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The present Law establishes the legal framework of the state statistics in compliance with the international principles of official statistics and aims at creating the conditions to meet the demand of the society, the government and the international community for official statistical information.

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Main terms applied for the purpose of the present Law and their definitions

For the purpose of the present Law, the following terms and their definitions shall apply:

Administrative data are documented information (other than primary statistical data) collected by government bodies and other organisations while exercising their governmental and authoritative powers, administrative procedures, control (supervisory) and other functions vested in them by regulatory legal acts, that is used for the purposes of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information;

State statistics is the system of collection, processing, storage and protection of primary statistical data, of compilation, accumulation, dissemination and presentation of official statistical information;

State statistical activities are the activities related to the maintenance of state statistics carried out by state statistics bodies and state organisations authorised to engage in state statistics in compliance with the official statistical methodology;

State organisations authorised to engage in state statistics are government bodies and other state organisations (other than the state statistics bodies) that carry out state statistical activities in their respective area of competence;

State statistical surveys are the collection of primary statistical data undertaken by state statistics bodies or state organisations authorised to engage in state statistics for the purpose of compilation of official statistical information;

Unit of population under observation is a separate element of a population under observation whose characteristics are subject to state statistical survey;

Individual administrative data are administrative data about a specific legal or natural person, including an individual entrepreneur;

Population under observation is selected in a certain order qualitatively homogeneous elements possessing characteristics subject to state statistical survey;

Decentralised state statistical surveys are the collection of primary statistical data undertaken by state organisations authorised to engage in state statistics;

Object of state statistical survey is a set of phenomena, processes, facts or events subject to state statistical survey;

Official statistical information is the information on economic, demographic, social and environmental situation in the Republic of Belarus produced through processing of primary statistical data and/or administrative data, and other information in compliance with the official statistical methodology;

Official statistical methodology is a set of rules, methods and techniques employed for the purposes of state statistics;

Primary statistical data are statistical data about an individual respondent collected through state statistical survey forms;

Census is a special state statistical survey which collects primary statistical data as on specific date with a view to produce the official statistical information which comprehensively describes the object of the state statistical survey;

User is a party to legal relations in state statistics who uses the official statistical information;

Administrative data providers are parties to legal relations in state statistics who provide administrative data to state statistics bodies and/or state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics;

Statistical work programme is a list of state statistical surveys and official statistical information produced by state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics, with indication of timing of its dissemination and/or submission;

Respondent is a party to legal relations in state statistics, the primary statistical data thereon being the object of state statistical surveys;

Statistical metadata are data that describe official statistical information by indicating data sources used for its compilation, official statistical methodology, quality indicators and other information;

Statistical classification is a systematised list of descriptions of a specific characteristic of an object of state statistical survey;

Statistical indicator is an indicator either contained in the state statistical survey forms or obtained by means of estimation on the basis of the official statistical methodology and reflecting a quantitative-qualitative characteristic of phenomena, processes, facts or events in the context of specific place and time;

Statistical register is a database containing a list of respondents along with the information about them required for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information;

Subject of individual administrative data is a legal or natural person, including an individual entrepreneur, administrative data on which are used in the implementation of state statistical activities;

Centralised state statistical surveys are the collections of primary statistical data undertaken by state statistics bodies.

Article 2. Omitted

Article 3. Legal regulation of relations in the field of state statistics

1. Relations in the field of state statistics shall be regulated by the legislation on state statistics and international treaties of the Republic of Belarus.

2. The legislation on state statistics is based on the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus and consists of the present Law and other acts of legislation.

3. If an international treaty of the Republic of Belarus establishes rules other than those contained in the present Law, the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

Article 4. Main tasks of state statistics

The main tasks of state statistics shall be as follows:

develop official statistical methodology that is consistent with the international statistical standards;

carry out state statistical activities in compliance with the principles of state statistics;

meet the needs of the society, the government and the international community for official statistical information.

