

## LAW OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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## **About official statistics**

(As amended by the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic dated February 1, 2023 No. 21)

#### **Chapter 1. General provisions**

## Article 1. Purpose and scope of this Law

- 1. This Law regulates the organization and functioning national statistical system, establishes the legal framework for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics.
  - 2. Official statistics within the framework of this Law:
- 1) includes statistical data characterizing the on a representative basis economic, demographic, social and environmental mass phenomena in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 2) is developed, produced and distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Law, the UN Fundamental Principles in the Field of Official Statistics and takes into account internationally agreed statistical standards and recommendations;
  - 3) called official statistics in statistical programs.
- 3. The provisions of this Law apply to all data held at the disposal of producers of official statistics, used for the development, production and dissemination of official statistical information.

## Article 2. Legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic on official statistics

The legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic on official statistics is based on the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic and consists of this Law and other normative legal acts regulating relations in the field of official statistics, as well as those entered into in accordance with the procedure established by law

the force of international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party.

## Article 3. Subjects of legal relations in the field of official statistics

The subjects of legal relations in the field of official statistics are:

- 1) National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter National Statistical Committee);
  - 2) other producers of official statistics;
  - 3) respondents;
  - 4) users of official statistics;
  - 5) administrative data providers;
- 6) Council on Statistics of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Council on Statistics statistics).

# **Article 4. Basic concepts used in this Law** For the purposes of this Law, the following basic concepts are used:

- 1) **administrative data** information collected state bodies and local self-government bodies in order to fulfill their tasks and functions within their competence in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the exception of this Law;
- 2)**release** information dissemination activities, in accordance with which official statistics, including revised statistics, become publicly known for the first time;
- 3) **identifier** a sequence of characters that allows uniquely identify a statistical unit by its name, precise geographic location, or identification number. The identifier allows for direct identification, which means identifying/selecting an individual statistical unit by one characteristic or by a combination of identifiers/characteristics. Identification carried out by any other means refers to indirect identification;
- 4)**individual data** detailed data on statistical units used in the development, production and dissemination of official statistics;
- 5)**metadata** data and other documentation that describe statistical data and statistical processes in a standardized manner by providing information on data sources, methods, definitions, classifications and data quality;
- 6)**users of official statistics** the general public, the media, enterprises and organizations regardless of their form of ownership, state bodies and local governments, researchers and students, international organizations and

organizations in other countries that receive or have access to official statistics;

- 7)**administrative data providers** government bodies and local authorities providing the producers of official statistics with data collected for administrative purposes;
- 8)**production** all types of activities related to collection, processing, analysis and storage of data for the purpose of compiling official statistics;
- 9)**development** activities to create, strengthen and improve statistical methods, concepts, standards and procedures used for the production and dissemination of official statistics;
- 10)**spreading** activities that allow users to receive official statistics, statistical analysis, statistical services and metadata;

eleven)**respondents**- individuals, legal entities or households, providing information about themselves and their activities as part of data collection by producers of official statistics;

- 12)**statistical unit** the basic unit of the survey to which include individuals, legal entities or households, as well as other subjects, objects, phenomena or events that are carriers of statistical characteristics
- 13)**statistical survey** initial collection of individual data from respondents of a certain group, which is carried out by the producer of official statistics solely for statistical purposes through the systematic application of statistical methodology. Statistical surveys are carried out on a continuous or sample basis.

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## **Article 5. Fundamental principles of official statistics**

All producers of official statistics carry out the development, production and dissemination of official statistics in accordance with the following fundamental principles of official statistics:

- 1) professional independence, implying that producers official statisticians make their decisions independently and without any influence or interference from political or other external sources on the development, production and dissemination of statistics, including the choice of data sources, concepts, definitions, methods and classifications to be used, as well as the determination of timing and content of all forms of distribution. Producers of official statistics may, within their competence, publicly comment on statistical issues and any facts of incorrect use of official statistics;
- 2) impartiality and objectivity, implying that the official statistics are developed, produced and disseminated in a neutral, reliable and impartial manner in accordance with professional

standards and is not influenced by political statements or considerations. All users are given equal and simultaneous access to official statistics;

