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NATIONAL STATISTICS ACT **(unofficial consolidated text no.1)¹**

I. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL STATISTICS

Article 1

National statistics is a professionally independent activity of implementing the programme of statistical surveys.

National statistics shall make available to authorities and organisations of public administration, economic entities and to the general public (hereinafter: users) the data on the status and trends in the economic, demographic and social fields, as well as in the field of environment and natural resources.

National statistics shall provide for fulfilment of the international obligations of the Republic of Slovenia by transmitting and exchanging statistics with other states and international organizations.

Article 2

National statistics shall be implemented on the principles of neutrality, objectivity, professional independence, rationality, statistical confidentiality and transparency. Statistics shall be obtained and submitted on the basis of the use of scientifically recognised and professionally appropriate methods.

Institutions that carry out activities of national statistics should separate them clearly from their other activities.

II. ORGANIZATION AND STATUS OF PERFORMING ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL STATISTICS

1. Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, authorized producers of national statistics and their functions

Article 3

The basic tasks in performing activities of national statistics shall be implemented by the

¹ The unofficial consolidated text of the National Statistics Act contains the following:

- National Statistics Act (Uradni list RS, No 45/1995) and
- Act amending the National Statistics Act (Uradni list RS, No 9/2001).

Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: the Office), with the assistance of the by-the-programme authorized performers of the programme of statistical surveys (hereinafter: authorized producers), by reporting units and by obtaining statistics from official and other administrative data collections.

The Office shall be a professionally independent government office with the status as it is defined by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act and by this Act.

Article 4

According to this Act, the reporting units shall be holders of official and other administrative data collections (records, registers, databases, etc.), and also natural and legal persons that are defined by the programme of statistical surveys as data providers.

According to this Act, official collections shall be data collections, established by regulations or general acts of public power holders, on the basis of which certificates and public documents shall be issued.

According to this Act, the administrative collections shall be other data collections, which are kept and maintained by the holders under the previous paragraph hereof.

Article 5

In compliance with this Act, the programme of statistical surveys shall also determine the data to be supplied to the Office voluntarily and by discretion of reporting units.

In collecting data for which the obligation to report was not laid down, such reporting shall be subject to consent of the reporting unit. In these cases the reporting unit must be acquainted with the basic character of the statistical survey, with the deadline of statistical data processing, as well as with the right to refuse co-operation for whatever reason and at any stage of carrying out the statistical survey.

An individual who voluntarily participated in the statistical survey may later revoke his/her consent and decline further co-operation, however, only prior to the end of the processing of statistical data.

Article 6

The Office shall ensure to the users that the conditions for regular interpretation of collected and processed data are fulfilled. It shall also respond in the events of unintentional or deliberate wrongful use of statistics, which could influence the public opinion.

Article 7

The professional tasks performed by the Office within the framework of its basic functions shall be:

- development tasks of national statistics;
- analyzing of statistics and interpretation of the results of statistical surveys;

- fulfilment of the international obligations of national statistics;
- establishing public need for data in co-operation with the Statistical Council of the Republic of Slovenia and Statistical Advisory Committees;
- determination of methodological bases of statistical surveys and the harmonization thereof with the international standards, in cooperation with the Statistical Council of the Republic of Slovenia;
- collecting and processing of data;
- offering expert advice to reporting units;
- storing, transmission and dissemination of the results of statistical surveys;
- co-operating with other authorities and organisations of public administration and providing preliminary opinions to these institutions, when they introduce new statistical surveys or establish records which can be a data source for national statistics;
- provide initiatives and proposals for supplementing the contents of existing records and statistical surveys, which are carried out by other authorities and organisations of public administration in their own fields of work;
- preparing statistical projections/forecasts and tendencies;
- setting up, keeping and maintaining of statistical data collections;
- supervising the fulfilment of obligations of the reporting units with regard to the statistical surveys, for which the obligation of reporting to national statistics has been laid down by this Act;
- developing methods and techniques for data protection;
- developing methods and techniques for dissemination of the results of statistical surveys;
- performing special services for users;
- other tasks as defined by law.

2. Head of the Office

Article 8

The Office shall be headed and represented by the Director-General of the Office.

