

OFFICIAL STATISTICS LAW

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subject

Article 1

This law provides the legal frame for the production and dissemination of official statistics and also for the organization of the system of official statistics of the Republic of Serbia.

This law shall stipulate the activities required for preliminary works, compiling, processing, storing, searching, editing, analysis and dissemination of statistical data and information, which are implemented by the bodies determined hereby as the authorized producers of official statistics, and by the appointed official statistics producers determined by other legal acts.

Definition of official statistics

Article 2

Official statistics shall provide, on impartial basis, the figures and representative data and information on mass economic, demographic and social facts, and on the phenomena of working and living environment, for all respective users: economic subjects and their associations, government bodies, authorities of autonomous provinces and local self-government units, cultural, educational and scientific institutions, and public at large.

Official statistics are envisaged to fulfill the international obligations of the Republic of Serbia regarding the production, dissemination, analysis and publishing of the official statistical data.

Protection of respondents

Article 3

Official statistics shall ensure the complete protection of the rights of respondents and statistical units.

Article 4

The expressions applied for the purpose of this law have the meanings as follows:

1. Official statistics activity is any activity that is based on this legal act or on the specific acts on census. The activities that are not based on either of these acts, i.e. on the official statistical programs and plans stipulated thereby, those activities are not considered as the official statistics activities.
2. Authorized producer of official statistics is the government body, i.e. institution in charge of compiling, creation and publishing of official statistics, according to five-year statistical program.
3. Statistical survey presents the method of systematic data collection directly from reporting units and for statistical purposes only.
4. Statistical questionnaire is a standardized document that is used in statistical surveys for the data collection from reporting units.
5. Data collection is any activity of an official statistics producer relative to direct data obtaining in statistical surveys or taking over the data from administrative sources, as well as the supply of data by the method of constant monitoring and observations, as provided hereby and by other acts that stipulate the collection of relevant data for official statistics.
6. Reporting units are legal entities or parts thereof, physical persons, households, government authorities, local self-government bodies and all other units on the territory of the Republic of Serbia that are envisaged, within statistical surveys, to provide the data for statistical purposes only.
7. Statistical unit is a methodologically precisely defined whole for data collection and it is defined so to provide possible data collection from reporting units and the holders of administrative sources, as well as to ensure aggregation in data processing.
8. Identification code (identifier) is the name, address or officially assigned identification number that facilitates direct recognition of certain reporting or statistical unit.
9. Statistical data (results) present official statistical information on the relevant economic, demographic and social mass phenomena and also on the facts of work and living environment.
10. Dissemination comprise the activities that official statistics producers undertake in order to present the results of official statistics, make them available to users and provide for them information on the methods and sources that make the basis of official data.
11. Statistical registers are systematic lists of reporting or statistical units, with selected features, which are regularly updated and used for statistical purposes only, as envisaged by this law.

12. Administrative data sources are the sets of data that are maintained, as envisaged by specific legal acts, by certain administrative authorities and that may be used for practicing rights and fulfilling obligations of legal entities and physical persons.
13. Aggregates are sets of observation units, and aggregated data are the summed data on the numeral values of these sets and the features of observation units.

Basic principles of official statistics

Article 5

Official statistics are based on common standards, official definitions and basic principles, meaning the following:

1. Principle of relevance means that statistics shall meet the clearly defined requirements of information, in accordance with the objectives of official statistics. Official statistics shall regularly check the adequacy of statistical data and timely determine the new demands of users for certain types of data.
2. Principle of impartiality anticipates the objective way of stipulating the definitions, the methods of data collection and processing, and to the dissemination of statistics. Statistical data shall be protected from unprofessional influence of any kind.
3. Principle of reliability means that the activities and methods of statistics' collection, processing and dissemination shall be harmonized with the valid professional standards, scientific methods and principles of professional ethics, in order that statistical data may as truly and exactly as possible reflect the phenomena observed.
4. Principle of timeliness means that the time intervals between data collection, processing, dissemination and availability shall be minimal and that statistical registers and databases shall be regularly updated.
5. Principle of professional independence means that the decisions on the definitions, methods of collection, processing and dissemination of official statistics are exclusively in charge of the producers of official statistics.
6. Principle of cost effectiveness envisages that the available resources are used in an optimal economical way and that the burden for reporting units is minimized; and that workload and costs of collecting statistics should correspond to the importance of data.
7. Principle of consistency anticipates that official statistics should be consistent in contents, terms and time of release and also to be harmonized with the international concepts, nomenclatures, classifications, definitions and methods, in order to achieve their possible comparability.

