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

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Part I: General comments

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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)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
18.25	The last sentence mentions "the manual" (OECD Manual - Measuring Productivity) and "chapter 20 on capital stocks". The latter probably refers to chapter 20 of 2008 SNA – Capital services and the national accounts. Readers may get confused that it refers to chapter 20 of the OECD manual.
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D. Quarterly accounts (paragraphs 18.30-18.39)

General comment	It is suggested to include a brief introduction of the basis for compiling quarterly accounts, such as the use of benchmarking and quarterly statistical indicators.
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E. Regional accounts (paragraphs 18.40-18.46)

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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?

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