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STATISTICS LAW

Chapter I

GENERAL PROVISION

Article1. This Law has the objective to govern all matters relating to collection, processing, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of statistical data .

Article2. This Law has the following aims:

- Supporting the statistical data requirements of Royal Government policy-makers in formulating and evaluating economic and social policies and programs, in addressing the socio-economic development and welfare of the nation, as well as the requirements of decision-makers and researchers in the wider Cambodian and international communities.
- Facilitating the development of an effective and efficient National Statistical System.
- Enhancing public awareness of the importance of the role and function of statistics in national development programs .
- Encouraging the development of methodology and technology in statistical activities.

Article3. The scope of this Law shall be applied to all statistical activities in the whole Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article4. The important terms used in this Law shall have the following meaning:

1. "Statistics" are data obtained by collecting, processing, compiling, analyzing, publishing and disseminating results, gathered from respondents through statistical collections or from administrative data sources.
2. "National Statistics System" is integrated statistics at national and sub-national level and infrastructure including all official statistical data and statistical programs; statistical organizations and statistical units within ministries and institutions of the Royal Government; as well as their statistical staff and other infrastructure.
3. "Basic statistics" are official economic, environment and socio-demographic statistics that are cross sectoral in nature, national and sub-national, that are required by the Royal Government for policy and program formulation and evaluation ,as well as for use by the wider Cambodian and international communities.
4. "Sectoral statistics" are statistics collected by ministries or institutions of the Royal Government for their internal needs and reporting purposes.
5. A "census" is a statistical collection of data on individuals, households, establishments or other organizational units where all units in the population are enumerated.
6. A "survey" is a scientific statistical collection of data on individuals, households, establishments or other organizational units where only a sample of units in the population are enumerated.
7. A "statistical officer" is an employee of the Royal Government who has the authority to engage in official statistical activities.

8. A "respondent" is an individual, household, company, establishment, government or non- government institution, or other organization, that has been selected in a census or a survey.
9. Data may be quantitative data and qualitative data.
10. Quantitative data are information in the form of numbers.
11. Qualitative data are textual information.
12. Administrative data: data collected by line ministries and institutions through administrative records for their uses.
13. Aggregated data is data concerning a group of individuals, households, establishments or others institutions aggregated at a level that does not permit to identify directly or indirectly individual data.
14. National statistics data" is statistical data have been produced by NIS and other statistical units of National Statistical System (NSS).
15. "Designated official statistics" are statistics produced by government organizations that are determined by the Royal Government to meet the statistical information requirements of policy-makers in formulating and evaluating economic and social policies and programs in addressing the socio-economic development and welfare of the nation, as well as the requirements of decision-makers and researchers in the wider Cambodian and international communities.
16. Statistical purposes means purposes that are relevant to collection, data entry and processing, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of official statistics.
17. Metadata is a description of the data i.e. description of the source, compilation, methodology, time of dissemination, institution and who is responsible for the compilation for the users to understand more in dept the data.
18. Micro data is individual level data that collected by census survey and from administrative source.

Chapter II

PRINCIPLES

Article5. Statistical development is based on the principles of accuracy, independence, objectivity, reliability, relevance and timeliness in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of UN Resolution and Statistical System of ASEAN community.

Chapter III

STATISTICAL DATA COLLECTION

Article6. Statistical data are collected by:

- a. Conducting censuses.
- b. Conducting surveys.
- c. Accessing Royal Government and non-government administrative data sources.

Article7. Censuses as referred to in Article 6 (a) shall be conducted at least once every ten years. There are three categories of census:

- a. Population census.

- b. Agricultural census.
- c. Economics census .

These censuses shall be conducted by the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning in cooperation with relevant institutions.

Article 8. The Royal Government shall issue a Sub-Decree specifying the dates for conducting each of the three censuses within the ten-year period and may change the dates where it deems it necessary to do so.

Article 9. Inter-censal surveys shall be conducted between censuses to facilitate annual updates of the benchmark census data in order to compile accurate and reliable economic and social statistics that meet the needs of government policy makers and other users.