8. Principle of availability and accessibility means that all official statistics – both processed and unprocessed data, as well as the information on the applied methods and sources of data that authorized producers of official statistics use – they are all available to public and simultaneously accessible to all users.
9. Principle of confidentiality refers to the protection of data relative to individual statistical units, regardless the fact whether they are collected directly through statistical surveys or obtained indirectly, from administrative or other sources. Essentially that is to say that authorized official statistics' producers are entitled to use individual data for statistical purposes only. The principle of statistical confidentiality does not apply to the data of government authorities as statistical units. Pursuant to this principle statistical data may not be used as the grounds for practicing rights of or imposing obligations to reporting units.
10. Principle of using individual data for statistical purposes only means that the data obtained through statistical activities that are subject to the provisions of statistical confidentiality may be used exclusively in accordance with this law and the special law stipulating the protection of individual data, i.e. confidentiality.

II. ORGANIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

Authorized producers of official statistics

Article 6

The system of official statistics of the Republic of Serbia includes, as authorized producers of official statistics, the following agents:

- 1) Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia
- 2) National Bank of Serbia
- 3) City administration of Belgrade, for the territory of the City of Belgrade
- 4) Other authorized producers of official statistics, listed in the five-year statistical program.

Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

Article 7

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: 'Office') is a separate organization that have the charge of statistical activities, based on the five-year statistical program and on annual implementation plans.

To perform statistical activities, the Office shall establish internal organizational units outside the Office's headquarters.

The Office is the main producer and disseminator of official statistics, as well as the authorized professional agent, organizer and coordinator of the system of official statistics of the Republic of Serbia and it represents the Serbian official statistics in the international statistical system.

Operations of the Office

Article 8

Within the system of official statistics, the Office shall conduct the following activities:

1. As the main agent within the system, the Office is solely responsible for: production and dissemination of national accounts; conduct of census; conduct of household surveys; implementation of surveys in economy and agriculture and for inception and keeping of statistical registers, with the exception of certain surveys of the financial sector.
2. As the organizer and coordinator of official statistics, the Office prepares five-year statistical program and annual implementation plans; creates methodology for the surveys and sets the standards for the overall official statistics (classifications, nomenclatures, definitions, principles etc., if not provided otherwise for certain areas); takes decisions on proclaiming official results and on the terminology used when releasing results; sets implementation standards for all authorized producers of official statistics

starting from basic principles and cooperates with other authorized producers when applying their data; cooperates with other authorized producers of statistics regarding statistical surveys they conduct and approves sampling methodologies; creates and maintains databases resulting from official statistics (except the database of the National Bank of Serbia); produces annual statistical yearbook that covers all relevant areas; provides consulting and guidelines to users on the availability of the results within the whole statistical system; conducts dissemination of official statistical data of the Republic of Serbia to international organizations; takes part in international statistical activities; participates in statistical education and staff training both on national and international levels; carries out activities based on foreign donations aimed at improving data production process and capacity of the official statistical system; and within its capacities, gets involved in providing professional assistance to the official statistics of other countries.

3. The Office is otherwise active as envisaged by five-year statistical program, by annual implementation plans and by other legal acts that are based on this law or on special legal acts stipulating the issues of census.
4. The Office shall publish all methodologies of official statistical surveys (printed form or as internet presentation), and the methodology of certain statistical surveys in the Official gazette of the Republic of Serbia.

Administrative sources

Article 9

The Office shall participate in all activities related to the establishment of new or to the change of existing administrative data sources, or in the activities relative to the sources based on constant monitoring and observation and that are also relevant for official statistics.

Protection of official statistics' professional credibility

Article 10

The Director of the Office is obliged to protect the professional credibility of official statistics from all kinds of unprofessional influence.

