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: The Economic Planning and Coordination Division, Bureau of the Census
   ☐ 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: 2007

5. In what year will be the next Economic Census conducted in your country? Please indicate: 2012

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 (Covers all sectors except Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing and Public Administration; a separate Census of Governments in done concurrently.)
   ☐ Other - Please specify: ______

7. In the most recent Economic Census units from what economic activities were not covered?
   ☒ Agriculture
   ☒ Public Administration (Covered by a separate Census of Governments, which is done concurrently.)
   ☐ Other - Please specify: ______
8. What units were enumerated in your most recent Economic Census?
☐ Enterprise
☒ Establishment
☐ Other - Please specify: For selected industries, the reporting unit for multi-establishment enterprises is an industry segment of the enterprise.

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: Establishments that are below an industry-specific threshold for annual payroll; all establishments without paid employees are below the threshold.
☐ 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: A sample of below-threshold establishments with paid employees.

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, year of start of operation, etc.)
☒ Set of economic data. Please mark all that apply
☒ Number of units (establishments)
☒ Employment data (number of employees for pay period including March 12).
☒ Labour costs data (annual payroll)
☒ Revenues (sales)/Expenditures
☐ Capital expenditures (for manufacturing, mining, and construction; by means of a supplemental survey for services sectors)
☐ Other - Please specify: ______

12. What are the major innovations introduced in your most recent Economic Census?
☐ Introduction of a new Classification of Activities
☒ Improved questionnaire form
☒ Electronic reporting (not new for 2007 but substantially expanded and improved)
☐ New data processing technology (improved key from image data capture)
☐ Use of Administrative Data Sources
☐ Other - Please specify: Secure Internet messaging for communication with respondents.

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

Please specify: statistical standards, software quality assurance, sample-based quality control for data capture and certain processing activities.
☐ 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: Work with trade associations.
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: Revenue/sales/shipments by product; establishment and firm size statistics, other specialized subject series.*