

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. As this is the first consultation where the complete 6 chapters have been released, comments on the consistency of the technical content across the chapters would be appreciated.

Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph number or section number.

Para 2.39. We think that it would make sense to better justify why government was removed from the PSUT. The monetary use tables clearly show that also physical products are recorded under final consumption of government (such as chemical products or motor vehicles – at least for the Czech Republic). It therefore does not seem true that in physical terms, government activity is completely recorded within the first column, industries. This is even more significant for energy accounts, which newly include energy incorporated into non-energy products. It means that even if government consumed only services, there would still be some energy incorporated into these services. Last but not least, exclusion of government from PSUT seems inconsistent with respect to combined physical and monetary presentations (Chapter 6.5.), which include government.

Chapter 3.2.2. It could be a bit confusing that natural resource residuals are included both under natural resource inputs and residuals. Why not to move the most of information on them into residual section?

Chapter 5.2. There is no general definition of economic assets now. We miss it a bit.