

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:  
Chapter 28: Input-output and other matrix-based analyses**

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This template allows you to record your comments on draft SNA chapter 28 “Input-output and other matrix-based analyses” and, at the same time, makes it easy for us to use your comments in considering revisions to the draft chapter. You may complete any or all parts of the template.

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**Note**

The chapter does not attempt to describe IO tables at any length. There are many other documents that do this including the newly released Eurostat manual. The chapter concentrates only on the process of converting the supply and use tables to a symmetric format.

The material in section B was suggested at a stage too late for incorporation in chapter 14 but was felt to be useful to include in this chapter.

There are two large tables needed for the chapter that are still under preparation; these are the table showing the supply and use table with the cross-classification of intermediate inputs by industry and institutional sector and the symmetric IO table. They will be posted as soon as they are available but should not be a cause for delaying the comment on the chapter.

**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	No 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 28.1-28.4)**

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**B. Further discussion of the supply and use tables (paragraphs 28.5-28.20)**

General comment	
28.10	Agree that table 28.4 is a more useful representation of the CIF values of imports for the supply table, primarily because margins provided by foreign residents are excluded from the services commodities. However, this treatment requires source data that distinguishes between domestic and foreign transport and insurance costs for merchandise imports.

28.11	Discussion of multi-product establishments and the requirements for calculating symmetric input-output matrices does not seem an appropriate start for this section. The issue seems more to be about changes in vertical integration in the production process and how this affects the interpretation of industry statistics.
28.14	Regarding the last sentence, it is not clear how statistical agencies can, as a practical matter, determine when shipments from a plant or a mine that do not change ownership are received by a unit within the enterprise that assumes responsibility for risk and rewards.
28.16-28.18	A simple table showing the data for year 1 and year 2 in columns and the variables along rows would make this discussion much easier to follow.
28.18	This paragraph should note that the new SNA treatment has also been proposed for the upcoming revision of the Balance of Payments manual. It should also point out potential difficulties implementing the new treatment for cross-border transactions because of the way merchandise import and export data are typically compiled.

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**C. Deriving an input-output table (paragraphs 28.21-28.41)**

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**D. Expressing the sequence of accounts in matrix form (paragraphs 28.42-28.52)**

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### E. Social accounting matrices (paragraphs 28.53-28.56)

General comment	No comments.
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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 alternative treatment of the CIF to FOB adjustment clear? Please see comments above.
2. Is the impact of the revised treatment of goods for processing on the SUT clear? Please see comments above.
3. Is the discussion on how to convert the SUT to IOT clear?
4. Is the matrix presentation of the sequence of accounts clear?
5. Are there references that should be added (especially for SAMs)?

*Specific comments:*

Specific comments	No other specific comments.
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