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# Global Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting Manual

Global Consultation Comment Form

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To submit responses please save this document and send it as an attachment to the following e-mail address: [seea@un.org](mailto:seea@un.org).

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.

Tokelau (population 1,500) is a non-self-governing territory of New Zealand in the Pacific Ocean. It is only accessible by boat and its nearest port is Apia, Samoa. Practically all its imports are derived from Samoa, and are recorded on cargo shipping manifests; these have been analysed for 2014-2018 (volume and weight). Hence it would be relatively easy to supply the data for your survey, provided the coding would correspond to what is normally used for International Merchandise Trade Statistics, i.e. the Harmonised System.

## 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.

Tokelau's recommendation would be to streamline your materials classification of table "IRP MFA Questionnaire 5Oct2018" with the Harmonised System, i.e. provide corresponding HS codes in your table of categories and subcategories. This would greatly simplify data provision and compliance with your request, increasing the likelihood of returns from countries and territories such as ours, which have only a tiny statistics office, yet many international requests to deal with. Reference:  
<https://www.tokelau.org.nz/Bulletin/September+2016/2014+imports+final.html>