- 3) accuracy and reliability, implying that official statistics reflects the most truthful, accurate and factual information, and is also based on scientific criteria applied to the selection of sources, methods and procedures for its production and dissemination;
- 4) consistency and comparability, implying that the official statistics are consistent and comparable at the international level, over time and across regions and countries;
- 5) clarity and transparency, implying that official statistics presented in a clear and understandable manner. The methods and procedures used are communicated to users in a transparent manner to ensure correct interpretation of the data;
- 6) statistical confidentiality and exclusive use in statistical purposes, implying strict confidentiality of individual data collected or received by producers of official statistics and relating to individuals or legal entities, as well as the use of such data exclusively for statistical purposes;
- 7) relevance, implying the degree of compliance with the official statistics to the current and future needs of users, as well as respect for the right of citizens to receive publicly available information.

## Chapter 2. Organization of the national statistical system

#### Article 6. National statistical system

The National Statistical System of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as the national statistical system) consists of the following producers of official statistics:

- 1) National Statistical Committee;
- 2) other producers of official statistics, consisting of structural divisions:
- a) the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, which develops, produces and disseminates official statistics in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, banks and banking activities";
- b) state bodies and local governments engaged exclusively or mainly in the development, production and dissemination of official statistics.

#### **Article 7. National Statistical Committee**

1. The National Statistical Committee is a state body in the field of official statistics with "national" status, a leading producer of official statistics, providing coordination of activities for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics in the national statistical system.

- 2. The National Statistical Committee is professional an independent body that cannot be assigned responsibilities that contradict the provisions and principles of Article 5 of this Law, and which is accountable to the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 3. The National Statistical Committee has its own territorial and subordinate units. The National Statistical Committee, in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, can create institutions, enterprises and organizations to provide information and communication services.
- 4. The National Statistical Committee acts on the basis
  The Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, this Law, other normative legal acts and the
  Regulations on the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic, approved by
  the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### **Article 8. Chairman of the National Statistics Committee**

- 1. The National Statistics Committee is headed by a chairman, appointed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for a period of 7 years.
- 2. The Chairman promotes the development of professional independence national statistical system and leads strategic development and stakeholder engagement in the area of official statistics. The Chairperson represents the national statistical system at the international level.
- 3. The Chairman may issue standards, classifiers and guidelines principles for application throughout the national statistical system, in agreement with other producers of official statistics, for the development, production and dissemination of official statistics, and to promote the use of standards, classifications and terminology by administrative data providers.

#### **Article 9. Other producers of official statistics**

- 1. Other producers of official statistics develop, production and dissemination of official statistics in accordance with statistical programs.
- 2. Other producers of official statistics cannot be held responsible responsibilities that are contrary to the fundamental principles of official statistics.
- 3. List of other producers of official statistics developed by the chairman of the National Statistical Committee, in agreement with other producers of official statistics, sent to the Council on Statistics for making recommendations and submitted for approval to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic in compliance with the following criteria:

- 1) other producers of official statistics express their ability and willingness to comply with the provisions of this Law and the fundamental principles of official statistics;
- 2) duplication of planned results and activities between others statistics producers are not allowed;
- 3) planned results and activities of other manufacturers statisticians exclude additional burden on respondents.

The list of structural divisions of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic responsible for the production and dissemination of official statistics, in accordance with the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, banks and banking activities", is submitted to the Council on Statistics and sent to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic only in an informative form.

