

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:  
Chapter 5: Establishments and industries**

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Chapter has gained in exposition and clarity of accounting rules
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**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.

5.37	12 <sup>th</sup> line: there should be a coma before and after ‘exceptionally’ and after the first ‘goods’ The AEG recommendation is fairly precise in that it spells out that when a separate establishment is recognized, how its output should be measured (sum of costs) and how it should be treated. It may be useful to bring these precisions into paragraph 5.37
5.38	There is not necessarily a requirement for specialized agencies to be large in order to be treated as a separate establishment. To avoid confusion, the last part of the paragraph could be rephrased as: “...communications agencies may warrant treatment as separate establishments”
5.39	To be perfectly clear, it would be helpful to modify the beginning of the paragraph so that it reads as “An ancillary activity that is undertaken in the establishment where the output is used may grow to the point...”
5.40	OK

**Part III. Other specific comments**

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