The Director-General of the Office shall be appointed by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: the Government) for the period of five years. He/she can be reappointed to the same function.

Article 9

The Office shall have a Deputy Director-General who substitutes for the Director-General in case of his/her absence or restraint. The Deputy Director-General shall substitute for the Director-General with rights transferred to him/her by the Director-General.

Upon the proposal of the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General shall be appointed by the Government for the period of five years.

Article 10

The function of the Director-General shall cease in the event of his/her resignation or discharge from office.

The Director-General shall have the right to resign, but he/she must notify the Prime Minister about his/her resignation. The Director-General of the Office shall have the right to explain to the Government the grounds for his/her resignation.

The Director-General may be prematurely discharged from office, if the Government establishes that important disturbances in the operation of the Office have occurred, due to inadequate organizational solutions.

Article 11

Nobody shall be entitled to give to the Director-General of the Office binding instructions regarding the professional and methodological issues related to operations of national statistics, in particular in relation to the:

- contents of methodological bases and methodologies of statistical surveys;
- extent and kind of data which shall be collected, processed and disseminated on the basis of the programme of statistical surveys;
- preliminary dissemination of the results of the performed statistical surveys.

3. Statistical Council of the Republic of Slovenia

Article 12

The Statistical Council of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: the Council) shall be established by this Act, acting as a professional methodological advisory body for strategic and developmental questions of national statistics.

Article 13

The tasks performed by the Council shall be:

- to discuss starting points and guidelines for the programme of statistical surveys and discussions on the report on the implementation of the stated programme;

- to discuss the contents of the programme of statistical surveys, whereas initiative is given on the appropriate amendments to the programme;
- to discuss proposals of acts and other regulations from the field of national statistics;
- to propose the methodological bases for statistical surveys of national importance;
- to propose rationalisation and modernization of national statistics;
- to provide initiatives and proposals for international statistical co-operation;
- to propose classifications which shall be used as national standards.

Article 14

The members of the Council shall be: three representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, one representative of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia, two representatives of the Government, one representative of the Bank of Slovenia, one representative of employers and one of employees, one representative of the judiciary, two recognised experts from the field of statistics and two representatives of the Office.

Members of the Council shall be appointed by the institutions stated in paragraph 1 of this Article. One representative of employers and one representative of employees shall be appointed by the Economic and Social Council of the Government, whereas two recognised experts from the field of statistics shall be appointed by the Statistical Society of Slovenia as a professional organisation of the civil society.

Members of the Council shall elect one of them to act as the President of the Council. The Director-General of the Office cannot be President of the Council.

The mandate of the members of the Council shall be four years.

Article 15

Statistical Advisory Committees for individual fields of national statistics shall be established by the Office. Statistical Advisory Committees shall be formulated for wider fields of work defined under the programme of statistical surveys.

Members of the Statistical Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the heads of the institutions, upon the request of the Office. The Council and the Statistical Advisory Committee may set up special working groups to perform individual tasks in the field of operation of their work scope.

Article 16

The Council shall operate according to the Rules of Procedure, which shall be adopted at its first session.

Rules of Procedure under the previous paragraph may also govern relations between the Council and the Statistical Advisory Committees.

The Office shall provide for administrative and technical assistance, required in view of operations of the Council and the Statistical Advisory Committees.

4. Income, expenses and funds of the Office

Article 17

The Office shall perform for the Government and other users of statistics all professional statistical and record-keeping tasks defined by law and by the programme of statistical surveys.

Article 18

Activities or functions of the Office shall be financed from the national budget in accordance with the approved annual financial plan.

As a professionally independent government office, the Office is directly involved in the phase of preparation and harmonization of the national budget.

Article 19

The Office and authorized producers shall disseminate and publish those statistics that are defined in this programme.

The Office shall establish a non-profit tariff for disseminating statistics. The tariff shall be approved by the Government.

Article 20

If a user of statistics demands additional procedures or processing of statistical data or the data that vary in form from the one established by the programme of statistical surveys, the Office and authorized producers may transmit the requested statistical data in such a form.

The expenses arising as a result of additional procedures or processing shall be covered by the user of such statistical data.

5. Legal acts

Article 21

The Director-General of the Office may issue professional instructions for the implementation of professional and other tasks in the field of national statistics.