Article 5. Principles of state statistics

The principles of state statistics shall be as follows:

Independence in exercising state statistical activities. The state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics are independent in deciding on the rules, methods and techniques used to maintain state statistics, the content and timing of dissemination and/or submission of official statistical information;

Statistical confidentiality. Primary statistical and individual administrative data are confidential and are used in state statistical activities. Dissemination and/or submission of primary statistical and individual administrative data are allowed only in cases specified in the present Law;

Soundness of official statistical methodology. Official statistical methodology is based on international statistical standards, is systematically revised and updated; consistent application of common standards, concepts, terms and their definitions, and classifications is ensured;

Non-excessive burden on respondents. The response burden to provide primary statistical data is proportionate to the needs of the users. Administrative data and other information are used to avoid duplication of data request;

Relevance. Official statistical information meets the needs of the users;

Timeliness. Official statistical information is disseminated and/or submitted within the prescribed time limits during which it is kept up to date;

Objectivity. Official statistical information is compiled impartially, based on scientific approaches to its compilation, and is objective in nature;

Accessibility. Official statistical information is disseminated and/or submitted to users on equal terms, in a clear and understandable form, and is accompanied with statistical metadata;

Comparability. Official statistical information is characterised by internal consistency and coherence, is comparable over time, internationally and nationally.

Article 6. International co-operation in the field of state statistics

1. International co-operation in state statistics shall be effected in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus on the basis of observance of the generally recognised principles and norms of the international law.

2. The national public authority for state statistics, under the legally established procedure, shall represent the interests of the Republic of Belarus in the field of state statistics and shall effect co-operation in the field of state statistics with statistical authorities of foreign states, international organisations and bodies of interstate entities.

Article 7. Inter-Agency Council for Government Data Stewardship

1. In order to ensure the coordination of activities of the parties to legal relations in the field of state statistics, the national public authority for state statistics shall set up the Inter-Agency Council for Government Data Stewardship.

2. The Inter-Agency Council for Government Data Stewardship shall be a coordinating and advisory body. The statute of the Inter-Agency Council for Government Data Stewardship and its personal membership shall be approved by the national public authority for state statistics.

CHAPTER 2

PARTIES TO LEGAL RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF STATE STATISTICS, THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 8. Parties to legal relations in the field of state statistics

1. The parties to legal relations in the field of state statistics shall be as follows:

1.1. State statistics bodies;

1.2. State organisations authorized to engage in state statistics;

1.2¹. Administrative data providers:

government authorities;

other legal persons of the Republic of Belarus.

1.3. Respondents:

legal persons of the Republic of Belarus and their local units;

individual entrepreneurs registered in the Republic of Belarus;

representative offices of foreign legal entities and other organisations duly registered in a foreign state, and branches of foreign legal entities established and located within the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

citizens of the Republic of Belarus;

foreign citizens and stateless persons present in the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

1.4. Users:

government authorities;

other legal persons of the Republic of Belarus;

citizens of the Republic of Belarus, foreign citizens and stateless persons, including individual entrepreneurs;

foreign and international organisations.

2. Foreign citizens and stateless persons present in the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall be respondents of special state statistical surveys only (one-time surveys, censuses, surveys), unless otherwise prescribed by the legislative acts.

Article 9. System of state statistics bodies

1. The system of state statistics bodies shall consist of:

1.1. National public authority for state statistics;

1.2. Local state statistics bodies.

2. The national public authority for state statistics shall pursue the state policy in the field of state statistics and exercise regulation, control and co-ordination of the activities of other government bodies and other organisations in this area.

3. The statistical departments of regions and the city of Minsk established by the national public authority for state statistics shall be the local state statistics bodies.

4. The structure of regional statistical departments shall include statistical units in districts and cities.

5. The local state statistics bodies shall be subordinate to the national public authority for state statistics and shall act in conformity with the statutes approved by this authority.

6. The national public authority for state statistics may set up, under the legally established procedure, organisations to:

6.1. develop and ensure the functioning and maintenance of the information systems and sets of software and hardware necessary for the implementation of state statistical activities;

6.2. disseminate the official statistical information and provide other information services on a payment basis;

6.3. perform other functions entrusted to state statistics bodies, except the functions associated with exercising governmental and authoritative powers.

