

IE.1 Statistical Framework for the Informal Economy

Instructions

For each question, please provide the answer by clicking the relevant check box or by typing in the framed textboxes, which will automatically expand to fit the text. We recommend providing coordinated answers between the national agencies responsible for the national accounts, balance of payments compilation and labour statistics (please indicate this in question 1).

A printable version of the questionnaire and the guidance note are available at the SNA Consultations webpage of the United Nations Statistics Division, and the Informal Economy Task Team webpage on the IMF's *BPM6* website. If you have any questions, please contact: sna@un.org. We look forward to and highly appreciate your collaboration.

Sincerely,
Informal Economy Task Team

Please provide your information below:

Country _____
Institution/Organization _____
Name _____
Position/Title _____
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1. Your response concerns which area of statistics?

Please select all that apply

- National Accounts
- External Sector Statistics
- Labour Statistics

2A. Is this topic of relevance for your country?

- High relevance
- Medium relevance
- Low relevance
- Not relevant

2B. Please elaborate

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3A. Do you agree with the definitions of informal productive activities and the informal economy?

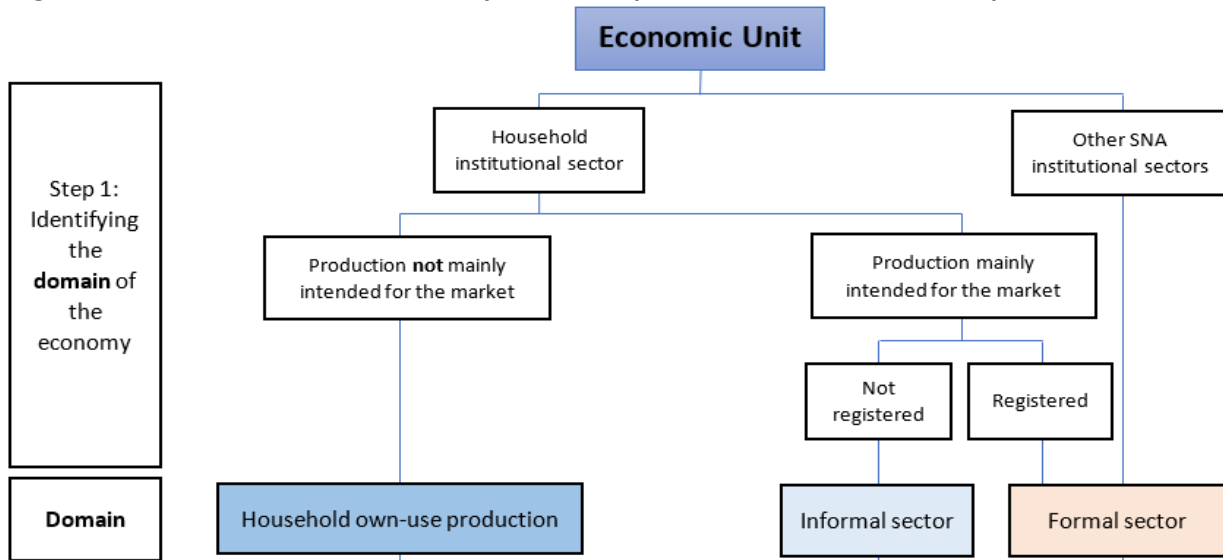
- Yes
- No
- Undecided

3B. Please elaborate

4A. Do you agree that, for the purposes of the framework on informality, economic units should be classified into the three domains:

