

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:  
Chapter 12: Other changes in assets 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:*

**General price level** should be clarified in coverage with regard to calculating the holding gains. CPI is not appropriate for the proxy (para. 12.100). The land or fixed assets could be a source of producing holding gains. **Asset deflators** should be referred and explained in this chapter or in the price and volume chapter.

**Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages**

In your review of draft chapter 12, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. There is space after each issue for any comment you wish to make.

1. Sections B: As compared with the hierarchy of entries in the other changes in the volume of assets account in the 1993 SNA, the proposed list for the update has been restructured with the intention of making it easier to associate entries in the other changes in the volume of assets accounts with the entries in the other accumulation account chapters including the balance sheet.. Do you find this successful or are there other changes you would suggest?

*Comment:*

2. Does it make sense to have information on the other changes in financial assets moved to this chapter instead of, as previously, having them in chapter 11? In the 1993 SNA, the information on the other changes in financial assets was covered in

chapter 11, The Financial Account. Do you see any problems with moving this information to this chapter?

*Comment:*

It is required to clarify how to record the transactions of financial assets which vary in prices such as **shares** in both the financial account and the revaluation accounts.

In the 93 SNA, there were some vague expressions for the treatment of **realized holding gains**. In the paragraph 11.22 of the 93 version, it is described that the realized holding gain is included in the financial account. However, in the paragraph 12.73, (b) and (d) of the 93 version and the paragraph 19.94, (b) and (d) in the draft version Ch. 12, the realized holding gain is referred to be recorded in the revaluation account.

It is better to show how to treat the realized holding gain for the seller and the buyer as illustrations in the financial account and the revaluation account.

3. It is proposed to make the existing annex on the calculation of holding gains and losses an electronic annex, available to all users of the manual but not included in the printed version. Do you have comments on this proposal?

*Comment:*

It is desirable to make a description on the calculation method of holding gains in the form of an electronic annex and to update it whenever the new version is added.

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

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