

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 5: Establishments and industries**

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1. Section D, paragraphs 5.37 – 5.40:

The treatment of ancillary activities has changed in the 1993 SNA Rev.1. The new treatment is described in paragraphs 5.37 – 5.40. Please indicate whether the description is sufficiently clear and comprehensive.

5.37-5.40	<p>It seems that the following points (highlighted in bold) in the AEG's recommendations about ancillary establishments are not fully reflected in the draft paragraphs 5.37 – 5.40:</p> <p>“If an establishment undertaking purely ancillary activities is statistically observable, in that separate accounts for the production it undertakes are readily available, or if it is in a geographically different location from the establishments it serves, it may be desirable and useful to consider it as a separate unit and allocate it to the industrial classification corresponding to its principal activity. However, it is recommended that statisticians do not make extraordinary efforts to create separate establishments for these activities artificially in the absence of suitable basic data being available. When such a unit is recognized, its output should be derived on a sum of costs basis, including the costs of the capital used in the unit. The output will be deemed to be market output when the parent enterprise is a market enterprise and non-market otherwise. The output of the ancillary unit is treated as intermediate consumption of the establishments it serves and should be allocated using an appropriate indicator such as the output, value added or employment of these establishments.”</p> <p>Clarification as whether these points are still valid would be useful.</p>
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