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## Chapter 3. Statistical Council and other advisory bodies

#### **Article 10. Council on Statistics**

- 1. The Council on Statistics is a consultative advisory body, carrying out the functions of developing strategic recommendations to producers of official statistics.
- 2. The regulations on the Council on Statistics are approved by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Republic.
- 3. The composition of the Council on Statistics is approved by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Republic on the proposal of the Chairman of the National Statistical Committee. The Council on Statistics includes representatives of various categories of users. Representatives from the public sector should not form a majority of the Statistics Council.
  - 4. The tasks of the Council on Statistics include:
- 1) submitting proposals to the National Statistical Committee on strategic development of official statistics, as well as the inclusion of priority information needs of society in statistical programs;
- 2) assessment of the implementation of statistical programs and implementation monitoring the implementation of strategic development activities;
  - 3) assessment of compliance with the principles of official statistics;
  - 4) adoption of the regulations of the Council on Statistics.
- 5. The Statistical Council annually presents a public report on its activities.
- 6. The Council on Statistics may initiate independent external assessments of the quality of statistical data and compliance with their principles

official statistics within the national statistical system in relation to certain branches of statistics, areas of activity or structural units.

## **Article 11. Other advisory bodies**

- 1. The Chairman of the National Statistical Committee has the right to establish other advisory bodies, with members within or outside the national statistical system, in support of strategic and coordinating activities in official statistics.
- 2. The procedure for activity and composition of advisory bodies are regulated regulations approved by the chairman of the National Statistics Committee.

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## Chapter 4. Coordination of the national statistical system and statistical programs

## Article 12. Coordination of the national statistical system

Producers of official statistics should use uniform, harmonized on international level, concepts, definitions, classifiers and methods. The National Statistical Committee coordinates the practice of their application within the national statistical system.

## **Article 13. Statistical programs**

- 1. In order to provide the state and society with statistical information The National Statistical Committee, in cooperation with other producers of official statistics, providers of administrative data, users of official statistics and respondents, develops statistical programs.
- 2. Statistical programs are sent to the National Statistical Office committee to the Council on Statistics to make recommendations, are approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic and are carried out at the expense of the state budget and other sources of funding.
- 3. Items of statistical programs related to the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, are submitted to the Council on Statistics and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic only in an informative form.
- 4. Statistical programs, including medium-term and annual, are created as key tools for effective strategic and operational management and coordination of activities in the national statistical system.

Statistical activities not included in the annual statistical program are carried out subject to the availability of sources of additional funding.

## Article 14. Medium-term statistical program

- 1. The medium-term statistical program is being developed for national statistical system and determines the directions for the strategic development of official statistics of the Kyrgyz Republic in order to meet existing and emerging user needs.
- 2. The medium-term statistical program defines the concept and priority directions for the development of the national statistical system for the next 5 years, as well as expected results and development measures, indicating the necessary resources.

#### Article 15. Annual statistical program

- 1. The annual statistical program coordinates the statistical activities carried out by the National Statistics Committee and other statistics producers.
- 2. The annual statistical program provides a legal basis For:
  - 1) released official statistics;
- 2) all statistical surveys conducted by manufacturers official statistics;
- 3) all cases of transfer of administrative data and other sources data to producers of official statistics;
  - 4) main developments in the field of official statistics;
  - 5) existing statistical registers.

#### **Chapter 5: Data Collection**

## **Article 16. Data collection powers**

1. Producers of official statistics have the right to choose their sources data, based on professional considerations, and collect the necessary data for the production of official statistics directly from respondents, if a sufficient amount of data is not available in the national statistical system and cannot be obtained from existing data sources that are under the jurisdiction of state bodies and local governments, not included in the national statistical system.

Conducting statistical surveys that include data on race, religion, political views and violate the privacy of citizens is permitted only with their consent.

- 2. Data collection is carried out taking into account:
- 1) compliance with the quality criteria of official statistics;
- 2) costs for collecting and processing information;

- 3) burden on respondents.
- 3. Regardless of collection methods and sources, the data collected producers of official statistics are processed, stored and distributed in full accordance with the provisions of this Law.
- 4. To avoid duplication of data collection and improve quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics may exchange data and metadata in the national statistical system in accordance with Articles 21-27 of this Law.

## **Article 17. Respondents**

- 1. Producers of official statistics are obliged to inform respondents about the purpose and legal basis of statistical surveys, as well as measures to ensure data confidentiality.
- 2. Participation in statistical surveys is beneficial for respondents mandatory, except in cases where the annual statistical program declares it voluntary for a certain group of respondents, as well as in relation to all or certain questions.
- 3. Information reported as part of a statistical survey is reliable and presented on time in a format approved by the National Statistics Committee and other producers of official statistics free of charge.
- 4. The Producers of Official Statistics have the right to conduct follow-up with respondents if a response is not received within the specified time frame, or if inconsistencies or gaps in the data are identified.

