

Title: *What is in the Update for Russia and the CIS region*

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The paper reviews the proposals for updating SNA 93 from the standpoint of their relevance for CIS countries (Russia, in particular) and their implication for national accounts of these countries in the foreseeable future. It discusses the problems which will apparently require solution in the context of implementation of those proposals which are deemed to be particularly relevant for the CIS countries. This relevance depends on current stage of implementation of the SNA 93, available sources of information, existence of certain institutional arrangements and mechanisms. One section of the paper contains brief overview of the current stage of implementation of the SNA 93 in the CIS region; this section is used as a background for discussion of the suggested changes in the System. The proposals for updating SNA1993 are not homogeneous in terms of their potential impact on national accounts of the CIS countries, the complexity of problems which will apparently require solution in the course of implementation, the burden on statistical offices and therefore the latter will have to set priorities in their work on introduction of the adopted changes into regular statistical practices. Implementation of some proposals is likely to require assistance to national statistical offices from international organizations. The paper also discusses at some length selected issues which seem to be important for the CIS countries but have not been covered by the proposals.