The professional instruction shall define actions necessary for the fulfilment of the prescribed obligations of reporting units laid down by law or by the programme of statistical surveys.

Article 22

Within his/her competence, the Director-General of the Office shall take decisions on

administrative and other individual matters of internal work organization.

III. PROGRAMME OF STATISTICAL SURVEYS

Article 22 (a)

The programme of statistical surveys is an act describing statistical requirements at national and international level.

Article 23

Statistical surveys under the terms of this Act cover collection, processing, storing, analysing and disseminating data on important mass phenomena in the economic, demographic and social fields and in the field of protection of the environment and natural resources.

The programme of statistical surveys shall be carried out by the Office, in cooperation with the authorized producers.

Article 23 (a)

Programmes of statistical surveys are medium-term and annual ones.

Article 23 (b)

The medium-term programme of statistical surveys shall be adopted by the Government for a 5-year period of validity and shall be published in the Uradni list Republike Slovenije.

The proposal of the medium-term programme of statistical surveys shall be prepared by the Office in cooperation with the authorized producers.

The medium-term programme of statistical surveys shall determine the adequate statistical coverage of national and international policies and the priorities, approaches, main fields and objectives of the activities performed by national statistics.

Article 23 (c)

The annual programme of statistical surveys shall be determined by the Head of Office in consent with the authorized producers and shall be published in the Uradni list Republike Slovenije.

In case the Office and authorized producers do not reach consent, the Head of Office must inform the Government on the disputed matter and demand a solution. In case consent is not reached with the Bank of Slovenia, the Government hereof shall inform the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 24

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Article 25

In cooperation with authorized producers, the Office shall prepare a report on the implementation of the annual programme of statistical surveys and shall submit it to the Council until 30 April of the current year for the previous year.

In the third year of implementation of the medium-term programme of statistical surveys, the Office shall prepare an interim report on the implementation of this programme and shall submit it to the Council. At the end of the period covered by the medium-term programme of statistical surveys, the Office, in cooperation with the authorized producers, shall prepare a final report and within one year the latter shall be submitted to the Government.

Article 26

More extensive occasional statistical surveys in Slovenia, which shall not be implemented within the framework of the programme of statistical surveys (censuses, surveys, etc.), shall be governed by special laws.

IV. METHODOLOGICAL BASES OF STATISTICAL SURVEYS

Article 27

The Office, in co-operation with the Council, shall determine the methodological bases for the implementation of the statistical surveys, as laid down by the programme of statistical surveys.

The methodological bases from the previous paragraph shall be the:

- selection of statistical units;
- obligatory contents of statistical surveys;
- definitions, nomenclatures or classifications on the basis of which statistical surveys are carried out;
- structure and level of aggregation of disseminated data as a result of statistical surveys;
- obligatory or voluntary reporting.

Article 28

Administrative and other national authorities, public servants and holders of public offices, as well as authorized producers which collect statistics in their own fields of work and who are not included in the programme of statistical surveys shall define the methodological bases of their own statistical surveys after having obtained prior opinion of the Office.

The entities under the previous paragraph must notify the Office and ask for the opinion of the Office prior to setting up new or amending existing official or administrative data collections (records, registers, databases, etc.), kept in their own fields of work, unless otherwise laid down by law.

Article 29

The Office shall deliver its opinion under the previous Article within 30 days of the receipt of such notification.

If the Office fails to deliver its opinion within the time limit defined in the previous paragraph, it shall be deemed that the methodological basis of statistical survey has been laid down and is appropriate.

Article 30

The methodological bases for implementation of individual statistical surveys of national importance shall be published in the Uradni list Republike Slovenije.

Article 31

The classifications to be used as national standards shall be laid down by Government decrees.

V. REGISTERS

Article 32

For the purpose of rational implementation of the activities of the national statistics, the Office and other authorized producers make use of identifiable individual data from various official and other administrative data collections of the public and private sectors (records, registers, databases, etc.) which are kept on the basis of law or written consent of the individual. In compliance with law, register holders must, free of charge, submit to the Office and to authorized producers all the requested information.

The conditions of collecting, using, and linking personal data from different personal data collections shall be established by the act governing the protection of personal data, or respectively, the protection of the individual's information privacy.

