

THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS LAW OF 2021

Law No. 25(I)/2021

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

Short Title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Official Statistics Law of 2021.

Interpretation. 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

“administrative records” means the files, registers or databases of ministries, departments and services of the Republic, public corporations and local government authorities that contain quantitative and/or qualitative information about a considered population, which are used for the development and production of statistics;

“confidential data” means the data which are collected and used for the production of statistics, provided that they allow statistical units to be identified, either directly or indirectly, thereby disclosing individual information. To determine whether a statistical unit is identifiable, account shall be taken of all relevant means that might reasonably be used by a third party to identify it;

“data” means any quantitative and/or qualitative characteristics or information related to a statistical unit;

“data collection” means the census and sampling surveys and all other methods of obtaining information from various sources, including the records and information systems of the ministries, departments and services of the Republic, public and private corporations and local government authorities that may be used for the production of statistics;

“development” means the activities aiming at setting up, strengthening and improving the statistical methods, standards and procedures used for the production and dissemination of statistics, as well as at designing new statistics;

“direct identification” means the identification of a statistical unit from its name or address or from a publicly accessible identification number;

“Director” means the Director of the Statistical Service;

“dissemination” means the activity of making statistics accessible to users;

“European Statistical System” or “ESS” means the partnership between the statistical authority of the European Union (Eurostat), which is a directorate-general of the European Commission and the national statistical institutes and other national authorities responsible in each Member State of the European Union and the European Free Trade Association for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics;

“European statistics” means statistics referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and determined in the European statistical programme;

“indirect identification” means the identification of a statistical unit by any other means than by way of direct identification;

“metadata” means the information which define and describe the statistical data, as well as the procedures for developing, producing and disseminating statistics;

“National Statistical System” or “NSS” means the Statistical Service and the other national authorities;

“official” means the employee of the Statistical Service or of other national authorities, irrespective of employment status;

“official statistics” means the European statistics developed, produced and disseminated by the Statistical Service and the other national authorities, as well as any other statistics compiled by the Statistical Service;

“other national authorities” means the ministries, departments and services of the Republic or public corporations, other than the Statistical Service, which are responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics;

“private records” means the files, registers or databases held by private corporations, which contain quantitative and/or qualitative information, in any form and in any means of storage, which may be used for the development and production of statistics;

“production” means all the activities related to the collection, storage, processing and analysis necessary for compiling statistics;

“public corporation” means every public corporation or organisation, established in the public interest by law of the Republic and in which the Republic exercises effective influence, directly or indirectly, appointing more than half of the members of its administrative, managerial or supervisory body;

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the European
Union: L119,
4.5.2016, p.1.

“Regulation (EU) 2016/679” means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation);

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“Regulation (EC) No 223/2009” means Regulation (EC) No 223/2009

the European Union: L164, 31.3.2009, p. 87, L123, 19.5.2015, p.90.

of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/759;

“Statistical Service” means the Statistical Service of the Republic;

“statistical unit” means the basic observation unit to which the statistics refer, namely natural or legal persons, households, establishments, economic operators such as enterprises, agricultural or other undertakings and any unit or entity which may constitute the subject of a survey;

“statistics” means quantitative and qualitative, aggregated and representative information characterising a collective phenomenon in a considered population;

“survey” means any collection of data conducted for the purpose of producing statistics;

“use for statistical purposes” means the exclusive use of data for the development and production of statistical results and analyses.

Statistical Service and other national authorities.

3.-(1) The Statistical Service is designated as the body having the responsibility for coordinating all activities in the Republic for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, which are determined in the annual and multiannual programmes of statistical activities.

(2) The Statistical Service shall act as the sole contact point for

the European Commission (Eurostat) on statistical matters.

(3) (a) The coordinating responsibility of the Statistical Service shall cover the other national authorities.

(b) The Statistical Service shall be responsible for coordinating statistical programming and reporting, quality monitoring, methodology, data transmission and communication on ESS statistical actions.

