

**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:

General comment	<p>A wrong direction was taken for such chapter. It is written not for national accountants but for other type of readers. There is chaotically presented an overview of the concepts of the informal sector by the different interest groups. Why we should study what ILO definition of informal sector contains or not? We must ensure the completeness of National accounts and the chapter should guide how to reach this aim in the system. Not to analyze the boderline cases in different concepts, not to tell the history about the efforts made 20 years ago, but to present how the weak areas or non-observed units in practice should be classified in the uniform framework and, especially, how they should be reflected in the sequence of national accounts. If the informal sector has an intention to look only to the households, it confuses even our household sector. Because in Lithuania most of hoseholds are accounted as the farmers or unincorporated enterprises (family business). They already are in the formal sector, but they only have intention to hide their income.</p> <p>In our view, this chapter should not has the aim how to derive data on the informal economy from the SNA accounts but to ensure the exhaustiveness of accounts. And the title “Exhaustiveness of NA” would be acceptable for us.</p>
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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)

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25.1	Click here and start typing.
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B. Characteristics of units in the informal economy (paragraphs 25.14-25.23)

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25.14	Click here and start typing.
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C. The non-observed economy (paragraphs 25.24-25.30)

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25.24	Click here and start typing.
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D. The informal sector as defined by the ILO (paragraphs 25.31-25.42)

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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)

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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:

Specific comments	Click here and start typing.
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