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**SEEA Revision  
Chapter 3  
Cover Note**

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## **Global Consultation Cover Note**

### **Chapter 3: Physical flow accounts**

The draft System of Environmental and Economic Accounts (SEEA) Chapter 3: Physical flow accounts is the second draft chapter to be circulated for global consultation as part of the SEEA revision process. Global consultation on Chapter 4: Monetary flow accounts is being conducted at the same time. Consultation on Chapter 5: Asset accounts commenced on 13 May with a deadline for comments of 24 June and consultation on the remaining chapters (1, 2 and 6) will commence in the coming weeks.

Together the six chapters constitute the central framework of the SEEA. It is intended that this central framework will become an internationally agreed conceptual statistical framework.

The draft chapter 3 outlines the structure and approach for accounting for physical flows. It defines the key groupings of physical flows – natural inputs, products and residuals - and describes the general physical supply and use framework. Within this broad framework accounts for energy, water, air emissions and solid waste are presented and related aspects of physical flow accounts are discussed.

Please note that the tables in Chapter 3 are not intended to represent standard reporting tables but aim to illustrate the relevant concepts and accounting relationships.

To facilitate the global consultation process a comment form is provided. The comment form has three parts:

Part I: Seeks general comments on the structure, balance and coverage of the chapter

Part II: Seeks feedback on specific topics

Part III: Provides the opportunity to provide any other comments

**Deadline for responses: 29 July 2011**