Financial funds

Article 11

The funds for financing the activities of the Office shall be provided from the Budget of the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with the approved financial plan.

The revenues obtained through the engagements in data processing on special requests, introducing supplementary procedures and conducting specific operations, or extra dissemination of statistical data are subject to special financial reporting and could be used for: development of methodological and IT solutions, as an incentive to analytical work and for staff education and training.

The funds gained through the statistical activities described in paragraph 2 hereof shall be used to settle the liabilities and costs incurred through the implementation of these activities.

Donations could also be used as a source of funding the Office activities.

National Bank of Serbia

Article 12

The National Bank of Serbia performs the activities of official statistics, according to the provisions of this law and other legal acts.

The National Bank of Serbia sets the standards for the official statistics within the scope of its appointed functions.

The Office and the National Bank of Serbia could execute the agreement to determine their relations regarding statistical activities taken pursuant to this law.

III. STATISTICAL COUNCIL

Council status and role

Article 13

The Statistical Council of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter: Council) is an integral part of the system of official statistics and it is in charge of the strategic issues of official statistics.

The major role of the Council shall be to endeavor to meet the needs of the widest range of users and to protect fully the rights of data providers.

The Council shall determine the list of the other authorized producers of official statistics.

Charges of Council

Article 14

The Council will render professional opinion and take part in monitoring the implementation of the proposals related to the following issues:

- Strategy for development of official statistics;
- Five-year statistical program and its amendments and supplements, and draft reports on its implementation;
- Demands for census conduction, revision of major statistical surveys, infrastructure projects, and financial sources for their implementation as well;
- Standards and guidelines for the implementation of the basic principles of official statistics;
- Draft laws and other legal acts relative to the authorized producers or to the activities of official statistics;
- Cases when the bodies supervising administrative data sources fail to act in accordance with the provisions of this law;
- Development and promotion of the official statistics' system, international statistical cooperation, and cooperation with universities and scientific institutions;
- Other issues of importance for the functioning of official statistics.

Membership and appointments of Council

Article 15

The Council shall consist of seventeen members.

The Director of the Office is member of the Council by its position.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of finance, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of economy and regional development, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of trade and services, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of labor, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of mining and energy, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of environmental protection, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of health, following the proposal by the Minister.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the formations of the Ministry of youth and sport, following the proposal by the Minister.

Two members of the Council shall be appointed from the staff of the National Bank of Serbia, on the proposal by the Governor of the National Bank of Serbia.

One member of the Council shall be appointed from the staff of the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, on the proposal by the Chamber's president.

Three members of the Council shall be appointed from the professionals of scientific-research and educational institutions, on the proposal by the Minister of science and the Minister of education.

One member of the Council shall be appointed following the proposal by the Statistical Society of Serbia.

The Director of the Office shall initiate the procedure of appointment of the Council's members.

Organization and work of the Council

Article 16

The organization and work of the Council are stipulated precisely by the internal regulations.

Council funds

Article 17

The financial funds required for the Council's operations shall be provided from the funds that shall be transferable to the Office position pursuant to the Act on Budget of the Republic of Serbia.

IV. PROGRAM AND PLAN OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Objective and adoption

Article 18

The activities of official statistics are based on five-year statistical program (hereinafter: Program) and on annual implementation plans (hereinafter: Plan).

The National Assembly shall pass the Program and the Government shall pass the Plan. These documents shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.

Program subjects

Article 19

The Program shall include:

1. Development strategy for official statistics to be applied in the Republic of Serbia for a five-year period;
2. List of the expected results of official statistics by areas, data on period of their release and level of harmonization with international standards;
3. Review of the most important infrastructure and development activities that defy categorization;
4. Statistics' producer in charge and
5. Information on expected problems.

Plan subjects

Article 20

The Plan shall contain:

1. Detailed elaboration of the Program;
2. List of statistical surveys that shall be conducted, including the information on whether they are compulsory or not;
3. List of administrative sources and list of data obtained by constant monitoring and observation method that are used in official statistics;
4. Development activities defined in the Program.

Program and Plan execution and selection of data sources

Article 21

The Office shall prepare the Program and the Plan in consultation with other authorized producers of official statistics, proprietors of other data and users.