Article 10. Surveys, as referred to in Article 6(b), may be conducted periodically in order to produce accurate and reliable basic national statistics, as well as on an ad hoc basis in order to address any urgent statistical data needs of the Royal Government. For the purposes of conducting economic surveys, the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning will establish a register of businesses or sampling frame for household surveys to be updated and maintained on an annual basis.

Article 11. Statistics produced from administrative data sources, as referred to in Article 6 (c), shall be compiled using data recorded on administrative documents, forms and other records sourced from both Royal Government and non-government organizations. For the purposes of compiling statistics from administrative data sources, the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning will establish a directory of administrative and statistical data sources, to be updated and maintained on an annual basis.

Article 12. In the context of this Law, the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning is responsible for:

- Collecting, processing, compiling, analyzing, publishing and disseminating basic data by conducting censuses and surveys, and utilizing administrative data sources.
- Compiling national accounts and price indexes, as well as economic, environment and socio-demographic indicators.

Article 13. Ministries and institutions of the Royal Government shall collect sectoral data either independently or in cooperation with the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning by:

- a. Conducting surveys.
- b. Collection of statistical data on administrative records.

Chapter IV

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Article 14. The National Institute of Statistics, under the Ministry of Planning, shall be responsible for making official statistical policies in establishing an integrated National Statistical System, encompassing all designated official

statistics and statistical organizational units within ministries and institutions. The Royal Government shall issue a Sub-Decree on the operation of the National Statistical System and designated official statistics.

Article15. In these tasks, the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning shall establish:

- a. Implementation of coordination mechanisms to ensure an effective and efficient management of national statistical system .
- b. Coordination in activities of statistical development, including training with the ministries and institutions of the Royal Government at the national and sub-national level and the private sector, .
- c. Cooperative arrangements in statistical activities with international organizations, other national statistical offices, and other private institutions in accordance with the prevailing legislation.
- d. National statistical standards pertaining to classifications, concepts, definitions and statistical units, so as to avoid confusion on the part of data users and any duplication of official statistical data on the part of data producers.

Article16. A "Statistics Advisory Council (SAC)" shall be established to provide advice to the Ministry of Planning in facilitating the development of the National Statistical System.

The composition role and tasks of the Statistics Advisory Council shall be determined by Sub-Decree.

Article17. A "Statistics Coordination Committee" (SCC) shall be established to assist the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning in the technical coordination of the official statistics of the Royal Government.

The composition role and tasks of the Statistics Coordination Committee shall be determined by Sub-Decree.

Article18. Ministries and institutions of the Royal Government that are required to produce designated official statistics under this Law shall establish statistical units within their organizations for statistical purposes and submit the statistical data they produce to the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning.

Article19. The Director General of National Institute of Statistics shall be the chief Statistician of the Kingdom of Cambodia and has responsibility for ensuring that statistics are developed, produced and disseminated in a professional and independent manner.

Chapter V

FINANCIAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION

Article20. The National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of planning shall annually prepare budget expenditures for statistical data production and dissemination activities .This budget shall be approved by Statistical Advisory Council (SAC) meeting before it will be included in the budget packet of the Ministry of planning.

Article21. Each Statistical Unit within ministries and institutions of the Royal Government shall prepare action plans of their statistical activities depending on the priorities and requirements of statistical data needs and then shall annually prepare budget plan to be included in the Budget Packet of the concerned ministry and institution in accordance with the prevailing regulations and law of Public Finance in order to get enough budget supports for the conduct of annual activities of statistical units and ensure statistical sustainability.

Article22. The financial resources of National Institute of Statistics come from:

- a- Budget packet of the Ministry of planning.
- b- Financing from development partners.
- c- Donation from generous donors.
- d- Other legal resource sources.