Article 10. Rights and obligations of state statistics bodies

1. The state statistics bodies shall have the right to:

1.1. receive from government bodies and other organisations, on a free of charge basis, in compliance with the requirements established by legislative acts, administrative data and other information, including those the dissemination and/or submission of which is restricted, except for information constituting state secrets, required for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information;

1.2. use on a free-of-charge basis, in compliance with the requirements established by legislative acts, information resources (systems), databases (data banks) of government bodies and other organisations, including those containing information the dissemination and/or provision of which is restricted, obtain information from them, except for information constituting state secrets, as well as have access to them, including remote access, through the all-state automated information system, if its use is obligatory, or on the basis of an agreement on information exchange and/or upon request for the organisation and carrying out of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information;

1.3. receive on a free of charge basis the electronic services provided by government bodies and other organisations necessary for the implementation of state statistical activities, on the basis of agreements (contracts) for the provision of electronic services;

1.4. compile and maintain the Statistical Register;

1.5. organise and conduct centralized state statistical surveys;

1.6. receive from respondents, on a free of charge basis, unless otherwise provided for by legislation, primary statistical data, including the information the dissemination and/or submission of which is restricted, in the scope and on schedules specified in the state statistical survey forms;

1.7. receive from state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics, on a free of charge basis, as prescribed by the national public authority for state statistics, primary statistical data sourced from decentralised state statistical surveys and official statistical information;

1.8. check the validity of primary statistical data by matching them with primary records of accounting and other documents; visit for this purpose the grounds and premises (except residential premises) of government bodies, of other organisations (except for organisations that enjoy diplomatic immunities under the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus) and local units thereof, as well as of individual entrepreneurs, receive information from databases (data banks) of these entities under checks;

1.9. request and receive from respondents necessary clarifications, documents (copies thereof) and other materials when organising and conducting state statistical surveys, compiling official statistical information and/or in case data distortions are detected in state statistical reports;

1.10. provide respondents with mandatory instructions on how to rectify data distortions detected in state statistical reports and/or make revisions to the official statistical information in case data distortions are detected in state statistical reports;

1.11. take decisions, within the scope of their competence, that shall be binding on respondents, including changes in the procedure of primary data submission;

1.12. provide clarifications, including those in the mass media, on the organisation and maintaining of state statistics and the use of the official statistical methodology in the Republic of Belarus; comment on misuse or misinterpretation of official statistical information;

1.13. engage, under the legally established procedure, natural persons and legal entities in state statistical surveys;

1.14. effect co-operation in the field of state statistics with statistical authorities of foreign states, international organisations and bodies of interstate entities;

1.15. disseminate official statistical information on a payment basis, unless otherwise prescribed by legislation, and provide other information services through organisations established by the national public authority for state statistics.

2. The state statistics bodies shall have the obligation to:

2.1. develop the official statistical methodology for centralised state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information in line with the international statistical standards;

2.2. omitted;

2.3. provide respondents, when conducting centralised state statistical surveys, with the access to specialized software for the submission of primary statistical data in the form of electronic document, or ensure the possibility of submission of primary statistical data by respondents in other form specified by the national public authority for state statistics;

2.4. exercise methodological guidance of centralised state statistical surveys in case they are conducted;

2.5. ensure confidentiality of primary statistical and individual administrative data and use thereof for the purpose of state statistics;

2.6. compile official statistical information;

2.7. provide official statistical information to government bodies as well as disseminate official statistical information among other users under the legally established procedure;

2.8. ensure equal access of users to official statistical information and methodology of its compilation;

2.9. exchange official statistical information with statistical authorities of foreign states as well as submit official statistical information under the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus;

2.10. ensure the maintenance of databases (databanks) of official statistical information.

3. The state statistics bodies shall also enjoy other rights and fulfil other duties provided for by the present Law and other acts of legislation.