Article 33

By linking data from official and administrative data collections with data collected under the programme of statistical surveys, the Office shall create, keep and maintain its own statistical registers.

The Office may not transmit data from the statistical registers under the previous paragraph to users in such a way which enables the identification of the reporting unit involved. Data from these registers may be used for statistical purposes only.

Under this Act the statistical purpose shall be to provide for and disseminate aggregated data on mass phenomena.

VI. DATA COLLECTION

Article 34

In order to implement the programme of statistical surveys, the Office shall have the right to collect data from all existing sources.

In keeping and maintaining the data collections, reporting units under paragraph 1 of Article 4 hereof must make use of valid standards.

When collecting data, the Office and authorized producers must ensure that the reporting units are acquainted with the:

- purpose, extent and mode of data collecting;
- obligation of reporting or not;
- rights and obligations of data collecting persons;
- meaning and contents of registry identifiers and other identification numbers;
- confidentiality of collected data, which are used for statistical purposes only;
- possibility of obtaining additional information, by the Office or authorized producer, related to the purpose and contents of the statistical survey in which the reporting unit co-operates.

The Office may collect data on reporting units also by using the methods and technical means of remote sensing and other means and methods of long distance data collecting.

In case of using the methods under the previous paragraph, when the reporting unit is not informed about such data collecting, the Office shall be allowed to link the collected data with identification data of the reporting unit.

Dissemination of data, by the Office to the users, under first and second paragraph hereof shall be carried out in such a way that the reporting unit involved cannot be identified. The Office may use such data for creating samples and for statistical analysis only in such a way that the reporting units involved cannot be identified.

Article 35

Reporting units which are bound to report in accordance with law and the programme of statistical surveys must transmit complete and correct data to the Office and authorized producers free of charge, at the proper time and in the prescribed manner.

The obligation of reporting units under the previous paragraph shall continue as long as they perform the activity or until the obligation to report has been abrogated.

Article 36

If the transmitted data are incorrect or incomplete, the reporting units must correct and complete them in accordance with instructions of the Office or authorized producer.

Article 37

Statistical instruments for data collecting must include:

- name of the body or organization which collects the data in accordance with the programme of statistical surveys;
- legal basis for carrying out the statistical survey;
- whether reporting is obligatory or voluntary;
- name and description of the content of statistical survey.

The statistical instruments under this Act are forms, questionnaires, diskettes, magnetic tapes, and other media for data transfer.

VII. DATA PROCESSING AND STORING

Article 38

The Office and authorized producers shall process collected data within time limits which shall be defined by the programme of statistical surveys, in accordance with scientific findings on sources, methods and procedures and by contemporary means for the automatic data processing.

Article 39

The Office and authorized producers shall store data collected through the programme of statistical surveys in accordance with standards and in a contemporary manner which enables their transmission and dissemination in a predetermined form.

The Office and authorized producers shall store data collected through the programme of statistical surveys and use them in a form in which it is possible to identify the reporting unit involved for no more than fifty years after the final data processing, unless otherwise provided by law. The Office and authorized producers may store data after the expiration of the established time limit in such a way that the reporting unit involved cannot be identified, unless otherwise provided by law.

The Office may store collected personal data up to the maximum of 50 years after having accomplished the processing of statistical survey.

After the expiration of the term under the previous paragraph, the data may be archived. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia shall decide on subsequent usage of such data.

The Director-General of the Office or the head of the authorized producer shall define in detail technical and organizational procedures for storing the collected data.

The Office must store the collected statistical data separate from identifiable personal data related to the individual involved. The Office must destroy identification personal data immediately after they are no longer needed for statistical purposes, but not later than in term which is laid down under paragraph 2 hereof, unless otherwise provided by law.

VIII. PROTECTION, USE AND DISSEMINATION OF DATA

1. Data protection

Article 40

Personal data collections, which are kept by the Office or authorized producer, may comprise only those personal data which are laid down in the programme of statistical surveys, if collecting, processing, storing, using and transmitting personal data has not been specified by law.

Classification of personal data referred to in the previous paragraph in individual data collections, and names of these data collections shall be defined by the methodology of management of individual data collections, unless otherwise provided by law.