(c) The Statistical Service shall develop an appropriate cooperation framework, on the basis of bilateral agreements, with the other national authorities, whenever is necessary.

(4) The Statistical Service shall maintain and publish on its website a list of other national authorities responsible for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, as well as their statistical heads, which may be revised whenever is necessary.

Statistical principles.

4.-(1) The development, production and dissemination of official statistics in the Republic shall be governed by the statistical principles of professional independence, impartiality, objectivity, reliability, statistical confidentiality and cost effectiveness, as defined in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and are further elaborated in the European Statistics Code of Practice, in accordance with article 10.

(2) The development, production and dissemination of official statistics shall take into account international recommendations and best statistical practices.

Director of the Statistical Service and statistical heads of other national authorities.

5.-(1) The officials who are responsible for the tasks set out in this Law shall be professionally independent.

(2) The Statistical Service shall ensure that the statistical principles provided in article 4 are respected.

(3) The Director shall:

- (a) have the sole responsibility for deciding on statistical methods, standards, procedures and processes, and on the content and timing of statistical releases and publications for the statistics developed, produced and disseminated by the Statistical Service;
- (b) decide on all matters regarding the internal management of the Statistical Service;
- (c) act in an independent manner while performing his statistical tasks and neither seek nor take instructions from any governmental or other institutional body, office, service or entity;
- (d) be responsible for the activities of the Statistical Service and its budget execution;
- (e) publish an annual report;
- (f) coordinate the statistical activities of the other national authorities that are responsible for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, as set out in section (1) of article 3;
- (g) set guidelines, where this is necessary, to ensure quality in the development, production and dissemination of official statistics within the NSS and monitor and review their implementation; while being responsible for ensuring compliance with those guidelines solely within the

Statistical Service; and

(h) represent the NSS within the ESS.

(4) (a) In the context of its coordinating role for official statistics, according to the provisions of section (1) of article 3, the Statistical Service shall invite the other national authorities to designate an official as statistical head, who shall have the responsibility of implementing the provisions of this Law and specifically the provisions of article 4 that provide for the statistical principles and of paragraph (g) of section (3) that provide for guidelines for ensuring the quality of official statistics.

(b) The other national authorities shall inform immediately the Director for any changes in the officials who have been designated as statistical heads.

(5) The other national authorities, responsible for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, carry out their tasks in accordance with the guidelines produced by the Director.

Establishment of a
Committee on
Coordination of
Official Statistics.

6.-(1) A Committee on Coordination of Official Statistics is established, which shall consist of the Director and the statistical heads of other national authorities.

(2) The Director shall convene and chair the meetings of the Committee on Coordination of Official Statistics.

(3) The role of the Committee on Coordination of Official Statistics shall be to inform and coordinate the members of the NSS on matters relating to the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, including the contribution of the NSS members to the preparation of the programmes of statistical activities, in accordance with the provisions of article 8.

(4) The Committee on Coordination of Official Statistics may issue rules that regulate its manner of operation.

Functioning of the
Statistical Council.

7.-(1) The Statistical Council shall be an advisory body to the NSS.

(2) The Statistical Council shall observe, give an opinion and submit suggestions with regard to the preparation, implementation and further development of the programmes of statistical activities and shall advise the Director and the statistical heads of other national authorities on issues relating to the statistical principles provided in section (1) of article 4.

(3) The Statistical Council shall consist of the president and twelve (12) other members, as follows:

- (a) the Director-General of the Ministry of Finance or his representative;
- (b) the Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance or his representative;
- (c) the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment or his representative;
- (d) the Director of the Statistical Service;
- (e) a representative of the Central Bank of Cyprus;
- (f) a representative of the other national authorities, who is a member of the Committee on Coordination of Official Statistics;
- (g) two (2) representatives of the employers' associations;

- (h) two (2) representatives of the trade union associations;
- (i) two (2) academics from tertiary education institutions in the Republic; and
- (j) a representative of the Cyprus Statistical Society.