Article 11. Rights and obligations of state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics

1. State organisations authorized to engage in state statistics shall have the right to:

1.1. receive from government bodies and other organisations, on a free of charge basis, in compliance with the requirements established by legislative acts, administrative data required for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information;

1.2. organise and conduct decentralized state statistical surveys;

1.3. receive from respondents, on a free of charge basis, primary statistical data in the scope and on schedules specified in decentralised state statistical survey forms;

1.4. check the validity of primary statistical data provided by respondents in decentralised state statistical survey forms;

1.5. receive from respondents required clarifications and materials in case data distortions are detected in state statistical reports;

1.6. provide respondents with mandatory instructions on how to rectify data distortions detected in state statistical reports and/or make revisions to the official statistical information in case data distortions are detected in state statistical reports;

2. State organisations authorized to engage in state statistics shall have the obligation to:

2.1. develop the required official statistical methodology for decentralised state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information in line with the international statistical standards;

2.2. submit draft forms of decentralized state statistical surveys and the guidelines for their completing necessary for organisation and conducting of decentralized state statistical surveys to the national public authority for state statistics for approval;

2.3. omitted;

2.4. exercise methodological guidance of decentralised state statistical surveys in case they are conducted;

2.5. provide respondents, when conducting decentralised state statistical surveys, with the access to specialized software for the submission of primary statistical data in the form of electronic document, or ensure the possibility of submission of primary statistical data by respondents in other form specified by the national public authority for state statistics;

2.6. produce official statistical information;

2.7. transmit to state statistics bodies, on a free of charge basis, as prescribed by the national public authority for state statistics, primary statistical data drawn from conducted decentralised state statistical surveys and official statistical information;

2.8. ensure the maintenance of databases (databanks) of official statistical information;

2.9. ensure confidentiality of primary statistical and individual administrative data;

2.10. ensure equal access of users to official statistical information and methodology of its compilation.

3. State organisations authorized to engage in state statistics may enjoy other rights and fulfil other duties in the field of state statistics provided for by other legislative acts.

Article 11¹. Rights and obligations of administrative data providers

1. Administrative data providers shall have the right to receive information about the use of administrative data provided from state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics.

2. Administrative data providers shall have the obligation to:

2.1. provide, on a free of charge basis, administrative data to state statistics bodies, state organisations authorised to engage in state statistics, in accordance with an act of legislation or on the basis of an agreement on information exchange and/or upon request;

2.2. ensure the composition, structure and level of detail of administrative data they receive necessary for organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information, accompany such data with information necessary for their correct interpretation.

Article 12. Rights and obligations of respondents

1. Respondents shall have the right to receive from state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics clarifications on the procedure of compilation and submission of primary statistical data.

2. Respondents shall have the obligation to:

2.1. provide, on a free of charge basis, unless otherwise prescribed for by legislation, primary statistical data in the course of state statistical surveys as prescribed by the national public authority for state statistics;

2.2. provide valid primary statistical data in the scope, on schedules, and to the addresses specified in state statistical survey forms, under the signature of persons responsible for the compilation and submission of these data, if the signature is required in the state statistical survey form;

2.3. make revisions to state statistical reports in case of data distortion in the manner prescribed by the national public authority for state statistics;

2.4. implement decisions of state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics taken within the scope of their competence.

2¹. Respondents may contractually delegate the authority of compiling and submitting primary statistical data to a legal person of the Republic of Belarus or an individual entrepreneur registered in the Republic of Belarus who provide accounting and reporting services, to whom the provisions of the present Law regulating the rights and obligations of respondents shall apply.

The persons referred to in part one of the present item shall perform the duties of the respondent to the extent specified in the contract and shall bear responsibility, including that established by the legislative acts for their officials, to the extent of the duties and documents assigned to them under the contract.

3. Respondents shall also enjoy other rights and fulfil other duties provided for by the present Law and other acts of legislation.

Article 13. Rights and obligations of users

1. Users shall have the right to:

1.1. equal access to official statistical information and related methodology;

1.2. request and receive the official statistical information from state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics.

2. Users shall be obliged to use the official statistical information with mandatory indication of the data source.

CHAPTER 3 PERFORMANCE OF STATE STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

Article 14. Planning of state statistical activities

1. In order to define the main areas of development of state statistics, the national public authority for state statistics shall develop, jointly with state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics, and approve the strategy for the development of state statistics, generally for a five-year term.

