

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 7: The distribution of income accounts**

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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:

The guidelines given in this chapter are well structured and the new recommendations are incorporated appropriately.

It is mentioned in Para. 7.10 that “gross domestic product at market prices is equal to the sum of gross values added of all resident enterprises plus those taxes, less subsidies, on products that are not payable on the values of the outputs of those enterprises,...”, however, in Table 7.1, gross domestic product does not include taxes less subsidies on products.

In the 1993 SNA Rev.1, some discussion about interpreting the implied rate of return when analyzing the various type of investment income would be useful.

Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages (*to follow soon*)

In your review of draft chapter 7, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. There is space after each issue for any comment you wish to make.

1. There are some changes in the text of section B on compensation of employees received from the ILO. Do you have any questions on the changes?

Comment:

No. However, it would be useful if some numerical examples can be provided to show how employees' stock options are recorded in different accounts and how to spread the value over the period between the grant date and vesting date.

2. In sections C and D, there are some changes in the text on taxes and subsidies suggested by the IMF and OECD staff responsible for classifying tax statistics. Do you have any questions on the changes?

Comment:

No.

3. Section E, on property income, is expanded in keeping with AEG recommendations (see the Note by the editor). Do you find the new text clear enough? . It is proposed to introduce a heading, Investment income, under property income (equal to property income less rent) to facilitate consistency with the BPM. Do you have any comments on this proposal?

Comment:

The harmonisation of the terms on property income and investment income used in SNA and BPM is appreciated. However, there seems to be some inconsistencies between the terms appeared in the text and in Table 7.8.

4. It is proposed (section E.5) to use the expression "after-tax rent" instead of "net rent" to facilitate consistency with the SEEA. Do you have any comments on this?

Comment:

No.

Part III. Other specific comments

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