In cooperation with other authorized producers of official statistics, the Office shall make decisions on data sources selection, observing data quality, timeliness, respondents' burden, and cost-effectiveness.

Statistical Censuses

Article 22

The issue of censuses shall be stipulated by special acts and censuses shall be financed from the Budget of the Republic of Serbia.

The specified census activities shall be included in the Program and the Plan.

Program reporting

Article 23

When the last year envisaged for the Program implementation expires, the Office shall prepare the report on the Program accomplishment for the Government consideration and decision. Afterwards the Government shall pass the report to the National Assembly.

Chapter V. DATA COLLECTION

Administrative data sources and burden on respondents

Article 24

If administrative data sources are available, statistical survey shall not be undertaken.

When conducting statistical survey, the burden on respondents shall be considered.

Informing reporting units

Article 25

Before starting data collection, every reporting unit shall be informed on the following:

1. Legal grounds for conducting survey;
2. Objective of survey;
3. Compulsory or non-compulsory responding;
4. The official statistics producer in charge;
5. Obligation of data protection.

Data reliability

Article 26

Reporting units are obliged to supply, free of charge and while observing the deadlines set out in the Plan, the accurate, complete and updated data as determined by the authorized producer of official statistics.

Reporting units are obliged to provide possible checkup of the data as defined in Paragraph 1 hereof.

In case the data provided by reporting units turn out not to be complete and updated, reporting units shall revise or amend these data pursuant to the set guidelines and the deadlines.

Authorization to collect and control data

Article 27

Director of the Office, or appointed representative of some other authorized producer of official statistics, shall issue written authorization to interviewers, estimators, controllers and instructors, who were assigned to execute direct data collection and quality control.

Pilot surveys

Article 28

In case of necessity to evaluate methodology or quality of data to be collected through statistical surveys, the Office, the National Bank of Serbia and other authorized producers of official statistics may undertake pilot surveys without including them in the Program as special entries.

The data collected through pilot surveys as defined in Paragraph 1 hereof shall not be used for the production of official statistics.

Cooperation and consulting obligations

Article 29

Other authorized producers of official statistics shall be obliged to cooperate with the Office on the methodology of statistical surveys that are envisaged by annual implementation plans, and when required, they consult the Office on the methodology and databases that they determine.

In case of disagreement between the authorized producers of official statistics and the Office in relation to the issues as described in paragraph 1 hereof, the Office shall be obliged to advise respectively the Government, in writing and within 30 days after the disagreement was stated.

Right to access individual data of other authorized producers of official statistics

Article 30

The Office shall have the right to access individual data resulting from the surveys of other authorized producers of official statistics, in case these data are essential for conducting the activities of official statistics or for the evaluation of data quality.

The right to access individual data resulting from the surveys of the National Bank of Serbia shall be granted with prior written consent by the Governor of the National Bank of Serbia.

Right to access administrative data sources

Article 31

The Office shall have the right to access all administrative data sources in charge of government authorities, including identification codes, if necessary, as well as the right to access the data collected by constant monitoring and observation method, unless their statistical use is explicitly prohibited by law.

The holders of administrative data sources and of data collected by constant monitoring and observation method are obliged to forward the data to the Office in accordance with the adopted Plan and in a way as agreed that shall entail no extra costs for the data holders, except in cases when these data are subject to special processing.

Chapter VI. DATA PROCESSING AND STORAGE

Identification code removal

Article 32

After having processed the collected data, the authorized producers of official statistics shall be obliged to remove the identification codes of reporting and statistical units.

The authorized producers of official statistics shall destroy questionnaires or other documents containing individual data obtained through statistical surveys, upon completion of data entry, coding and processing, and in accordance with respective regulations on filing procedure.

Filing, archives and files protection shall be conducted in accordance with the respective legal regulations.

Harmonization with official statistical standards

Article 33

The Office shall have the right to modify the data obtained in statistical surveys and from administrative or other sources, in order to adjust them with applicable definitions, classifications and other standards of the system of official statistics and international statistics' practice.

