

Chapter 5: Establishments and industries

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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:

Comments refer to paragraphs 5.32 and 5.34 on ancillary activities. Paragraph 5.32 is rather ambiguous, as it may open the door to treating some activities, e.g. financial holdings, administrative or shared service centres, as ancillary to the parent company. There is a detailed list of activities, which however does not seem to be a comprehensive one. Paragraph 5.34 confirms this ambiguity, by stating that the main usual feature of these entities, i.e. to support the primary and secondary activities of the parent company, is not sufficient. As it does not provide a clear second condition, but just an example, we find no clear definition of what ancillary activities are. A clear definition of these ancillary activities would be important.

Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages

In your review of draft chapter 5, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passage listed below. For ease of reference, we have identified the relevant paragraphs. Please use the space provided to the right of the paragraph number to make your comment.

1. Section D, paragraphs 5.37 – 5.40:

The treatment of ancillary activities has changed in the 1993 SNA Rev.1. The new treatment is described in paragraphs 5.37 – 5.40. Please indicate whether the description is sufficiently clear and comprehensive.

Part III. Other specific comments

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