

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 25: Informal aspects of the economy**

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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 25.1-25.13)

General comment	The structure of Part A should be revised as para 25.2 to 25.8 give an overview over the whole chapter; there is a break between 25.8 and the subtitle 1 (and accordingly 25.9) that should be avoided.
25.1	Generally it is difficult to understand para 25.1 without having previously defined the concepts (formal/informal economy and employment). Consider beginning with the second sentence of 25.2. Beyond this the items b and d of 25.1 seem to need a further rewording in order to get their message obvious.
25.11	Consider deleting " <i>Increasingly it has been realised that</i> " at the begin of the 1 st sentence.

B. Characteristics of units in the informal economy (paragraphs 25.14-25.23)

General comment	
25.16	The last but one sentence needs clarification: should " <i>excluded from the household sector</i> " be replaced by " <i>included in the household sector</i> "?
25.23	Generally this paragraph does not refer to any purpose of the suggested delimitation of the informal activity. This is confusing especially for the items(b) and (c) as the suggested exclusions "for pragmatic reasons" actually are included in the production boundary of the SNA. Please reconsider the argumentation of this paragraph and consider deleting (b) and (c).

C. The non-observed economy (paragraphs 25.24-25.30)

General comment	We welcome this part as a useful contribution to clarify the issue on exhaustiveness of National Accounts. Nevertheless it is confusing to refer in this part to the concept of informal economy, while 25.2 is stated, there is no general definition of informal economy. (see 25.24, 25.26 and 25.30).
25.25	Consider beginning Part C with this paragraph.

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D. The informal sector as defined by the ILO (paragraphs 25.31-25.42)

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25.31	First sentence: consider replacing " <i>separate legal entities</i> " by " <i>separate institutional units</i> ". Second sentence: In order to keep using the SNA terminology please specify which " <i>other capital</i> " is meant (" <i>Fixed and other capital...</i> ")
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E. Informal employment (paragraphs 25.43-25.48)

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F. Work of the Delhi Group (paragraphs 25.49-25.51)

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G. Deriving data on the informal economy from the SNA accounts (paragraphs 25.52-25.61)

General comment	It should be clarified at the begin (or even in the overview done in part A) that this part rests upon the ILO concept of informal economy.
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25.53b	Typo: " <i>include an unincorporated enterprises</i> "

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H. Approaches to measuring activities undertaken in the informal economy (paragraphs 25.62-25.69)

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I. Studies and handbooks on the informal sector (paragraph 25.70)

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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. Is the description of the non-observed economy (NOE) and “exhaustiveness” sufficient given the existence of manuals devoted to the subject?
2. Is the concept of the “informal sector” as defined by the ILO clear?
3. Is the definition of informal employment clear and sufficient?
4. Are the suggestions in section G to identify the units of interest sufficiently clear?
5. Do you have any comments on the data collections descriptions in section H?
6. Are there any other references you think should be added to the last section?

Specific comments:

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