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Title: **Industry and Commodity Accounts in an Integrated SNA Framework
Challenges in the Canadian Context**

Annual regional Input Output Accounts serve as benchmark production accounts in the Canadian SNA, detailing the structure of the Canadian economy in terms of both inter-industry relationships and commodity supply-use. In addition to their traditional use to model economic impact they play a central role as integrating infrastructure to SNA programs in Canada, and serve as the foundation of productivity measures. Regional Input-Output Accounts are entrenched in Canadian fiscal policy implementation, including sales tax allocation and the equalization of fiscal capacity among provinces.

This paper will provide an overview of recent challenges for the Input-Output Accounts within the context of larger objectives in the Canadian System of National Accounts. Specific illustrative examples will highlight measurement issues in both the basic compilation of estimates and in their reconciliation with aggregate measures from more timely sub-annual programs. Future strategies and upcoming developments in the Canadian SNA will be discussed.