

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

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments, such as about the clarity with which the new recommendations were incorporated (30 words or less).

Comment:

The change in the order of presentation of ancillary activities from the 1993 SNA affects the clarity of the text. There are references to ancillary activities in some paragraphs before they are defined, which does not seem logical. The types of productive activities (principal, secondary, and ancillary) should be discussed together.

The section on head offices could include some text from the Full Set of Consolidated Recommendations to clarify the practical treatment in accordance to the available data.

The chapter could include a brief discussion of the difference between the activities of artificial subsidiaries and ancillary activities.

Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages

In your review of draft chapter 5, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passage listed below. For ease of reference, we have identified the relevant paragraphs.

Please use the space provided to the right of the paragraph number to make your comment.

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	The text on the recommendations on ancillary activities is not sufficiently clear and comprehensive. We have included some text on head offices to further clarify its practical treatment.
5.38	The text is OK.
5.39	The text is OK.
5.40	The text is OK.

Part III. Other specific comments

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