(4) The president and the members of the Statistical Council shall be persons with knowledge and experience or who deal with statistical or other related matters.

(5) The Council of Ministers shall appoint the president and the members of the Statistical Council.

(6) The term of office of the president and the members of the Statistical Council, with the exception of the ex officio members, shall be five years and may be renewed for one further term of office.

(7) A member of the Statistical Council who does not belong to the public service of the Republic may resign from his post at any time, by communicating his decision in writing to the Council of Ministers.

(8) The powers of the Statistical Council shall be exercised by its members, even in the case of vacancy of any post.

(9) The Statistical Council shall meet within one month of the date of communication, by the Director, of any programme of statistical activities, as well as whenever is necessary.

(10) The Statistical Council may issue rules that regulate its manner of operation.

Programmes of statistical activities.

8.-(1) The Statistical Service, with the contribution of the other national authorities, shall compile a multiannual programme of

statistical activities, for a period of three (3) to five (5) years, which shall include the surveys or other work that are scheduled to be carried out during this period and which shall be communicated to the Statistical Council:

Provided that, a survey or other work may be conducted relating to any economic, demographic, social, environmental or agricultural matter.

(2) The multiannual programme shall refer to the scope and the general description of any survey or other work, the estimated cost and the time schedule for the publication of the results.

(3) The multiannual programme of statistical activities shall be approved by the Council of Ministers and the Minister of Finance shall ensure that the resources required for its implementation are made available.

(4) The Statistical Service, with the contribution of the other national authorities, shall also compile an annual programme of statistical activities, which shall be communicated to the Statistical Council, and which shall include the surveys or other work referred to in the multiannual programme that are scheduled to be carried out during the reference year.

(5) During the process of preparing the multiannual and annual programmes of statistical activities, the Statistical Service shall ensure that it receives sufficient information on the needs for statistical data of various groups of users, such user groups being the broader public sector, the business world, the social partners, the academic and research community, the media and the public in general.

(6) The multiannual and the annual programmes of statistical activities shall be compiled by the end of October of the year prior to

the beginning of the period to which they relate to.

(7) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities may, in exceptional or unforeseen cases, carry out a survey or other work that is not included in the multiannual programme:

Provided that, in the above cases, those provisions of this Law shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, that concern a survey or other work which is included in the multiannual programme of statistical activities.

(8) The Statistical Service shall evaluate on a regular basis the implementation of the programmes of statistical activities.

Cooperation with
the Central Bank of
Cyprus.

9.-(1) To the extent that some of the European statistics may be compiled by the Central Bank of Cyprus, in its capacity as member of the European System of Central Banks, the Statistical Service and the Central Bank of Cyprus shall cooperate, on the basis of bilateral agreements and in compliance with the statistical principles provided in article 4, with a view to ensuring the production of complete and coherent European statistics and minimizing the burden on respondents.

(2) The Statistical Service and the Central Bank of Cyprus may enter into bilateral memoranda of cooperation in order to delimit and define the context of the cooperation between them.

European Statistics
Code of Practice.

10.-(1) The development, production and dissemination of official statistics shall be governed by the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice which is set out in the context of the ESS.

(2) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities shall provide for the implementation of the Code referred to in section (1), in order to ensure public trust in official statistics.