#### Article 18. Access to administrative data

- 1. State bodies and local self-government bodies are obliged provide free of charge to producers of official statistics:
- 1) the data at their disposal, at the level of detail, necessary for the production of official statistics, including, where necessary, obtaining individual data with identifiers;
  - 2) metadata that allows you to assess the quality of data.
- 2. If administrative data providers plan to organize new data collection or to revise data collection or processing procedures in a way that may affect the quality and quantity of data provided for the purpose of producing official statistics, they should first consult with the National Statistics Committee and, if necessary, other producers of official statistics.
- 3. The data obtained is used by manufacturers of official statistics for statistical purposes only.

#### Article 19. Census

- 1. Census means an activity that provides, on the basis of Continuous accounting is the collection and receipt of data containing certain characteristics about the size and structure of the population, housing stock, agricultural and economic units.
- 2. Census data is generated on the basis of statistical surveys administrative data, other sources, or a combination of the above options.

Depending on its methodology and type, the census is carried out with documentary evidence (agricultural census) or without documentary evidence.

- 3. Participation in the census is mandatory for all respondents.
- 4. The census is divided into national and thematic.

The thematic census is carried out by the Producers of Official Statistics. The procedure for its implementation is determined by the National Statistics Committee and other producers of official statistics

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#### **Article 19-1. Nationwide Census**

- 1. The nationwide census is a republican event values and includes the population and housing census, the agricultural census, and the economic census.
- 2. National population and housing census, as well as The agricultural census is carried out once every ten years, timed to coincide with the next round of world censuses.

A nationwide economic census can be conducted once every five years.

- 3. The decision to conduct a national census in the Kyrgyz Republic The Republic, organization and procedure for its implementation are adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 4. Financing the costs of preparation and conduct national census, processing and storage of received primary data, publication and dissemination of the final data of the national census is carried out within the funds of the commissioner and other involved government bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic, provided for by the law of the Kyrgyz Republic on the republican budget for the relevant years, as well as at the expense of other sources not prohibited legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 5. During the period of preparation and conduct of the national census, it may hiring of additional personnel is carried out in the manner determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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## Article 19-2. Procedure for conducting a national census

- 1. The National Statistical Committee organizes and coordination of the national census, processing and publication of final data.
- 2. State bodies, authorized representatives of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic in the regions, the mayors of the cities of Bishkek and Osh, local state administrations, city mayors and local governments ensure the implementation of activities for the preparation and conduct of the national census within their competence.
- 3. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic creates a special a commission for the management, control and coordination of the activities of government bodies, authorized representatives of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic in the regions, mayor's offices of the cities of Bishkek and Osh, local state administrations and local governments related to the preparation and conduct of the national census.

By decision of local state administrations, appropriate commissions are created in the relevant administrative-territorial units.

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#### **Article 19-3. Census documentation**

- 1. Census documentation is being developed National statistical committee with the participation of interested government bodies, scientific institutions, public organizations and is subject to approval by a special commission.
- 2. Approbation of census documentation, organization of implementation and technology for processing the final data of the upcoming census is carried out by conducting a pilot census in terms and volumes approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic at the proposal of the National Statistical Committee.
- 3. Completed census documentation must be stored in National Statistical Committee and its territorial bodies in premises inaccessible to unauthorized persons.

The storage period for census documentation is regulated in accordance with the legislation on archival activities.

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#### **Article 20. Statistical registers**

- 1. Statistical registers are lists of statistical units and their characteristics, including identifiers, necessary for the production of official statistics.
- 2. The National Statistical Committee may create and maintain statistical registers to be used exclusively for statistical purposes.

