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<i>Statement provided by:</i> FRANCE/INSEE	
<i>Statement:</i> In Point D. ("Unique identifiers of businesses"), the Report of the Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics states that concerning the proposal for a global initiative on unique identifiers, "A possible solution is to build on existing initiatives, such as the global Legal Entity Identifier system of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation." We would like to stress that such a unique identifier exists already in several countries such as France, where it is produced and made available for free by the public authorities. On the contrary, businesses have to pay to get the Legal Entity Identifier system of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation. Therefore, it is difficult to consider this as a model at the world level, which could replace existing free-access models. The only possibility of using the LEI as a business identifier in France would require the registration service to become free.	
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