- Statistical quality criteria. 11. Official statistics shall be developed, produced and disseminated on the basis of uniform European standards and of harmonised methods, in order to guarantee the quality of the results and, in this respect, the Statistical Service and the other national authorities shall apply the criteria for the evaluation of statistical quality defined in Article 12, paragraph 1 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, namely relevance, accuracy, timeliness, punctuality, accessibility and clarity, comparability and coherence.
- Assignment of work to the private sector. 73(l) of 2016. 12.-(1) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities may assign the conduct of any survey or part of a survey or other work to the private sector on a public contract, as provided for in the Coordination of Procedures on Public Procurement and on Related Matters Law, under the general supervision of the Director or the statistical head or their representatives.
- (2) The assignment of a survey or part of a survey or other work to the private sector, which entails on their behalf the processing of personal data, shall take place subject to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (3) A necessary condition for the assignment of work to the private sector shall be the safeguarding of statistical confidentiality.
- (4) The provisions of this Law shall apply to the private sector when assigned to carry out work by virtue of this Law and, in case of violation of these provisions, they shall be liable to the penalties foreseen by the Law.
- Collection of data. 13.-(1)(a) For data collection purposes, any official of the Statistical Service or of other national authority and any person from the private sector acting by virtue of the provisions of article 12 has authority to require from any person the provision of data in the context of a survey or other work that is being carried out by virtue of the provisions of this Law.

(b) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities are responsible for determining the appropriate method for the provision and the recording of the data.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section (1), the provision of data for statistical purposes by any person is mandatory, to the extent that these data are absolutely necessary for the production of official statistics.

(3) The persons referred to in section (1) shall inform the person from whom the provision of data is required about-

- (a) the conduct of a survey or other work by virtue of the provisions this Law,
- (b) the scope of the survey or other work,
- (c) statistical confidentiality, and
- (d) the penalties imposed in case of refusal, omission or negligence in providing data, non-compliance with the deadlines set or the provision of false, incomplete or inaccurate data.

(4) In addition to the provisions of this article, during data collection the statistical principles provided for in article 4, the provisions of the European Statistics Code of Practice provided for in article 10, the statistical quality criteria provided for in article 11 and any other directives and guidelines set by the Director regarding the production and dissemination of statistics, shall apply.

Access, use and
integration of
administrative
records and private

14.-(1) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities in exercising their functions, and in order to reduce the burden on respondents and improve the quality of statistics, shall have the right

records.

to-

- (a) access and use, promptly and free of charge, all administrative records and private records which include data necessary to produce official statistics,
- (b) integrate in their production processes those records provided in paragraph (a), to the extent necessary for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, which are determined in the multiannual and annual programmes of statistical activities, subject to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679:

Provided that, the access to private records takes place in such a manner that the identification of statistical units is not allowed.

(2)(a) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities shall establish the necessary cooperation mechanisms with the owners of administrative records and private records.

(b) In particular, for the administrative records which are built up and maintained by public administration bodies, such as ministries, departments and services of the Republic, public corporations and local government authorities, the Statistical Service shall be involved in and shall express an opinion at every stage of decision regarding their initial design, development, amendment or possible discontinuation, thus facilitating the further use of those records for the purpose of producing official statistics.

(3) The Statistical Service shall maintain on its website the classification systems it uses, while public administration bodies, such as ministries, departments and services of the Republic, public corporations and local government authorities, shall use the said systems in the exercise of their functions and integrate them

appropriately into their administrative records.

(4) Administrative records, made available by their owners to the Statistical Service and to the other national authorities in order to be used for the production of official statistics, shall be accompanied by relevant metadata, which are created under the responsibility of the owners of the records in collaboration with the Statistical Service and based on the standards set by the Statistical Service.

(5) The owners of administrative records used for the production of official statistics shall provide those records, directly or indirectly, to the Statistical Service and to the other national authorities in accordance with commonly agreed time schedules, which are set in such a manner that the deadlines for the submission of European statistics to the European Commission (Eurostat) are being met, and shall inform and obtain the consent of the Statistical Service in case they intend to extend the deadlines for submission of data by persons.

Dissemination of official statistics.

15.-(1) The dissemination of official statistics shall be undertaken in full compliance with the statistical principles, as set out in article 4, particularly in respect of protecting statistical confidentiality and ensuring equality of access, as required under the principle of impartiality.

(2) The dissemination of official statistics shall be carried out by the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the European Commission (Eurostat), within their respective spheres of competence.

Protection of confidential data.

16.-(1) The rules and measures provided in sections (2) to (11) shall apply, in order to ensure that confidential data are exclusively used for statistical purposes and to prevent their unlawful disclosure.