Article 41

The protection of data collected through the programme of statistical surveys involving personal, family and property relations of natural persons shall be defined by the act governing the protection of personal data, or respectively, the protection of the individual's information privacy.

For the purpose of conducting surveys, the Office may transmit to registered scientific research organizations and registered individual researchers only the following personal data: first name and family name of an individual, his/her place of residence, year of birth, sex and occupation.

Article 42

The security of data collected through the programme of statistical surveys shall include technical and organizational measures, and other logical and technical procedures which provide: security of rooms and computer equipment, security of data transmission and transfer, prevention of access of unauthorized persons to the equipment for data processing which could enable subsequent findings on how and when the data were processed, by whom and for what purpose.

Procedures and measures under the previous paragraph shall be established by the Head of Office in accordance with law.

Article 43

In compliance with law, persons employed in the Office or by authorized producers and persons who occasionally perform certain business for them on the basis of a closed contract,

and who know the contents of personal and individual data and data on reporting units, must maintain and protect such data as confidential.

The obligation of protecting and maintaining data as confidential under the previous paragraph shall continue also after the termination of employment in the Office or by authorized producers or after certain business for them has been terminated.

In cases when the implementation of statistical surveys demands that data from natural and legal persons be collected directly by interviewers, their position (in view of compulsory data protection) is in fact similar to that of the workers of the Office.

Article 44

The Office may mutually link all data from the personal data collections, which are laid down by the programme of statistical surveys.

Article 45

The individual to whom the data refer shall have certain rights towards the Office, laid down by the Personal Data Protection Act, yet only in case he/she provided the data directly to the Office, since each individual may exercise the rights defined by the aforementioned act directly with the individual keeper of the personal data collection from which the Office received such data.

When personal data, in statistical surveys, are collected indirectly, it is not necessary to inform the individual involved about such manner of data collecting.

2. Use and dissemination of data

Article 46

Data collected through the programme of statistical surveys may be used solely for statistical purposes, unless otherwise provided by law.

Article 47

The Office or authorized producers shall transmit individual data to users on the basis of a written application; this, however, will be carried out in such a way that the reporting unit involved cannot be identified.

On the basis of a written application, the Office shall transmit individual non-personal data or data providing identification of the reporting unit, collected by carrying out the programme of statistical surveys, to the reporting units only in case the data refer to them or when they transmitted these data to the Office.

Article 48

Administrative and other national authorities, local self-government authorities, public servants and public power holders may not use statistics in order to define the rights and obligations of reporting units involved.

Article 49

The Office or authorized producers shall transmit data to users in such a way as defined by the programme of statistical surveys.

The Office and authorized producers may transmit data to users, upon their request, in a form other than defined by the programme of statistical surveys. The cost of such data transmission shall be covered by the users.

Article 50

Statistics may be published in aggregate form only and are equally accessible to users, defined in paragraph 2 of Article 1 hereof.

By way of exception, data may also be published individually:

- upon written consent of the reporting unit as regards publication of the data in such a way;
- if data have been collected from public (generally accessible) data collections (records, registers, databases, etc.);
- if data are published in such a way that the reporting unit involved cannot be identified.

Article 51

The Office and authorized producers shall be responsible for the formal correctness of data and their timely publication.

Statistics resulting from the implementation of the programme of statistical surveys and being published by the Office shall be official.

Data published by authorized producers in their own fields of work shall also be official.

If the results of statistical surveys published within the framework of the programme of statistical surveys mutually differ, those data which were published by the Office shall be considered official.

In its use the users of statistics must state the source of data.

IX. INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CO-OPERATION

Article 52

When fulfilling the international obligations, the Office in co-operation with the authorized producers shall professionally co-operate, transmit and exchange statistical data with other countries and international organizations.

In fulfilling obligations under the previous paragraph, the Office shall co-operate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with administrative and other national authorities.

Article 53

In fulfilling its tasks or acting as the representative of the Republic of Slovenia, the Office may submit its application for membership in foreign and domestic organizations, and cooperate with them.

In order to participate in foreign organizations or to obtain the funds for affiliation fee, the Office needs a preliminary consent of the Government.

