

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 24: The households sector**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	In general the chapter looks more user-oriented than producer-oriented. It is not clear if the analysis refers to the households as institutional unit or to the activity performed by households.
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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 24.1-24.5)

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24.1	Click here and start typing.
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B. Sub-sectoring households (paragraphs 24.6-24.21)

General comment	<p>In our opinion paragraphs under point 1 “The production perspective” are not clear and precise enough and may be misleading.</p> <p>The sub-sector of Households proposed in paragraph 24.6 is quite demanding as it requires to distinguish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 institutional households; 2 households that do encompass an unincorporated enterprise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 housing services produced by owner-occupiers of dwelling; 2.2 households employing paid domestic staff; 2.3 households employing paid staff in their unincorporated enterprises; 2.4 own-account workers; 3 households that do not encompass an unincorporated enterprise. <p>Compiling separate accounts for such sub-sectors would need to undertake a significant commitment which would probably prove to be disproportionate with respect to the improvement of information one could obtain: as an example, as to the productive behaviour, no significant differences characterise subsectors 2.1, 2.2 and 3.</p> <p>An alternative proposal could envisage an analysis of Households sector based on the distinction between the generation of mixed income, accruing to own-account workers or to employers of unincorporated enterprises (that are non quasi-corporations) with paid staff, and the generation of operating surplus resulting from the production activity performed by households for self consumption purposes.</p>
24.6	Resident schools are not to be considered institutional households: this is quite clear in par. 4.152- 4.153.

24.14	Property income is not income from transfers. So, point d should be completed to include transfers <u>and</u> property income.
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C. Households as producers (paragraphs 24.22-24.36)

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24.22	Click here and start typing.
24.27	Intermediate consumption connected with owner occupied dwellings are those that are typically the responsibility of the <u>tenant</u> , not of the <u>landlord</u> : it is to say ordinary maintenance. Only major renovations are usually the responsibility of the landlord. In line four “immediate consumption” is not clear: it should be replaced by “final consumption”.
24.30	In case of leased houses a mixed income, not an operating surplus is generated.

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D. Households as consumers (paragraphs 24.37-24.40)

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E. Household income (paragraphs 24.41-24.45)

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24.41	Click here and start typing.
24.42	Property income is not a redistributive transaction. So the wording should be changed: “how income is redistributed via taxes or transfers or distributed in connection with the ownership of assets”.

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F. Household wealth and associated income flows (paragraphs 24.46-24.50)

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G. Data sources (paragraph 24.51)

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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are there any other considerations or options for sub-sectoring households that you would wish to see included?
2. Are there any other aspects of household production that should be elaborated in the chapter?
3. Are there any other references you would suggest including?

Specific comments:

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