

Law "On State Statistics "

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Article 1. Basic objectives of the law

The present Law regulates relations in the sphere of organization of state statistics work, defines powers of state statistics agencies and creates a normative basis for maintaining the uniform system of statistical information.

Article 2. Laws on state statistics

The laws on state statistics shall consist of this Law and enactments of other legislation.

If an international treaty of the Republic of Uzbekistan establishes rules other than those stipulated by the laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan on state statistics, the rules of the international treaty shall take precedence.

Article 3. Basic objectives of state statistics

The basic objectives of state statistics are as follows:

- collection, processing, buildup, storage, generalization, analysis and publication of statistical information on social and economic phenomena, processes and their results;
- provision of a uniform statistical methodology corresponding to international standards;
- provision of state agencies and autonomous bodies of citizens, legal persons, public offices and international institutions, as well as general public with statistical information in accordance with established procedure;

- maintenance of the system of economic and statistical classifications necessary for organization of statistical work and the Uniform State Administrative Business Register.

Article 4. Basic principles of state statistics

The basic principles of the state statistics are as follows:

- accuracy, objectivity, impartiality;
- relevance, comparability and stability;
- accessibility, transparency and openness;
- creation of a system for organization of statistical work, excluding any intervention in the order of collection, processing and generalization of statistical reports..

Article 5. State statistics agencies

State statistics agencies are the authorized state statistics agency and its agencies in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent, districts and cities.

The leader of the authorized state statistics agency is appointed by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the period of three years.

State statistics agencies are independent in a choice of data sources, statistical methods, contents, forms, time and dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state agencies and local public authorities in the state statistics activities shall not be permitted.

Funding and material-technical support of state statistics agencies shall be provided from state budget resources according to the Program of State Statistical Work. The performance of statistics-related work not included in the Program shall be paid for by the customer under a contract.

Individual subdivisions of the state statistics agencies may perform their activities on a contractual basis.

Article 6. Rights of state statistics agencies

State statistics agencies, within the limits of their powers, shall have the right:

- to perform coordination and functional regulation in the field of the state statistics;

- to approve programs of state statistical observations carried out by state statistics agencies and other state agencies, and bring the forms for departmental statistical observation into conformance;
- to request and obtain state statistical reports, administrative accounting data, and other data necessary for the conduct of state statistical observations (at any stage of their development), as well as explanations appended to the reports, from financial, customs, tax authorities, banks, other departments and services, legal persons and their representations and branches, natural persons, including individual businessmen, and use them for statistical purposes;
- to check the accuracy of the statistical data at enterprises, establishments and institutions, in cases in which violations are found, to give the instructions necessary for correcting them and make the appropriate adjustments to the statistical data;
- to conduct expert analysis of the completeness and objectivity of statistical data obtained;
- to adopt legal-and-regulatory enactments that are binding on state agencies, legal persons, their representations and branches, natural persons, including the individual businessmen who report statistics;
- to apply, in accordance with the law, penalties against persons who break the procedure of state statistical reports provision;
- to obtain the data necessary for maintaining the Uniform State Administrative Business Register from agencies that perform state registration of legal persons and individual businessmen;
- to render on a contractual basis statistical, analytical, information, publishing and other services out of the Program of State Statistical Work in the procedure established by the law;
- to conclude agreements on cooperation with statistics agencies of other states and international statistical institutions;
- to create functional subdivisions for performance of separate tasks.

State statistics agencies may have other rights according to the law.

Article 7. Duties of state statistics agencies

State statistics agencies shall be obliged:

- to ensure observance of the state statistics principles and unity of statistical methodology corresponding to international standards;
- to ensure implementation of the Program of State Statistical Work;
- to organize state statistical observations of the progress made in the implementation of state programs for the socio-economic development of the country, its regions, industries and sectors of economy;

- to organize and support the collection of state statistical reports, household statistical surveys, take censuses, conduct one-time registrations, polls, monographic samples and other surveys;
- to provide state authorities and administrative bodies with statistical and analytical information in the prescribed manner;
- to ensure the publication and provision of summary statistical data to legal and natural persons on their request on a contractual basis;
- to ensure confidentiality of individual statistical data, preservation of state secrets and trade secrets of legal persons and anonymity of data regarding natural persons;
- to ensure compatibility of the state statistics information system and its interaction with other state information systems in uniform information space of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- to perform international and inter-regional statistical comparisons;
- to maintain the Uniform State Administrative Business Register and the system of classifications necessary for the state statistics.