Statistical data storage

Article 34

The authorized producers of official statistics are obliged to file and store without identifiers the data in electronic form, which are coded at statistical unit level, for a minimum period of ten years, unless otherwise envisaged by special act.

Upon expiration of the period set in Paragraph 1 hereof, the data shall be transferred, as provided by law, to the Archive authority, together with the required documents attached.

Regulation on data storage

Article 35

In accordance with the standards applicable, the Director of the Office i.e. an appointed representative of another authorized producer of official statistics shall issue the regulations stipulating the methods and techniques of data storage and organization, in order to prevent destruction, misuse, theft, or illegal access to the data at disposal with an authorized producer of official statistics as provided hereby.

In accordance with the standards applicable, the Director of the Office or an appointed representative of another authorized producer of official statistics shall issue special regulations on the methods of using official statistics at disposal with an authorized producer of official statistics as provided hereby.

Classifications and other official statistical standards

Article 36

The Director of the Office, with the obtained statement from the Council, shall issue the act to decide on the classifications, nomenclatures and other major standards that all authorized producers of official statistics, listed in the Program, shall apply.

Chapter VII. STATISTICAL REGISTERS

Statistical registers

Article 37

The Statistical Office shall create, develop and maintain the following registers:

- Statistical business register;
- Statistical register of agricultural households.

The Director of the Office shall pass the regulations to define in more detail the issues related to the creation, development, maintaining and usage of statistical registers.

Keeping and usage of statistical registers

Article 38

The Office shall use data from administrative sources, censuses, statistical surveys, as well as other data obtained by the constant monitoring and observation method, for the purpose of creation, development and keeping of statistical registers.

The data of statistical registers shall be used for statistical purposes only.

Chapter VIII. DISSEMINATION

Terms of official statistics dissemination

Article 39

The authorized producers of official statistics shall conduct the dissemination of data in accordance with the conditions and up to the level specified in the Plan.

The data of official statistics as in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be at the same time equally available to all users.

Calendar of data publishing

Article 40

The authorized producers of official statistics shall keep an updated and publicly available dissemination calendar.

Any deviation from the time schedule determined by the calendar shall be announced and clarified in public.

Statistical databases

Article 41

The authorized producers of official statistics shall develop and keep publicly available databases that are the results of official statistics.

Interpretation of official statistics

Article 42

The authorized producers of official statistics are obliged to offer professional interpretation and assessment of the data they produce and disseminate.

All information about the sources and methodology applied shall be available to the public, while the major methodological principles shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.

No data or information of official statistics shall be used without quoting the source.

Processing on special request

Article 43

On users' request and on their behalf, the authorized producers of official statistics may provide the data and information obtained by (special) processing otherwise than envisaged by the Program and the Plan.

The data and information as described in Paragraph 1 of this Article are subject to the provisions of confidentiality, even though they are not regarded as the data of official statistics.

Chapter IX. CONFIDENTIALITY

Data confidentiality

Article 44

The provisions of confidentiality shall be applied from the moment a reporting unit forwards the data to the authorized producers of official statistics.

The provisions of this Chapter are also applicable to the data collected from other sources for the purpose of official statistics, from the moment these data are put at disposal of the authorized producers of official statistics.

Preclusion from identifying reporting units

Article 45

The data collected, processed and stored for the purpose of official statistics shall be considered as confidential when a physical person or a legal entity could be identified, directly or indirectly, by name (title), address or identification number.

The authorized producers of official statistics shall use all means to preclude any possible, direct or indirect, individual identification of a reporting unit.

Confidential data may be used for statistical purposes only. Therefore, the authorities of the republic government, the autonomous provinces' government, the local government and other public authorities may not use the data and information compiled as official statistics for the purpose of defining the rights and obligations of a reporting unit.

The following information shall not be regarded as confidential:

1. Number and structure of the hired and permanently employed with legal and physical persons, not including their personal data;
2. Production range, i.e. products manufactured, processed, forwarded, stored, purchased and sold by an entrepreneur, enterprise, i.e. other organization and institution, as well as all services rendered to public or enterprises, i.e. other organizations or institutions;
3. Data on damage or environmental effects caused by the activities of an entrepreneur, enterprise, i.e. other organization or institution;
4. Data that an interested legal or physical person approved in written for publication.

