

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:  
Addendum 1 to Chapter 8: The redistribution of income accounts**

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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:*

Clear and useful
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**Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages**

In your review of this Add.1, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. For ease of reference, we have identified the relevant paragraphs. For the each passage, a Word table is provided for you to use in making your comments. There is a row for general comments at the top of the table. Thereafter please use a separate row for each paragraph on which you wish to make detailed comments.

1. In order to clarify the limits of social benefits, paragraphs 8.79-8.82 of the revised text shown in Add.1 describe receivables by households from government, NPISHs and other units that are **not** social benefits. Do you find it helpful to clarify that such items are not treated as social benefits? Are the distinctions clear and sufficiently complete?

General comment	It could be useful to have two separate parts - the descriptions of items that are social benefits and the descriptions of those that are not. Also if I understand well, the items mentioned in 8.80 are not part of the receivables by households, but part of intermediate consumption of the producers.
8.79	Click here and start typing.
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\* Insert rows in this Word table for each paragraph on which you wish to comment.

2. Paragraphs 8.83-8.91 of the revised text shown in Add.1 set out the distinction between social security and social assistance. Institutional arrangements for the ways that government provides social benefits vary widely from country to country so that distinctions that hold generally are difficult to draw. Are these guidelines set out in these paragraphs clear? Can you think of any other way that is internationally robust to reinforce the distinction between social security and social assistance?

General comment	In general clear and useful
8.83	Click here and start typing.
8.84	For reimbursements it could also be useful to separate the description of items that are not part of the compensation of employees.
8.87	Why "although the proportion..." there could be a fundamental difference even if proportions were similar.

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3. Section H of the revised text shown in Add.1 discusses the redistribution of income in kind account and its relation to the concept of actual consumption. Discussion of this account is not presently included in chapter 8 (either in the 1993 text or the draft of 1 August 2007). Do you agree this is a useful addition?

General comment	Useful addition
8.94	Click here and start typing.

8.95	"For this reason they are described as individual services"? they could be undertaken on behalf of households as a collective. One could add a short explanation of individual consumption or a reference.

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### **Part III. Other specific comments**

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