(2) Confidential data obtained exclusively for the production of

official statistics shall be used by the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the European Commission (Eurostat), within their respective spheres of competence, exclusively for statistical purposes:

Provided that, the use of confidential data for any other purposes beyond the statistical ones shall be prohibited:

Provided further that, the other purposes, beyond the statistical ones, include indicatively but not exhaustively administrative, legal or tax purposes and the verification against the statistical units.

(3) The Central Bank of Cyprus may have access to confidential data provided that the access is necessary for the efficient development, production and dissemination of European statistics or for improving the quality of European statistics within the respective spheres of competence of the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the Central Bank of Cyprus and that this necessity has been adequately justified.

(4) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities, within their respective spheres of competence, shall take all necessary regulatory, administrative, technical and organisational measures to ensure the physical and logical protection of confidential data (statistical disclosure control) used for official statistics.

(5) Official statistics compiled by the Statistical Service and the other national authorities on the basis of data resulting from a survey or from other sources shall be published in such a manner as to render impossible the direct or indirect disclosure of the identity of the persons who provided the data or the statistical units to which the data relate.

(6) Official statistics which may make it possible to identify a

statistical unit may be disseminated by the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the European Commission (Eurostat) only in the case where the statistical unit has unambiguously agreed to the disclosure of data:

Provided that, the data obtained from sources lawfully available to the public and which remain available to the public shall not require protection and therefore, the Statistical Service may publish a name list of limited liability companies, public corporations and local government authorities, which shall include information relating to their address, their economic activity and any other lawfully publicly available data.

(7) The transmission of confidential data between the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the ESS members shall take place provided that the said transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production and dissemination of European statistics or for improving their quality.

Appendix I.

(8) The officials of the Statistical Service and of the other national authorities, as well as any person of the private sector acting by virtue of the provisions of article 12, shall take a confirmation on oath in accordance with the form set out in Appendix I, that they shall not disclose information which comes to their knowledge during the performance of their tasks, while the obligation of keeping statistical confidentiality continues to exist even after the termination of their functions or of their contract.

(9) The data collected or obtained during the carrying out of a survey or other work shall continue to be considered as confidential, irrespective of whether the statistical results of the survey or other work have been published.

(10) The Statistical Service and the other national authorities shall take appropriate measures in order to prevent and penalise any

violations of statistical confidentiality.

(11) The provisions of this Law, including those provisions relating to penalties for the protection of confidential data, shall also apply in the case of transmission of confidential data between the Statistical Service, the other national authorities and the Central Bank of Cyprus.

Access to confidential data of the Statistical Service for scientific, research purposes.

17.-(1) Access to confidential data collected by the Statistical Service directly from the statistical units, which only allow for indirect identification of the statistical units, shall be granted by permission of the Director, provided that the said data are necessary for specific scientific, research programmes in Cyprus or abroad, the results of which do not disclose specific statistical units and are not to be used for commercial purposes.

Appendix II.

(2)(a) Access to confidential data by virtue of the provisions of section (1) shall be granted upon approval by the Director of the application for the release of data, which shall be submitted in accordance with the form set out in Appendix II, while the approval of the application shall serve as a binding contract between the applicant and the Statistical Service.

(b) The format and the content of the application form may be revised on the basis of instructions given by the Director.

(3) The terms and conditions for access to confidential data held by the Statistical Service shall be determined by the Director.

Derogations from the rights referred to in Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

(18) In the event of exercising the rights referred to in Articles 15, 16, 18 and 21 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, relating to personal data collected for statistical purposes, the Statistical Service and the other national authorities may derogate from their obligations arising from the said Articles and from Article 12 of the same Regulation, in so far as such rights are likely to render impossible or seriously impair the

achievement of the statistical purposes.

Offences and penalties.