2. The state statistical activities shall be performed in compliance with the statistical work programme approved annually by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

3. The statistical work programme shall be developed by the national public authority for state statistics.

4. The decision on the introduction of amendments and/or additions to the statistical work programme shall be taken by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on the proposal of the national public authority for state statistics.

Article 15. Financing of state statistical activities

1. The state statistical activities shall be financed from the national budget and from other sources not prohibited by legislation.

2. State statistical surveys that are not included in the statistical work programme shall be organised and conducted out of the funds envisaged for these purposes for the government bodies, in compliance with the legislation, as well as out of the funds of organisations initiating these surveys.

Article 16. Inadmissibility of interference into state statistical activities

Interference of government bodies and other legal entities, of officials and other natural persons in state statistical activities shall be prohibited.

Article 17. Maintenance of state statistics

1. State statistics in the Republic of Belarus shall be maintained by the state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics in compliance with their area of competence.

2. The state statistics bodies shall maintain state statistics on the basis of the forms of centralised state statistical surveys and instructions for filling them out and/or by using administrative data and other information, as well as in compliance with the methodologies of compilation and calculation of statistical indicators and instructions for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys approved by the national public authority for state statistics, and/or in compliance with the international statistical standards and recommendations.

3. State organisations authorized to engage in state statistics shall maintain state statistics within the scope of their competence using the forms of decentralised state statistical surveys and instructions for filling them out approved by the national public authority for state statistics and/or by using administrative data and other information, as well as in compliance with the methodologies of compilation and calculation of statistical indicators and instructions for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys approved by them upon endorsement by the national public authority for state statistics, and/or in compliance with the international statistical standards and recommendations.

4. The procedure of submission of decentralised state statistical survey forms and associated instructions for approval; of endorsement of methods of compilation and calculation of statistical indicators and instructions for the organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys shall be established by the national public authority for state statistics.

Article 18. State statistical surveys

1. State statistical surveys shall be conducted by means of the of centralised and decentralised state statistical survey forms.

2. State statistical surveys can be exhaustive (covering all units of the population under observation), sample (covering selected units of the population under observation) or combined, systematic (conducted on a regular basis) and special (ad-hoc, censuses, surveys).

The type of a state statistical survey is determined by the national public authority for state statistics.

Decisions on conducting censuses with the indication of the related date and timing shall be taken by the President of the Republic of Belarus on the proposal of the national public authority for state statistics.

3. The state statistical survey forms (i.e. questionnaires) shall be as follows:

- 3.1. State statistical report;
- 3.2. Self-completion questionnaire;
- 3.3. Questionnaire to be completed by interviewer;
- 3.4. Census questionnaire;
- 3.5. Other state statistical survey forms.

4. Legal entities and natural persons can be engaged in state statistical surveys under the legally established procedure.

5. In the course of state statistical surveys primary statistical data can be collected in the following ways:

5.1. submission of primary statistical data by respondents;

5.2. interview of respondents;

5.3. recording of primary statistical data.

6. The method of collection of primary statistical data shall be determined by the national public authority for state statistics.

Article 19. Use of classifications in state statistical activities

1. When organising and conducting state statistical surveys and compiling the official statistical information, international and interstate classifications, national classifications of the Republic of Belarus and statistical classifications shall be used.

2. The national public authority for state statistics shall:

2.1. develop, approve, maintain and use statistical classifications in accordance with the procedure established by this authority;

2.2. develop, approve and maintain national classifications of the Republic of Belarus used in state statistical activities and assigned thereto;

2.3. endorse, within the scope of its competence, draft national classifications of the Republic of Belarus used in state statistical activities and assigned to other national government authorities, and changes thereto;

2.4. coordinate the use of national classifications of the Republic of Belarus in state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information.

Article 20. Compilation and maintenance of Statistical Register

1. For the purpose of state statistical surveys and compilation of official statistical information the state statistics bodies shall compile and maintain the Statistical Register.