## Article 21. Data to which the principle of statistical confidentiality applies

- 1. Individual data covered by the principle statistical confidentiality, are data that allow the direct or indirect identification of individuals, legal entities or households.
- 2. The principle of statistical confidentiality applies to the following data:
- 1) aggregate indicators consisting of one to three units, where one represents a natural person, legal entity or household, if one of these units can be indirectly identified. In exceptional cases, aggregates consisting of more than three units may be declared confidential by the Chairman of the National Statistics Committee if one of these units can be indirectly identified;
- 2) information declared a state secret or banking secret in accordance with the legislation in the field of protection of state secrets or banking activities of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 3. Statistics relating to government and local authorities self-government is not subject to protection by the principle of statistical confidentiality only if it does not relate to state secrets or bank secrecy.

## Article 22. Exclusive use for statistical purposes

- 1. Data intended for development, production and dissemination of official statistics, statistical analysis and statistical services, including all activities regulated by this Law, shall be used exclusively for statistical purposes.
- 2. Individual data available to manufacturers official statistics are not provided and cannot be used by government agencies, local governments or international organizations for the purposes of investigation, supervision, litigation, administrative decision-making or other similar purposes relating to individuals, legal entities or households.

#### Article 23. Secure processing and storage of data

- 1. Every producer of official statistics is obliged to:
- 1) ensure the protection of individual data;
- 2) ensure the protection of confidential aggregated indicators and statistical data before their release;
- 3) take regulatory, administrative, technical and organizational measures to prevent access to data by unauthorized persons.

2. Producers of official statistics process and storage of individual data with identifiers for the period necessary to achieve statistical purposes, in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of personal data.

Identifiers used in paper and electronic data collection forms and contained in administrative data that were transferred to producers of official statistics are destroyed as soon as they are no longer required for statistical purposes, in agreement with the providers of administrative data.

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#### Article 24. Access to individual data of the national statistical system

- 1. Producers of official statistics should not provide individual data to users, except for the cases specified in Part 2 of this article and Article 25 of this Law.
- 2. Producers of official statistics may produce and release publicly available individual data sets where the data is processed in a way that does not identify individuals, legal entities or households, either directly or indirectly.
- 3. The National Statistical Committee has the right to receive from others producers of official statistics individual data, including identifiers. The terms of data transfer are documented in the form of a signed agreement.
- 4. Other producers of official statistics within their competences defined by the annual statistical program may receive the following individual data from the National Statistical Committee exclusively for the production and dissemination of official statistics:
- 1) individual data without identifiers allowing identify individuals or legal entities;
- 2) statistical units with identifiers from statistical registers specified in the annual statistical program.
- 5. As an exception, the Chairman of the National Statistical Office committee may provide access to other producers of official statistics to individual data with identifiers for the production and dissemination of official statistics falling under their competence, as specified in the annual statistical program.
- 6. Other producers of official statistics are required to demonstrate ability and willingness to take regulatory, administrative, technical and organizational measures to protect confidential data in strict accordance with the requirements of Articles 22-23 of this Law.

7. The conditions for data transfer are documented in the form signed agreement. The list of data transfers is published in accordance with an official request.

## Article 25. Access to individual data for research purposes

- 1. Producers of official statistics have the right, in accordance with formal request to provide access to your individual data for the purpose of conducting independent research.
- 2. Data provided for research purposes must not contain identifiers and are limited to information necessary for research purposes.
- 3. Before obtaining permission to provide access to individual data protected by the principle of statistical confidentiality, the Chairman of the National Statistics Committee or other producers must ensure that the receiving party has the technical infrastructure and organizational framework to protect confidential data in accordance with this Law.
- 4. If a permit is issued, all persons who will carry out working with data as part of a research project, sign an agreement according to which they undertake:
- do not attempt to identify individuals,
   legal entities or households in any way, including by comparing the data with other personal data;
- 2) not disclose individual data to unauthorized persons or use them for purposes other than those specified in the request;
- 3) do not disclose any aggregate indicators calculated for based on individual data that may allow indirect identification of units;
  - 4) indicate the source in all published materials;
- 5) destroy individual data upon completion of the research project.
- 5. The price for preparing data for research work is set producers of official statistics in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 6. List of confidential data used in research purposes, is provided in accordance with an official request.