Confidential data protection

Article 46

The authorized producers of official statistics are obliged to take all relevant administrative, technical and organizational measures required to protect confidential data from illegal access, disclosure or use.

In a special set of regulations or other legal act, the authorized producers of official statistics shall define in more details the measures and procedures of data confidentiality protection, in accordance with this law.

Restriction of access to confidential data

Article 47

Access to confidential data shall be restricted to the persons that in line of their duty produce official statistics and to the extent to which these data are required for the production of official statistics.

The persons who in line of their duty have access to confidential data are under obligation to conform to the provisions of this law, even upon cessation of their term of office with statistical authorities.

Individual data excluding identification codes

Article 48

Upon written request, the Office and other authorized producers of official statistics may supply individual data without identifiers to scientific and research institutions.

In their written request as mentioned in Paragraph 1 hereof, the inquiring institution shall clearly indicate the purpose that the individual statistical data shall be used for.

The use of statistical data as in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be stipulated by a special contract, obliging the user to use these data solely for the purpose indicated in the request, as well as not to allow the access to the data to unauthorized persons and to destroy them after use.

The authorized producers of official statistics shall keep the records of users defined in Paragraph 1 of this Article and of the purpose for which the data have been provided.

Dissemination rules for small aggregates data

Article 49

Upon obtaining written consent by economic units, the Director of the Office may publish the data on small aggregates of those units.

Chapter X. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Cooperation with international organizations

Article 50

The Office shall maintain the cooperation with international statistical organizations.

Coordination role

Article 51

Within the system of official statistics of the Republic of Serbia, the Office shall have a coordination role in international statistical cooperation.

Chapter XI. PENALTY PROVISIONS

Article 52

In the event of offence, an amount between RSD 150000 and 450000 shall be set as penalty for respondent – enterprise, institution, cooperative or other legal entity, if for the purpose of official statistical surveys they fail to timely supply requested data to authorized producer of official statistics, or if they supply incomplete or incorrect data, or obstruct the control that the data requested are supplied accurate, complete and updated (Article 26).

In the event of offence, an amount between RSD 10000 and 50000 shall be set as penalty also for the person in charge (person responsible) of enterprise, institution, cooperative or other legal entity.

Article 53

In the event of offence, an amount between RSD 50000 and 100000 shall be set as penalty for:

1. Authorized producer of official statistics in case they fail to stipulate in a special act the measures and procedures to secure the confidentiality of data (Article 26, paragraph 2):
2. Authorized producer of official statistics if they fail to inform reporting units on whether they are obliged or not to respond and provide data (Article 25, Paragraph 1, Point 3).

In the event of offence as in Paragraph 1, Points 1 and 2, an amount between RSD 10000 and 50000 shall be set as penalty for the person in charge (person responsible) of an authorized producer of official statistics.

Article 54

In the event of offence, an amount between RSD 10000 and 50000 shall be set as penalty for physical person, if for the purpose of official statistical surveys they fail to timely supply requested data to authorized producer of official statistics, or if they supply incomplete or incorrect data, or obstruct the control that the data requested are supplied accurate, complete and updated (Article 26).

Chapter XII. TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Deadline for Council establishment

Article 55

The Government will take decision on the Council establishment and appointment of members within 60 days upon this law coming into force.

By-acts

Article 56

The respective by-acts on the implementation of this law shall be passed within one year after this law having come into force.

Program and Plan

Article 57

The National Assembly shall pass the Program as described in Article 18 hereof within one year after this law having come into force, and the Government shall pass the Plan within 60 days after the Program has been passed.

Terminated Law on statistical surveys

Article 58

On the day this law has come into force, the Law on statistical surveys (Official Gazette of RS, no. 83/92, 53/93, 67/93, 48/94 and 101/05) and the Law on the system of statistical surveys (Official Gazette of FRY, no 80/94 and 28/96) shall be repealed and rendered null and void.

The by-acts passed pursuant to the laws stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be applied until the respective by-acts are passed pursuant to this law, provided these by-acts are not contrary to the provisions of this law.

Coming into force

Article 59

This law shall come into force on the eighth day upon its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.