19.-(1) Subject to the provisions of articles 13 and 14, any person who-

- (a) refuses, omits or neglects to provide data to the Statistical Service or to other national authority;
- (b) does not comply with the deadlines set by the Statistical Service or other national authority for the collection of data;
- (c) provides false, incomplete or inaccurate data to the Statistical Service or other national authority; or
- (d) refuses the access of the Statistical Service or other national authority to administrative records or private records for the purpose of using them for statistical purposes,

is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months or to a fine not exceeding four thousand euros (€4.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) Any official of the Statistical Service or of other national authority and any person of the private sector who acts by virtue of the provisions of article 12, voluntarily violates the confidentiality of data held by the Statistical Service or other national authority or violates the provisions of article 16 is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or to a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(3) Any person who-

- (a) without lawful authority makes public or communicates to

any other person, beyond the ordinary exercise of his duties, any information that came to his knowledge while exercising his duties; or

- (b) makes public or communicates information which was disclosed to him in contravention of the provisions of this Law, and being aware of that fact; or
- (c) falsely makes himself out to be exercising duties by virtue of the provisions of this Law or asks for information without being authorised to do so,

is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or to a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(4) In case a person who has access to confidential data of the Statistical Service by virtue of the provisions of article 17 violates the terms of approval of the release of data provided in section (2) of the same article, is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or to a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(5) Any researcher who has access to confidential data of the European Commission (Eurostat) on the basis of the provisions of Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 or has received confidential data on the basis of corresponding legislation of any Member State of the European Union violates statistical confidentiality in the territory of the Republic, is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or to a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(6) Any person who carries out actions that circumvent and affect the professional independence of the Statistical Service and other national authorities, as provided in section (1) of article 4, in the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, is guilty of an offence and, in case of conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or to a fine not exceeding five thousand euros (€5.000) or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Adoption of
Regulations.

20. The Council of Ministers may issue Regulations for the better enforcement of the provisions of this Law or for regulating any issue, which needs or is receptive to determination on the basis of the provisions of this Law.

Repeal.
15(l) of 2000.

21. With the entry into force of this Law, the Statistics Law of 2000 is repealed.

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APPENDIX I

[Article 16(8)]

CONFIRMATION

I (ID number)
hereby confirm on oath that, in the exercise of the powers granted to me by the Official Statistics Law for the purpose of carrying out a survey or other work, I shall carry out a truthful and accurate collection, recording and processing of data in accordance with the provisions of the Law and any instructions which may be given to me and shall not disclose to any person, apart from the Director of the Statistical Service/statistical head of other national authorities or any other person authorized for this purpose, any information that came to my knowledge while exercising my duties.

Signature Date

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APPENDIX II

[Article 17(2)]

Director
Statistical Service

**APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA FOR SCIENTIFIC,
RESEARCH PURPOSES**

..... (name of institution),
which is represented by, request(s) permission
from the Director of the Statistical Service to access to confidential data of the Statistical
Service to be used for a scientific/research project by virtue of article 17 of the Official
Statistics Law.

The following information is submitted in support of this application:

1. description of the project for which the data are requested, its purpose and means of funding;
2. description of the data requested and justification for the need of using confidential data for fulfilling the objective of the research project;
3. name(s) of the person(s) who will have access to the data and their contact details;
4. protection measures to be taken during the processing and storage of the data in order to safeguard statistical confidentiality;
5. description of the expected output to be published and means of dissemination.

I hereby certify that the information provided in support of my application is correct and that all researchers involved in the project are in no way implicated in any lawful dispute with any statistical unit for which confidential data are requested.

I declare that during the project for which the data are being requested I will take all possible measures to protect statistical confidentiality and I will not make the data available to persons other than those stated in this application.

I also declare that after the completion of the project, I will not make the data available to third parties, I will not use them further for any other purposes and I will ensure their destruction/erasure from any means of storage.

I acknowledge that violation of any of the terms mentioned above is an offence and is subject to the provisions of section (4) of article 19 of the Official Statistics Law.

Applicant's signature Date

Address for correspondence

On behalf of (stamp)