

# General Statistics Law of the Kingdom

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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**Article (1):** This law shall be titled (General Statistics law of the Kingdom).

**Article (2):** By virtue of this law, (CDS) shall be established and shall follow the ministry of Economy and Planning. It shall be considered the sole official Statistical reference agency in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to implement and apply this law. It shall also provide the Governmental Agencies, Public and Private Organizations and individuals with the official Statistical information and data.

**Article (3):** (CDS) shall be entrusted with the task of conducting, commercial, economic, health, educational, industrial, financial, agricultural or other statistics as required.

**Article (4):** All statistical data, collected by CDS, shall be sent periodically by ministries and other governmental Departments to the ministry of Economy and Planning upon agreement between this ministry and other Agencies

**Article (5):** A statistical Unit shall be established in each ministry or agencies, whose work necessitates the establishment of such unit. It shall be designated to collect the statistics related to the works of that ministry or agencies. It shall also develop Professional methodologies in agreement with and under the supervision of the Director General of CDS. It shall abide by all technical and statistical instructions issued by him. That unit shall have to provide CDS regularly and periodically with some statistics collected by it either monthly or annually.

**Article (6):** (CDS) shall collect all statistics relative to the conditions of economic and social life of the country through its staff and other Government employees seconded for that purpose in agreement with concerned Minister. It shall also cooperate with the different Ministries and Government Agencies and help them to collect and organize the Statistical data falling within their Perrier. CDS may also get the help if necessary of the Majors sheikhs and heads of tribes and other employers provided that CDS

shall solely be vested with the task of analyzing, studying and publishing the results of such statistics.

**Article (7):** The persons assigned to collect statistics should carry out the instructions issued by CDS. They should be assisted by the staff of administrative agencies and control officers to achieve the goal and benefits of these statistics.

**Article (8):** All required real data should be represented to CDS from its representatives by the individuals, public agencies, establishments and societies according to the dates and method illustrated in the resolutions mentioned in the article (4) of this system.

**Article (9):** The owners of industrial or commercial shops and public shops or their agents ought to offer the necessary documents to the statistics director to support the validity of data reported by them .

**Article (10):** CDS ought to publish the statistics data in general tables that do not include private individual data.

**Article (11):** All data related to statistics should be confidential data where nobody of special commission is allowed to see them or use them for any reasons, except for preparing the statistical tables, or use them as an evidence against the official who offered them.

**Article (12):** The responsibility of proving the violations of this system should be undertaken by public security staff and CDS beside the officials seconded for this purpose in collaboration with the staff of security Agencies.

**Article (13):** In case of disclosing any data included in statistical listings or any other work method by an official or representative in CDS, he will be sent to jail for a period does not exceed (3) Months or has to pay a fine of not more (1000) SR, or both penalties in case of repetitions.

**Article (14):** In case of hampering the Statistical works, refusing to provide the required data, or providing incorrect data intentionally, the penalty will be not less than (500) SR. for the first time and will not exceed (1000) in case of repetition or insisting hindering the Statistical work.

If an official hinders or delays providing the required data he will be subject to a penalty unless he offers an acceptable reason for this commitment hence, the Minister of Economy and Planning has the right to give him a chance represented in giving him an additional period of (30) days added to the previous period.

**Article (15):** The sanctions mentioned in the above article shall be inflicted on any person who tries by fraud, threat, deceit or by other way to get data and information by impersonating the character of CDS staff, irrespective of the sanctions stipulated by the law of personnel and other laws regarding the illegal impersonation of official employee .

**Article (16):** The Minister of Planning has to implement this law and issue the necessary instructions when needed.

**Article (17):** This law shall be put into effect from the date of its publication .