

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 18: Elaborating the accounts**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 18.1-18.6)

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B. Time series, revisions and discrepancies (paragraphs 18.7-18.17)

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C. Accounts in volume terms (paragraphs 18.18-18.29)

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| 18.20 | Please clarify what is meant by consistent / inconsistent prices in the last 2 sentences of this paragraph |

D. Quarterly accounts (paragraphs 18.30-18.39)

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| 18.34 | Last sentence: we suggest to add "calendar and" as follows: "... quarterly data on <u>a calendar and</u> seasonal adjusted basis in order to study the pattern of evolution of the economy abstracting from <u>calendar and</u> seasonal effects". |

E. Regional accounts (paragraphs 18.40-18.46)

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| 18.42.3 | 2 nd sentence: please add "usually" so that it reads: "This is <i>usually</i> the case of central government..." as in Europe there are some regional branches of Central Government ministries. |

F. Presentational issues (paragraphs 18.47-18.57)

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| 18.48 | second sentence: should not it refer to section F instead of B? |
| 18.55 | There are also other ways of showing data that may be worth to be mentioned e.g. contributions to growth and prices of previous year |

Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are there any other major issues concerning the presentation of the accounts you feel should be covered?
2. Are the examples of possible tables in section F helpful and sufficient?

Specific comments:

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