

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

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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.

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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	We believe that the definition (para.5.33) and the ensuing discussion is very clear.It is quite obvious to the reader that ancillary activities <b>equals</b> intermediate services produced and consumed by the enterprises themselves.You further indicated in para 5.40 that it would be difficult to derive information for these activities, but we feel it is possible if detailed production accounts at the level of the establishment are prepared.This is something we do on an annual basis and we are able to get a fair idea of the various intermediate services purchased or produced in house by the various establishments. However we feel that the services produced in house by the establishments by their own employees would be included in compensation of employees and they report to us that which they purchase from other establishments. On another note, there is a very broad overlap between the definitions of Kind of Activity Unit, Establishment ,and Local Unit.The first and the second share the single/one kind of productive activity, while the second and the latter share the single/one location trademark.You also stated very early in you discussion “that the majority of production is carried out by a relatively small number of large corporations that undertake many different kinds of production ..” That may be true for some countries , or it may apply to certain industries within several countries, but it should not be used as a global template.
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