

Comments on Chapters 19 & 25 of 2008 SNA, Vol.2

Chapter 19: Population and Labour Inputs

1. *Paragraph 19.32 a*

“... each day to work in the economic territory” may be replaced with “ ...each day to work for resident units of the economic territory”.

2. *Paragraph 19.33 a*

“... who work in another economic territory” may be replaced with “ ... who work for resident units of another economic territory”.

3. *Paragraph 19.77*

May consider adding after “Population census ... infrequently” the following sentence:

“These, however, often suffer from non-response and misclassification of economic activity.”

4. *Paragraph 19.79*

The following may be added after “... Even if the lags in the business cycle”:

“Thirdly, casual workers (like loaders working in freight transport industry, casual workers in construction, and helping hands in trading establishments and craftsmen’s workshops) and free lance professionals (like drivers engaged to deliver a consignment by a freight transport firm, accompanist musicians hired by lead artists or recording studios and junior artists in the film industry) are often not reported as employees by those who employ them. The employers report them as service providers remunerated for their services, whereas they work under direct supervision / instructions of the employer firm. Such casual workers and free lance professionals do not consider themselves as ‘self-employed’. In most cases, these workers serve more than one employer during a short span of time.”

5. *Paragraph 19.79*

The following may be added at the end of the paragraph:

“In any case, household surveys can not provide data on number of non-residents working for residents units in the economy.”

Chapter 25: Informal Aspects of the Economy

1. *Paragraph 25.20*

The sentence “Some units may have from the household sector” needs re-drafting. An un-incorporated enterprise which is not considered quasi-corporate belongs to the household sector.

2. *Figure 25.2*

In the third column, ‘Households’ may be replaced by ‘Household enterprises’.

3. *Paragraph 25.42*

Either the sentence has to be redrafted or “...to determine which are treated as formal” may be replaced with “... to determine which are treated as informal ...”

4. *Paragraph 25.43*

“The remaining units ...” may with “The informal units ...”.

5. *Paragraph 25.53*

The following redrafting of the second sentence may please be considered:

“All other forms of paid employment ILO considers as informal. All self-employment are also treated as informal unless the individual establishes a quasi-corporation (or actual corporation).”

Also please note that it is not clear whether self-employed professional like doctors, lawyers and engineering consultants should be included in informal employment.

6. *Paragraph 25.56*

“... jobs of own-account workers and employees and no formal jobs” may be replaced by “... jobs of own-account workers, employees and family workers”.

7. *Paragraph 25.62 c.*

“Households whose only activity is the production of services” may be replaced by “Households with no production activity, except production of services”.

8. *Section H: Approaches to Measuring Activities Undertaken in the Informal Economy*

The ‘Mixed household-enterprise survey’ mentioned in this section refers only to a particular type of mixed household-enterprise survey, which is also called the ‘1-2 approach’. It is necessary to discuss the other kind of mixed household-enterprise survey, referred to as ‘modified mixed household-enterprise survey’ in *International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics 2008*. The ‘modified mixed household-enterprise survey’ are being conducted since late 1970s and, in theory, produce more efficient estimates than the ‘1-2’ approach.