

Comments on draft SNA
Chapter 29: Satellite accounts and other extensions

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This template allows you to record your comments on draft SNA chapter 29 “Satellite accounts and other extensions” and, at the same time, makes it easy for us to use your comments in considering revisions to the draft chapter. You may complete any or all parts of the template.

Note that the examples of tables for the tourism, environmental and health satellites included in the chapter are exact pdf extracts from pages of those manuals. They will be formatted and numbered for the SNA later.

There is no file comparing existing text with draft text for this chapter because the draft is largely new text.

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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:

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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 29.1-29.8)

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B. Functional classifications (paragraphs 29.9-29.20)

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C. Satellite accounts for key sector and other special sector accounts (paragraphs 29.21-29.30)

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D. Satellite accounts; options for conceptual variations (paragraphs 29.31-29.52)

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E. Possible tables for a satellite account (paragraphs 29.53-29.82)

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F. Examples of satellite accounts (paragraphs 29.83-29.157)

General comment	
29.94 Table	Define “outbound tourism” and “inbound tourism”
29.95	Make reference to the Text Table 6 for a definition of the terms used in this paragraph: tourism characteristics products, tourism connected products and non-tourism related products.
22.97	This Paragraph talks of a full set of TSA accounts consisting of 10 tables but there is no description of the content of these tables. Describe each table or make reference to the relevant publication.
29.112 29.113	The statement “a set of environmental protection accounts can be compiled using fairly standard satellite account techniques according to the following steps...all these steps are described in detail in the SEEA manual.” is vague. Elaborate or make a precise reference to the SEEA Manual.
29.116- 29.118	Introduction of the environment adjustment items (depletion, defensive expenditure and environmental degradation) is quite abrupt. This should be prefaced with a statement of the need of such adjustments in the macro aggregate GDP. See Para 10.4 in SEEA.2003.
29.130	The statement “each of these headings is broken down into a number of finer categories” should be modified to say that the categories listed are at one digit level which can be extended to two and three –digit level.

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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. Is the description of key satellite accounts clear and sufficient?
2. Are Sections D and E concerning the options for satellite accounts in general helpful?
3. Are there more examples of satellite accounts that should be referenced or described in Section F?

Specific comments:

Specific comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yes2. Yes3. SAM and SAM for labour accounts from the chapter 28.
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