Chapter VI

PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION

Article23. In order to address the statistical requirements of users:

- a. The National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning, as well as statistical units in the ministries and other institutions of the Royal Government shall publish and disseminate the statistical data they produce to all users.
- b. The National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning shall publish a Statistical Yearbook, covering the main aspects of socio-economic conditions in the country.
- c. The National Institute of Statistics shall maintain data banks containing aggregated data accessible through internet by the public at large.

Article24. All statistical data released by the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning are designated official statistics of the Royal Government.

Article25. Available aggregated data shall be relevant, accurate and reliable, timely, coherent, comparable and readily accessible by users.

Article26. All statistical data should be presented in a clear and understandable form, released in a suitable convenient and timely manner, available and accessible on an impartial basis with supporting metadata and guidance.
A calendar of release for the main indicators is made public.

Article27. Access to micro data is allowed for research purposes under the condition that no direct or indirect identification of individual physical persons or companies, enterprises and institutions be possible.

Access to micro data is subject to specific rules or protocols that will be specified by Prakas of the Minister of Planning.

Article28. The Director General of NIS/Chief statistician of national statistical system of the Kingdom of Cambodia is entitled to comment on erroneous interpretations and misuses of statistics, whatever person or institution be at their origin.

Chapter VII

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article29. Articles 12 and 13 of this Law enable the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning, and statistical units in ministries and other institutions of the Royal Government to conduct statistical activities in order to obtain statistical information from respondents in order to produce designated official statistics.

Article30. Staff and employees working in the National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning and statistical units in ministries and other institutions of the Royal Government, as well as the designated statistical officers of these organizations shall ensure confidentiality of all individual information obtained from respondents. The information collected under this Law is to be used only for statistical purposes.

Article31. Staff and statistical officer designated by the Ministry of Planning and other ministry or institution of the Royal Government shall have the right to enter a place, with the presence of owner of the place, for the purposes of statistical data collection.

Place includes dwelling, home or any part of other premises that is separately occupied and any other places.

Article32. Staff and statistical officer designated by the Ministry of Planning and other ministry or institution of the Royal Government must present his or her letter of assignment and official identity card to respondents, and shall behave in a professional and polite manner in making suitable interviews, in accordance with local custom and public order.

Object, place and time of the visit to the place, must be suitable with determined mission.

Article33. Respondents must provide accurate, complete and timely information to a designated statistical officer of the Ministry of Planning or any other ministry or institution of the Royal Government.

Chapter VIII

PENALTIES

Article34. Government employees and designated statistical officers of the Ministry of Planning and statistical units in ministries or institutions of Royal Government who violate Article 30, Article 31 or Article 32 of this Law will be subject to receive administrative punishment not yet included other criminal offence.

Article35. Any individual or head of household who violates Article 33 of this Law will be notified by warning letter from NIS.

After receiving that warning letter, in case of committing the second violation, will be subject to a fine from 10,000 (ten thousand) Riels to 50,000 (fifty thousand) Riels.

Any employer or manager or director responsible employee in a company,

establishment or any other organization who violate Article 33 of this Law will be subject to imprisonment for a period of 1(one) month to 6 (six) months or will be subject to a fine of 5,000,000 (five million) Riels to 10,000,000 (ten million) Riels.

Article36. Any individual who willfully obstructs the process of statistical data collection conducted by staff designated by National Institute of Statistics of the Ministry of Planning, Ministries or other government institutions under the provisions of this Law, will be subject to imprisonment for a period of 7(seven) days to 1 (one) month or to a fine of 10,000 (ten thousand) Riels to 100,000 (hundred thousand) Riels.

Chapter IX

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Article37. All legal documents that have been created for implementing Statistics Law which was promulgated by Preah Reach Kram No.NS/rkm/0505/015 dated 09 May 2005 remain effective until having new document to revise or annul, except provision that is in conflict with this Law.

Chapter X

FINAL PROVISION

Article38. The statistical Law which was promulgated by Preah Reach Kram No.NS/rkm/0505/015 dated 09 May 2005 shall be null and void after this law enters into force.

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