2. The Statistical Register shall be maintained on the basis of the information provided in the manner prescribed by the present Law and other acts of legislation, including the information from the Single State Register of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs and other information systems and databases (databanks) of government bodies and other organisations.

Article 21. Statistical confidentiality

1. Primary statistical and individual administrative data, except data the access to, dissemination and/ or provision of which is not restricted under the legislative acts, shall be confidential and shall be used in state statistical activities.

The requirements of part one of this item shall not apply to the documented information obtained directly by the state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics in connection with the execution of functions assigned to them by regulatory legal acts, when used for purposes not related to state statistical activities.

2. Primary statistical data may be disseminated and/or submitted upon consent of the respondent who provided these data.

Individual administrative data shall not be disseminated and/or submitted, except for the case specified in part three of this item.

State statistics bodies may disseminate and/or submit primary statistical data without the consent of respondent, as well as individual administrative data without the consent of the subject of individual administrative data, as part of official statistical information, without indicating the name (family name, given name, patronymic (if any)) of respondent or subject of individual administrative data in cases when dissemination and/or submission of such data is necessary for complex characteristics of economic, demographic, social and environmental situation in the Republic of Belarus.

3. Request of primary statistical data from state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics by government bodies and other legal entities, officials and other natural persons without consent of respondent shall be prohibited, except for the following cases of primary statistical data request:

3.1. anonymised data and data not allowing for identification of respondent – for scientific and other research purposes, organisation and conducting of state statistical surveys, compilation of official statistical information by state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics;

3.2. in respect to subordinate (incorporated) state organisations as well as organisations whose equities (shares in statutory fund) are state-owned and are placed under management;

3.3. data of a legal entity requested by regulatory (supervisory) body undertaking control of the compliance with the procedure of state statistical reports submission, by criminal prosecution authority on a criminal case that has been initiated, by court under judicial proceeding.

4. The procedure of dissemination and/or submission of primary statistical data by state statistics bodies in accordance with part one of item 2 and item 3 of the present Article as well as of their storage, protection and use shall be established by the national public authority for state statistics.

5. The officials of government bodies and other legal entities who have received primary statistical data as well as individuals who, by virtue of office or occupation, have had access to primary statistical data, may not disseminate and/or submit primary statistical data to third parties without consent of respondent, except for cases stipulated by the present Law, and may not use these data for the purposes not directly associated with their work and/or office duties.

Article 22. Dissemination and/or submission of official statistical information

1. State statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics shall disseminate and/or submit the official statistical information to users in the manner prescribed by the present Law and other acts of legislation.

The official statistical information, except for the information the dissemination and/or submission of which is restricted, shall be publicly accessible.

The official statistical information shall be disseminated and/or submitted to users via statistical publications, mass media and/or information systems, official websites of state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics on the Internet as well as under the concluded contracts (agreements) and on one-off user requests.

The state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics may disseminate and/or submit administrative data as part of official statistical information, except for the data the dissemination and/or submission of which is restricted.

The national public authority for state statistics and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics have the right to restrict the dissemination and/or submission of the official statistical information produced by them, except for the information the access to which, dissemination and/or submission of which cannot be restricted according to the legislative acts, if

dissemination and/or submission of such information may harm the national security of the Republic of Belarus, public order, morality, and the rights and legitimate interests of legal and natural persons.

2. The procedure of dissemination and/or submission to users of official statistical information produced by the state statistics bodies shall be established by the national public authority for state statistics.

CHAPTER 4

LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF STATE STATISTICS LEGISLATION

Article 23. Liability for infringement upon submission procedure of state statistical reporting data

Officials and other authorised persons, individual entrepreneurs shall be liable, under legislative acts, for untimely submission, non-submission and misreporting of state statistical reporting data.

Article 24. Liability for breach of statistical confidentiality

Officials and other employees of state statistics bodies and state organisations authorized to engage in state statistics, officials of government bodies and other legal entities who have received primary statistical and/or individual administrative data, as well as other persons who by virtue of office or occupation have had access to primary statistical and/or individual administrative data shall be liable, under legislative acts, for their unlawful dissemination and/or submission.

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