#### Article 26. Obligation to maintain confidentiality

1. When taking on the relevant functions or joining contractual relations in the field of official statistics, the obligation to maintain confidentiality is signed by:

- 1) all full-time and temporary employees of the National Statistical Committee, as well as other producers of official statistics;
- 2) persons not related to the national statistical system, but participating in census and research work;
- 3) any other persons authorized to access the data, protected by the principle of statistical confidentiality.
- 2. This obligation continues to apply to persons listed in part 1 of this article, even after they cease to perform their functions.

## Article 27. Contractual relations with third parties

- 1. Producers of official statistics may enter into contractual relations with third parties only subject to full statistical confidentiality and in accordance with the legislation on public procurement, state social order and public-private partnership.
- 2. The conditions for third parties fixed in the contract must ensure that any confidential data to which third parties may gain access will be strictly protected from disclosure, used exclusively for statistical purposes and only for the period specified in the contract, and destroyed no later than the termination date of the contract.

## **Chapter** 7. Quality, official distribution statistics and statistical services

## Article 28. Obligations to ensure the quality of official statistics

- 1. The Producers of Official Statistics continually assess and improve the quality of official statistics in terms of their relevance, accuracy, reliability, timeliness, punctuality, transparency, clarity, comparability and comparability.
- 2. In order to provide quality assurance, development, production and The dissemination of official statistics is carried out on the basis of uniform standards and agreed methodologies regarding the coverage, concepts, definitions, units and classifications of official statistics. This work is carried out in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and internationally agreed statistical standards and recommendations.
- 3. In order to improve the quality of official statistics, manufacturers Official Statisticians have the right to edit and verify data, combine data from different sources, link and compare individual data solely for statistical purposes, and use statistical estimation methods to fill gaps.
  - 4. Producers of official statistics are obliged to:

- 1) document sources and methods in a standard manner, used in the production process, as well as the resulting sets of statistical data;
- 2) inform users about all sources and methods of statistical production, as well as the quality of official statistical information through the use of metadata.

## Article 29. Assessment of the quality of official statistics

- 1. Producers of official statistics on a regular basis provide active interaction with respondents to improve feedback and consult with users on data quality issues;
- 2. Producers of official statistics can collaborate with scientific community to evaluate and improve statistical methodology and encourage analytical work using official statistics.

#### Article 30. Release of statistical data

- 1. Official statistics are disseminated on an equal and simultaneous access of users, as well as the principles set out in Article 5 of this Law.
- 2. Each producer of official statistics shall develop and publishes a preliminary data release calendar, which indicates the planned release dates for the publication of official statistical information.

Producers of official statistics are obliged to inform users in advance about deviations from the deadlines provided for in the provisional calendar for the release of data and indicate a new date for their release.

- 3. Publications of official statistics data are accompanied by metadata and explanatory comments, access to which is provided to all users free of charge. Producers of official statistics set the price for additional printed publications and other materials in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 4. In the process of releasing statistical data, there is a clear distinction between official statistics and other statistics.
- 5. Errors found in published official data statistics are subject to corrections, which are brought to the attention of users as soon as possible.
- 6. Users when using official statistics data and relevant metadata are required to cite their source.

## **Article 31. Distribution policy**

- 1. National Statistical Committee in cooperation with others producers of official statistics defines:
- 1) a policy of coordinated dissemination of official statistics with using transparent procedures to apply it throughout the national statistical system;
- 2) use of uniform terminology to disseminate all official statistics.
- 2. Preliminary releases of statistical data subject to further revision are marked as conditional or temporary.
- 3. Regarding certain revisions due to changes in methodology, the public is notified publicly and in advance.

## Article 32. Provision of statistical processing services

1. The Producers of Official Statistics have the right to request customers to provide statistical processing services using the data at their disposal.

Statistical processing services should not jeopardize the production and quality of official statistics or their reputation.

