

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 15: The Goods and Services Account and
Supply and Use Tables**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments, such as about the clarity with which the new recommendations were incorporated. Also, you may wish to comment on whether there is enough cross-referencing to earlier chapters for the basic concepts and definitions used in the supply and use tables (30 words or less).

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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages

In your review of draft chapter 15, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. For ease of reference, we have identified the relevant paragraphs. For each passage, a Word table is provided for you to use in making your comments. In most cases, there is a row for general comments at the top of the table. Thereafter please use a separate row for each paragraph on which you wish to make detailed comments.

Goods and services account

As the foundation of the supply and use tables, the goods and services account is discussed in paragraphs 15.7. This account also serves as a preliminary step to the material on the summary measures of the accounts (now in chapter 14, but to be moved in the next version of the full set of chapters where this chapter on the goods and services account and supply and use table will be chapter 14, prices and volumes will be chapter 15 and part of the existing chapter 14 will be described as “Summarising and integrating the accounts” in place of the present title of “Summarising and presenting the accounts” and will be chapter 16.).

1. Do you find this discussion useful? Is it clear and sufficient?

General comment	
15.7	Yes

Goods for processing

The implications of the new treatment for goods sent abroad for processing (and returned from abroad after processing) for the supply and use tables is described in paragraphs 15.32-15.36.

2. Is the discussion of goods for processing clear and sufficient?

General comment	Yes, it is sufficient
15.32	
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Trade and transport margins

The decision on how to record goods for processing has implications for how to record transport margins on such goods. Further, the principles of how to record trade and transports margins within supply and use tables when valuation is at basic prices as compared with purchaser's prices were not elaborated in the 1993 SNA text. Such a clarification is now provided (paragraphs 15.42-15.66)

3. Is the discussion of trade and transport margins clear and sufficient?

General comment	The order of numbering paragraphs is disturbed after 15.66 in the section "Taxes and subsidies on products": 15.45, 15.48, 15.50 to 15.52, 15.67.
15.42	Some tables that summarize given statements would be useful. Table 15.2 should be extended for better understanding (distinction between output, intermediate consumption and transport margin). Also some separate table (similar to table 15.2.) for imports and exports would be reasonable. Such issues are very important.
15.61	In the end of the last but one sentence, the word "is between "there" and "when" should be perhaps deleted.
15.65 a.	We recommend to reformulate the end of the subparagraph as "... taxes payable and subsidies receivable by ..."
15.45 allocated after 15.66	In the 2 nd sentence, the words "Other" should be inserted before "Taxes" and "subsidies".
Table 15.6	Data on breakdown of the total should be moved into appropriate last two rows in three last columns. Another possibility is to delete three last rows because they do not bring any additional information in comparison with the row "Total".
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The supply and use tables in volume terms

Section D.2 provides a general discussion of the supply and use tables in volume terms, covering output, imports and exports, margins, taxes less subsidies on production, and value added.

4. Is the discussion of supply and use tables in volume terms clear and sufficient?

General comment	It is clear and sufficient
15.119	
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Additions and deletions to the draft chapter

The chapter aims to give a more comprehensive view of supply and use tables and how they might be used than is found in the *1993 SNA*. As explained in the Note by the Editor, new material was added on several aspects.

5. Bearing in mind that input-output tables will be described in a later chapter, are there other aspects of supply and use tables that you feel should be added to the chapter?

Table 15.3 of the *1993 SNA* shows the cross classification of production account items by industries and institutional sectors. It has been omitted from the draft chapter.

6. Do you see any reason to restore it to the draft?

Comment:

It could be helpful for deflating data on output, intermediate consumption and value added by institutional sector.

Part III. Other specific comments

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Comments:

In Table 15.7, it is not clear for us why the breakdown by product for households is in the domestic concept and not in the national concept. In the product breakdown, purchases abroad by residents are not included in imports and domestic purchases by non-residents in export? Does household final consumption expenditure from non-market production (7) represent amount payable by households for paid part of non-market output of non-profit institutions serving households and/or of general government?
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In 15.85 in the end of 4 th row, "by" should be replaced by "be".
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