Implementation of SNA 2008 in Russian SUTs for 2011

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In 2015 the Federal State Statistics Service plans to complete compilation of benchmark SUTs for 2011 and publish them by the end of the year. For the first time these tables will correspond completely to the internationally recommended methodology and the classifications of industries and products. The main changes of updated SNA 2008 concerning treatment of research and development, goods sent abroad for processing, military expenditure and merchanting were introduced in SUTs for 2011. In addition some methodological principles of SNA 1993 which had not been adopted earlier in the Russian national accounts (e.g. imputed rent) were incorporated in these tables. The paper is focused on the methodological and practical aspects of implementation of SNA 2008 in the frameworks of SUTs. There are some examples in the paper illustrating the impact of the main changes in indicators of SUTs and GDP.