State statistics agencies may have other duties according to the law.

Article 8. Statistics Council

The Statistics Council is a collegial advisory body on problems associated with the development, functioning and coordination of state statistics under the authorized state statistics agency.

The Statistics Council may appoint expert commissions to examine separate matters of state statistics. Experts may be invited to meetings of the Statistical Council and the expert commissions, and representatives of ministries, state committees and departments may be heard on matters of state statistics.

The composition of the Statistical Council shall be approved by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 9. Mutual relations between state statistics agencies and other state agencies and legal persons

State statistics agencies perform statistical work in interaction with other state bodies and legal persons which are obliged to assist state statistics agencies in fulfillment of the Program of State Statistical Work. State statistics agencies permit other state agencies and legal persons to perform separate actions concerning their powers in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation.

Other state agencies and legal persons shall conduct statewide statistical observations according to the Program of State Statistical Work, as well as departmental statistical observations according to the forms coordinated with the authorized state statistics agency.

The data of departmental statistical observations shall be submitted to the authorized state statistics agency at its request.

Article 10. Program of State Statistical Work

The Program of State Statistical Work is a document containing targeted tasks for preparation of statistical information on social and economic phenomena and processes, occurring in the country, and volumes of statistical work financing.

On the basis of a study of the demand of consumers of statistical information the authorized state statistics agency shall develop the long-term Program of State Statistical Work which defines the perspective purposes and directions of state statistics.

In the aim of implementing the long-term Program of State Statistical Work the authorized state statistics agency shall develop the annual Program of State Statistical Work with determination of terms of its performance, periodicity and forms of state statistical observation.

The Program of State Statistical Work is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 11. State statistical observations

State statistical observations are regular collection of statistical data on phenomena and processes occurring in economy and society. They are conducted both on the basis of primary registration documents and by direct observations.

Programs of state statistical observations, approved by the authorized state statistics agency, shall be mandatory for state agencies and agencies of self-government of citizens, legal persons, their structural subdivisions, natural persons, including individual businessmen who report statistics.

State statistics agencies may involve legal and natural persons for performance of state statistical observations on a contractual basis.

State statistical observations may be statewide and departmental (sectoral).

When state statistical observations are being performed, legal persons shall be obliged to provide access to basic documents, and if necessary - to business premises and land in accordance with the law.

The maintenance of the record of households shall be one of the kinds of state statistical observations and shall be performed in accordance with the law.

Article 12. Uniform State Administrative Business Register

State statistics agencies shall perform maintenance of the Uniform State Administrative Business Register, as well as statistics-related registers of the objects of statistical observations, which provide registration of data accumulated in them and identification of indicators.

The Uniform State Administrative Business Register shall consist of an automated system that contains periodically updated reference data, and ensure state registration and identification of enterprises and institutions on the basis of a uniform system of classifications.

State agencies, as well as organizations under their jurisdiction, that create and keep registers and information databases on legal persons shall, free of charge, provide state statistics agencies with the information necessary for forming and maintaining the Uniform State Administrative Business Register.

Article 13. Submission of statistical data

Financial, customs, tax bodies, banks and other departments and services, as well as legal persons, their representations and branches, natural persons, including individual businessmen, shall submit state statistical reports, data of departmental records, and other data (at any stage of their development) necessary for performance of state statistical work, as well as explanations applied to them, to state statistics agencies free of charge.

The statistical data must be accurate and must be submitted in the established volumes, within the deadlines and on the forms in accordance with programs of state statistical observations.

The standards, established by the legislation, that govern primary and business accounting, financial or other reports shall be used in filling out statistical documents (record of statistical indicators).

Article 14. Use of statistical data

Statistical data shall be used for state and scientific purposes, for informing the public, ensuring rights, freedoms and lawful interests of users.

Primary statistics obtained by state statistics agencies from legal persons, their representations and branches, natural persons, including individual businessmen, shall be used for statistical purposes only for the preparation of summary statistical indicators and shall be published in summary and anonymous form. Statistics that contain the state and trade secrets shall be submitted in the manner prescribed under law.

Article 15. Settlement of disputes

Disputes in the field of state statistics shall be settled in the manner prescribed under the law.

Article 16. Liability for violation of the law on state statistics

Persons guilty of distorting state statistical reports, hiding statistical data and other violations of the law on state statistics shall incur criminal, administrative and other liability in accordance with the law.

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of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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