X. PENALTY PROVISIONS

Article 54

Reporting units, having an obligation to report to national statistics, shall be liable to a fine of 300,000 SIT for violations of such obligation, if:

1. they do not timely transmit comprehensive and correct data requested by the Office or authorized producers (Article 35);
2. they do not correct reported data in accordance with instructions (Article 36).

The responsible person of the reporting unit which commits an offence under the previous paragraph shall be also liable to a fine of 30,000 SIT.

Article 55

The responsible person of an administrative or other national authority, performer of public services or holder of public authority or authorized producer which collects data defined by the programme of statistical surveys, shall be liable to a fine of 15,000 SIT if prior to establishing new or amending existing official and other administrative data collections (records, registers, databases, etc.) he/she does not request prior opinion from the Office (paragraph 2 of Article 28).

Article 56

The responsible person of a register authority which keeps and maintains official or other administrative data collections (records, registers, databases, etc.) shall be liable to a fine of 15,000 SIT if he/she fails to transmit requested data upon the lawful request by the Office (paragraph 1 of Article 22).

XI. TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 57

Reporting units laid down by this Act shall be bound to give requested personal data to the keepers of personal data collections as determined by the National Programme of Statistical Surveys.

Under the provisions of this Act the keepers of personal data collections from the previous paragraph which do not comply with the condition under Article 41 of the Personal Data Protection Act shall also collect and transmit data to the Office.

The provision of the previous paragraph involves existing personal data collections only which are determined by the National Programme of Statistical Surveys.

The keepers of data collections under paragraph 2 hereof may use collected personal data until the laws have been adopted, however, only for the purpose of fulfilling their own tasks determined by law.

Article 58

At the first appointment of the Council members under Article 14 and the members of Advisory Committee under Article 15, half of them shall be appointed for a two-year period. The Council members must be appointed at the latest within 3 months, whereas the members of Statistical Advisory Committees within 6 months at the latest, following the entry into force of this Act.

The Director-General of the Office must be appointed not later than three months following the entry into force of this Act, whereas the Deputy Director-General within six month at the latest.

Article 59

The keeping and maintaining the Central Population Register of the Republic of Slovenia shall be transferred to the Ministry of the Interior not later than 3 years after the entry into force of this Act.

After expiring date referred to in the previous paragraph, the Office shall hold the status of the authorized user of data of the register under paragraph 1.

Not later than 6 months following the entry into force of the Act hereof, the Office shall produce, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior, an operational transfer plan of the register under paragraph 1 hereof. The report on activities carried out shall be submitted to the Government and the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 60

The implementing regulations laid down by this Act must be published within six months after the entry into force of this Act.

Article 61

On the day of the entry into force of this Act, the Law on Statistical Surveys Significant for the Whole Country (Uradni list SFRJ, No. 13/73, 9/76, 63/86, 44/89, 72/90) shall cease to be used, but the implementing regulations issued on its basis shall continue to be used until the publication of new ones, however, not longer than to the expiration of term referred to in the previous Article hereof.

On the day of the entry in to force of this Act, the Law on Statistical Surveys Significant for the Republic (Uradni list SRS, No. 11/88) shall cease to be used, but the implementing regulations issued on its basis shall continue to be used until the publication of new ones, however, not longer than to the expiration of term referred to in the previous Article hereof.

Article 62

This Act shall come into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the Uradni list Republike Slovenije.

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

as per Act Amending the National Statistics Act (ZDSta-A)
(Uradni list Republike Slovenije No. 9/2001)

Article 24

The Director, who at the time when this Act comes into force, manages and represents the Office, shall continue with his/her work as Director-General until the end of his/her term of office.

Article 25

The composition of the Council shall be put in line with the provisions of this Act at latest within three months upon its validity.

Article 26

Within three months upon validity of this act, the Director-General shall determine how the statistical data are to be protected.

Article 27

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 23 (b), the Government shall accept the first programme of statistical surveys upon the validity of this Act for the 2001-2002 period.

Article 28

The national programme of statistical surveys (Uradni list RS No. 70/97) shall be valid until the programme of statistical surveys from Article 23 (b) comes into force.

Article 29

This Act shall come into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the Uradni list Republike Slovenije.