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# Global Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting Manual

Global Consultation Comment Form

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, structure, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

## Relevant documents

Relevant documents are available on the SEEA website at:

<https://seea.un.org/content/global-consultation-global-economy-wide-material-flow-accounting-manual>. The documents provided include:

- A cover note on the global consultation
- Draft manual and accompanying questionnaire
- Copy of comment form

## 1 GENERAL COMMENTS

In this section please provide general comments on the draft. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the structure and organisation, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

First of all because Belarus doesn't have an experience on EW-MFA compilation, we are grateful for the work you are doing on providing the draft manual.  
As general comment, we would like to see information about classifiers we have to use during the work with EW-MFA. Think it will be useful for the countries which are at the beginning of their way on EW-MFA.

## 2 TECHNICAL AND OTHER COMMENTS

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph numbers or section numbers.

Page 23: According to the figure 1 you recommend to use data reported to FAO. Belarus is one of the countries which report such data. But our national data is slightly different from the data FAO publishes (we don't know the reason). Because of this we suppose that if a country compiles EW-MFA on national level it would be more correct to use national legislative and national data which developed in accordance with international standards.

Page 76: We think it will be useful to describe in more detail the note 19 and the term "Near primary" in particular (maybe according to the classifier of product (CPC)).