- 2. Costs for statistical processing services are borne by customers in accordance with the registers of state and municipal services determined by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 3. The public is informed about statistical processing services, provided on a regular basis. The results of any statistical services provided free of charge, including metadata, are publicly available.
- 4. The results of statistical processing services are not considered in as official statistics.
- 5. The provision of statistical processing services is subject to Articles 21-29 of this Law.

#### Article 33. Provision of data collection services

- 1. Producers of Official Statistics may consent to the collection additional data at the request of state bodies, local governments and international organizations, if there is no threat to the production and quality of official statistics, as well as its reputation.
- 2. Costs for data collection services by government agencies, authorities local governments and international organizations bear in accordance with the registers of state and municipal services determined by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 3. List of all types of activities related to the provision of collection services data is presented in the report on the implementation of the annual statistical program.
- 4. The results of data collection services are not considered as official statistics.

- 5. Providing answers to survey questions conducted for the purpose of the provision of data collection services in accordance with this article cannot be declared mandatory for respondents.
- 6. The provision of data collection services is subject to Article 21-29 of this Law.

#### Article 34. International relations of the National Statistics Committee

- 1. The National Statistical Committee has the right to establish and maintain international relations with government bodies of foreign countries and their international organizations dealing with statistics, as well as enter into cooperation agreements with them.
- 2. National Statistical Committee and other manufacturers Official statistics, within their respective competence, actively participate in international activities to develop and implement statistical standards and recommendations.
- 3. National Statistical Committee within its competence carries out activities to coordinate the interaction of government bodies on the transfer of official statistics data to international organizations and organizations of other countries in accordance with the legislation in the field of international relations.

## Article 35. Responsibility for violation of the law of the Kyrgyz Republic on official statistics

Violation of the norms contained herein is subject to liability in <code>bewo</code>,rdanceentails with the criminal law and the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic on offenses.

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## Article 36. Failure to fulfill obligations to provide data

Any respondent who is required to provide data but who intentionally fails to provide it despite being reminded, or who intentionally provides false data, may be subject to a fine under the Kyrgyz Republic Code of Offenses.

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## Article 37. Entry into force of this Law

- 1. This Law comes into force after one year from the date official publication.
- 2. To the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic within 6 months from the date official publication of this Law, bring their decisions into conformity with this Law.
- 3. To the National Statistical Committee within 3 months from the date official publication of this Law:

- 1) submit for consideration to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic a set of measures to transfer statistical register data on legal entities, branches (representative offices), individual entrepreneurs and peasant (farm) enterprises to the jurisdiction of the relevant authorized state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic, vested with state registration functions;
- 2) carry out organizational and methodological work to clarify application of this Law;
  - 3) take other measures arising from this Law.
- 4. Establish that until January 1, 2025, the validity of this Law does not apply to the provision by the National Statistical Committee of data from the statistical register on legal entities, branches (representative offices), individual entrepreneurs and peasant (farm) enterprises for the following indicators:
- 1) last name, first name, patronymic (if any) of the individual entrepreneur or full, abbreviated (if any) name of the legal entity;
- 2) general identification code of enterprises, organizations and individual entrepreneurs (OKPO);
  - 3) legal address (location);
  - 4) telephone and fax numbers, email address.
  - 5. From the date of entry into force of this Law, the following shall be declared invalid:
- 1) Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On State Statistics" dated March 26 2007 No. 40 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2007, No. 3, Art. 237);
- 2) Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments to the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On State Statistics" dated March 27, 2009 No. 85 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2009, No. 3, Art. 216);
- 3) Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments and Additions to Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On State Statistics" dated February 22, 2013 No. 27 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2013, No. 2, Art. 120);
- 4) Article 8 of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Kyrgyz Republic (on simplification of procedures for registration and liquidation of business entities) dated May 22, 2015 No. 115 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2015, No. 5, Art. 505);
- 5) Article 9 of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Kyrgyz Republic" dated July 2, 2015 No. 142 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2015, No. 7, Art. 945);
- 6) Article 13 of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Amendments to some legislation on counter-financing issues

terrorist activities and legalization (laundering) of criminal proceeds" dated August 6, 2018 No. 88 (Gazette of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2018, No. 7-8, Art. 488).

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