- Formal sector
- Informal sector
- Household own-use production

Figure 1A: Decision tree to identify informal productive activities - Step 1

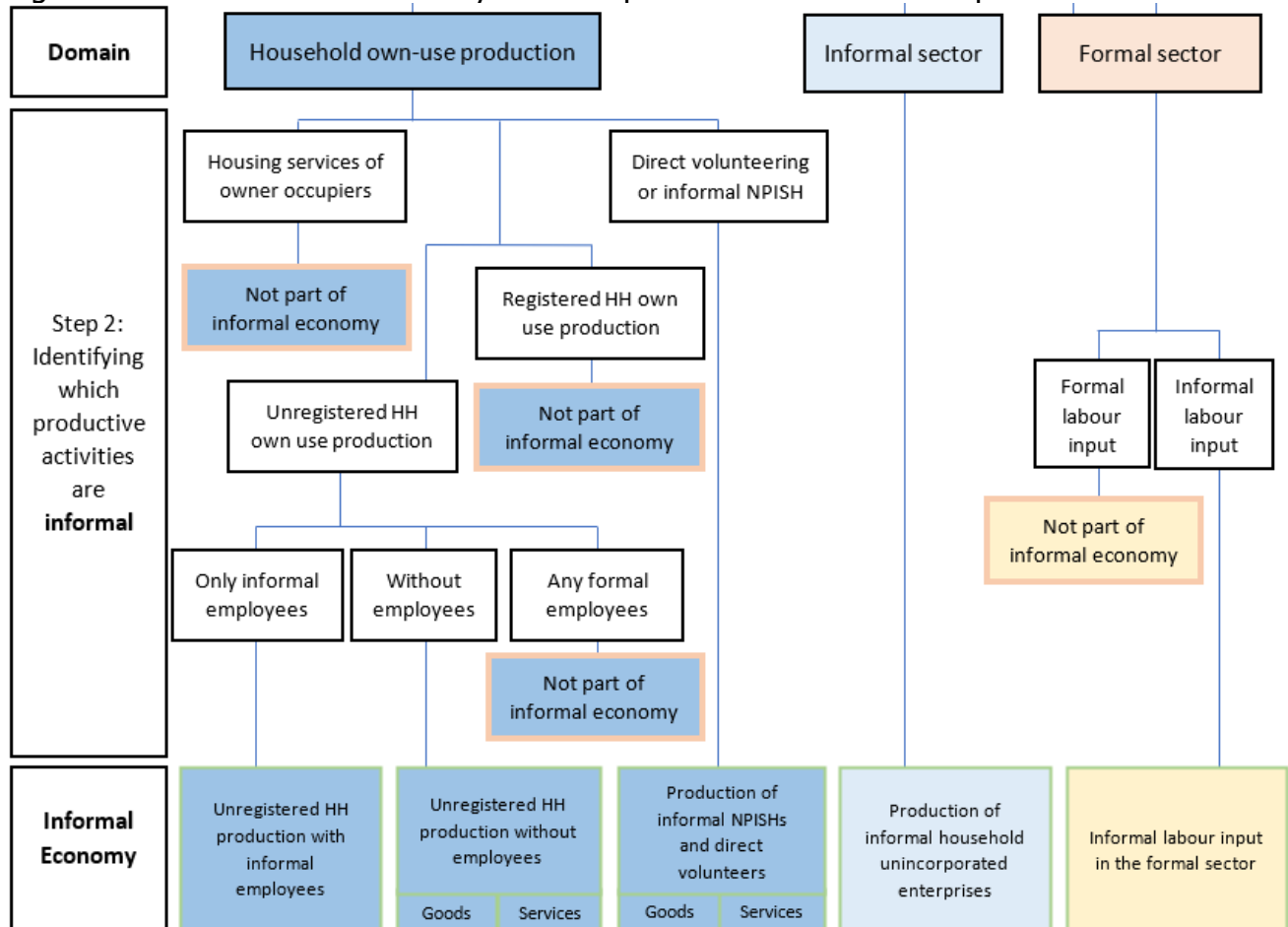


- Yes
- No
- Undecided

4B. Please elaborate

Informality in the three domains of the economy and components of the Informal Economy

Figure 1B: Decision tree to identify informal productive activities - Step 2



Informal productive activities in the formal sector

5A. Do you agree with the definition of the formal sector?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

5B. Please elaborate

6A. Do you agree that underdeclared and undeclared production activities of formal sector enterprises should not be considered for the framework on the informal economy, and that they should rather be considered as non-observed for purposes of exhaustive measurements of production?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

6B. Please elaborate

7A. Do you agree that formal sector units can use informal labour inputs for their production and that these informal labour inputs are part of the informal economy?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

7B. Please elaborate

The informal sector

8A. Do you agree with the definition of the informal sector?

The definition includes the following, which are not part of the current ILO definition of the informal sector:

- Production is **mainly** intended for the market (compared to **at least some** production for the market in the current definition).
- Informal sector agricultural production is included (and not optional).
- The only conceptual criterion for informality of unincorporated household enterprises producing mainly for the market is **registration** for tax or similar purposes (and not the size of the enterprise).

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

8B. Please elaborate

Informal production in the household own-use production domain

9A. Do you agree with the description of the household own-use production domain?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

9B. Please elaborate

10. Do you agree that the following types of household own-use production activities are not part of the informal economy?

- Housing services of owner-occupiers (please find a description in the glossary in the annex of the guidance note).
- Registered household own-use production.
- Unregistered household production of goods and services if households employ any formal employees.

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

This Question is Conditionally Hidden if: (10 = Yes)

11A. Which type(s) of household production activities should **not** be excluded from the informal economy? Please select all that apply.

- Housing services of owner-occupiers should not be excluded.
- Household production of goods and services if households employ any formal employees should not be excluded.
- Formal household own-use production without employees should not be excluded.

11B. Please elaborate

Treatment of dependent contractors

12A. Do you agree that the preferred treatment of dependent contractors should be to classify all dependent contractors as owners and operators of unincorporated household enterprises (with production for the market)?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

12B. Please elaborate

Treatment of illegal activities

13A. Do you agree with the description of illegal activities?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

13B. Please elaborate

14A. Do you agree with the recommendation of the Task Team to exclude type a) illegal productive activities from the informal economy by convention and supplement statistics on informality with measures of type a) illegal productive activities?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

14B. Please elaborate

Other issues to consider when addressing coverage of the informal economy

15. Do you have any comments on Section VII.1 Digitalization?

16. Do you have any comments on Section VII.2 Informal Cross Border Flows and VII.3 Illicit Financial Flows?

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17. Do you have any other comments on the guidance note?

18. Would your institution be interested in participating in an experimental estimate exercise?

- Yes
- No

19. In order to maximize transparency, we would like to publish responses to global consultations.

Do you give consent that your response to this questionnaire can be published?

- Yes
- No

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