Questionnaire on countries practices in organization and conduct of Economic Census

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I. Planning and Organization of Economic Census

1. Are there any legal provisions governing the conduct of Economic Census in your country?
   ☑ Yes - Please check all that apply
   ☑ Statistical Law
   ☑ Census Law/Act
   ☑ Other - Please specify: ____
   ☐ No

2. Do you establish any form of coordination body for the planning and organization of the Economic Census?
   ☐ Yes
   Please specify: ____
   ☑ No

3. How often do you conduct Economic Censuses?
   ☐ Every 5 years
   ☑ Every 10 years
   ☐ Other - Please specify: ____

4. In what year was the most recent Economic Census conducted in your country? Please indicate:
The 2007 Industrial (Manufacturing) Census and the 2002 Business Trade and Services Census

5. In what year will be the next Economic Census conducted in your country? Please indicate:
The Business Trade and Service is scheduled in 2012 and the Industrial (manufacturing ) Census will be in 2017.

II. Scope and coverage of the Economic Census

6. How do you define the Economic Census conducted in your country?
   ☐ Economy-wide census, covering all sectors/activities and types of units
   ☑ Economic Census of individual sectors or activities
   ☐ Other - Please specify:

7. In the most recent Economic Census units from what economic activities were not covered?
   ☑ Agriculture
   ☑ Public Administration
   ☐ Other - Please specify:
   Fishing, Mining & Quarrying, Electricity Gas & Water, Financial Intermedation.

8. What units were enumerated in your most recent Economic Census?
   ☐ Enterprise
   ☑ Establishment
   ☐ Other - Please specify: ____

9. Do you apply a threshold (in terms of employment or revenue/sales, etc.) when defining the population of units to be completely enumerated in the Economic Census?
   ☑ Yes
   Please define the threshold: 11 person engaged and over
   ☐ No
10. How do you cover units below that threshold?
☒ Using information from sample surveys (incl. household type surveys)
☐ Using information from the most recent population census
☐ Using administrative data sources
☐ Other - Please specify: ____

III. Data collection and data processing

11. What data items are collected with the Economic Census?
☒ Operating characteristics for the unique identification of units (kind of activity, location, ownership, starting year of operation, etc.)
☒ Set of economic data. *Please mark all that apply*
☐ Number of units
☐ Employment data
☐ Labour costs data
☒ Revenues (sales)/Expenditures
☐ Capital expenditures
☐ Other - Please specify: ____

12. What are the major innovations introduces in your most recent Economic Census?
☐ Introduction of a new Classification of Activities
☒ Improved questionnaire form
☒ Electronic reporting
☐ New data processing technology
☐ Use of Administrative Data Sources
☐ Other - Please specify: ____

13. Do you have a quality assurance framework developed for the Economic Census process?
☒ Yes

*Please specify: Thai NSO has been gradually practicing quality assurance framework, i.e institutional & organizational arrangement, some core statistical process and data accessibility*
☐ No

IV. Rising awareness and promoting response to Economic Census

14. Do you organize an awareness campaign before the Economic Census so to promote the response of businesses?
☒ Yes
☐ No

15. What type of promotional activities do you include in the awareness campaign?
☒ Press releases and other publicity materials
☐ Special large company programme
☒ Design of an Economic Census Web site
☒ Organization of Economic Census conferences with users and respondents
☐ Other - Please specify: ____

IV. Dissemination of Economic Census results

16. How do you disseminate the results of the Economic Census?
☒ Reports of the census are published in:
☐ Printed publications
☒ Electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.)
☐ Data are accessible from the statistical office Web site
☐ Other - Please specify: ____

17. Do you produce and disseminate metadata on Economic Census results?
☒ Yes
☐ No

18. What series of census data do you disseminate? *Please check all that apply*
☐ Economy-wide aggregates
☐ Regional series
☒ Industry series
☐ Other - Please specify: ____