Unofficial Translation

Statistics Law
(Amended Version)

Part I
General Provisions

Article 1: Objectives (Amended)

This Statistics Law defines rules, regulations, and measures regarding the organization, management, and inspection of the statistical activities that are systematically established and developed, modernized, strengthened and efficient, in order to assure comprehensiveness, accuracy, timeliness and consistency with facts of the statistical data, which can be used as the references for determining overall directions of the National Socio-Economic Development Plan, regional and international integration contributing into the national stability, strength, justice and civilization.

Article 2: Statistics (Amended)

Statistics mean data and numeric figure reflecting actual facts of events that happen in societies, working environment and livelihood within any period of time, derived from surveys and administrative reports thru the process of interviews, data collection, compilation, processing, analysis and interpretation in accordance with the statistical science.

Article 3: Definition (Amended)

The terms used in this law shall have the following definition:

1. National Statistics System means compilation of data from central and local level, by having the official statistics, action plans, infrastructure, and the national statistics organization;
2. Official statistics mean the statistic from surveys and administrative reports thru the process of collection, compilation, processing, analysis and examination based on the statistical science that is certified by the national statistics organization;

3. Statistical science means abundances, broadness and uniformity of the methodology, production process and dissemination of statistics regarding definitions, concepts, guidelines, international standards and statistics science textbooks that are internationally published from time to time;

4. Analysis means the process of disaggregating, checking and screening, and studying of components to elaborate the facts, linkage, characteristics, and to verify the statistical figures that can be applied for further studies;

5. Examination means any method in finding the root cause or source of issues thru steps, clear rules and targets;

6. Professional independence means the autonomy of production and dissemination of official statistics based on the statistics science;

7. Statistics survey mean the method in collecting the data or figure that is required by using questions or questionnaires to directly or indirectly interview respondents based on the statistical science and timeline determined with consent for each survey;

8. Administrative report means the regular collection, compilation and reporting of statistical data by production units based on the mandate and within the organizational scope of authority in providing information to the national statistics organization;

9. Indicators mean the statistical figures for measuring size, assessment and changes of issues or conditions in the development related to socio-economy, environment and natural resources, security and any events within specific time and place;

10. Raw data means the data, database or figures from surveys and administrative reports but have not gone thru the production and processing steps based on the statistical science;

11. Database means the set of data developed with the electronic format that can be accessed by various means and methods;

12. Base-year means the comparing point or reference for measuring the level of socio-economic changes;

13. Production unit means an individual, legal entity or governmental and non-governmental organization doing business, production, services and operations for the socio-culture with and without profits;

14. Listing of production units mean collection of the statistical list on production units that are operating business including registered and non-registered units with regular and continued records by governmental agencies or any organizations;

15. Registration of production unit means the annual collection and compilation based on administrative reports in order to produce the list and database;

16. Statistics production means collection, compilation, calculation, processing, analysis, examination and interpretation of the statistical data from the surveys and administrative reports based on the statistical science;

17. Statistics processing means the procedure of producing the statistics related to the study on consistency or possibility of data, nomenclatures, logical order, classification, and grouping based on the statistical science;
18. Governance unit means a ministry, equivalent organization, province, capital city, district, municipality, city and village;

19. Listing of governance unit means the listing of governance units with regular and continued records by the governmental organizations;

20. Nomenclatures mean the division of data into the part, sector, bundle, cluster and group that refers to the international standard of codification with numbers or alphabets for uniformity in producing and disseminating the statistics by the national statistics organization;

21. National sample survey means data collection from the samples of total population in regards to characteristics or the happening event based on the survey objectives;

22. Sectoral sample survey means data collection from the samples of total sectoral population in regards to characteristics or the happening event based on the survey objectives;

23. Local sample survey means data collection from the samples of total local population in regards to characteristics or the happening event based on the survey objectives;

24. Enumerators mean civil servants or individuals who are not civil servants, with designation to collect and compile the data while conducting any surveys;

25. Supervisors mean civil servants or individuals who are not civil servants, with designation to check the data and figures collected and compiled by the enumerators;

26. Respondents mean individuals, legal entities or local and foreign organizations with residency in Lao PDR providing statistical data;

27. Household means a house with an individual or groups with collective livelihood and sharing of daily routine. One household consists of one or families with one or many family census booklets;

28. Population registration means the recording system of population and total residents including the birth, decease, marriage, divorce, child adoption and others;

29. Gender statistics mean the data indicating the disparity and inequality between male and female in all aspects of the living, for instance the difference of accessibility, opportunities, supplies, values and others;

30. Non-factual statistics mean untrue information that is diverted from the facts or developed without the referencing source.

**Article 4: State Policies on Statistical Works (Amended)**

The State encourages and promotes the development of statistical works by identifying policies, laws, the national statistics organization, human resource development, deployment of official staff and budget allocation for the implementation of periodical statistics strategies and programs aiming to ensure sustainability of the works.

The State encourages individuals, legal entities or local and foreign organizations to contribute into the statistical works via sharing of information, knowledge and financial sources.

The State provides preferable conditions and facilitates all social sectors nationwide to be able to learn, understand and access comprehensive and timely statistical data.
Article 5: Fundamental Principles of Statistical Works (Amended)
Implementation of statistical works shall follow these fundamental principles:
1. Ensuring the centralized and harmonized management nationwide;
2. Ensuring the accuracy based on statistical science, professional independence and provision of statistical data with facts, actuality, clarity, comprehensiveness and timeliness;
3. Ensuring harmonization of indicators, calculating methods, data collection matrix, measurement units, nomenclatures, and timeline of reporting with the attention on gender disaggregated statistics;
4. Ensuring disclosure of statistical data production and dissemination to build confidence for the data users;
5. Ensuring equal rights in accessing and using statistical data that is disseminated and announced; and enhancing relations between data producers and users.

Article 6: Scope of Application (Amended)
This Law applies to individuals, households, legal entities or organizations, both local and foreign, living and having activities related to production, provision and uses of statistical data in Lao People’s Democratic Republic, except the event of dissemination and distribution of statistical data subject to the national security.

Article 7: International Cooperation (Amended)
The State promotes foreign, regional and international cooperation thru sharing of lessons learnt and official statistics, knowledge upgrade, technical competency, techniques, integration of statistical science methods, studies, application of science and technology into the development of the statistical works with strengthening and modernization, respecting and implementing the international agreements and conventions that Lao PDR is the member state.

Part II
Type of Statistics

Article 8: Type of Statistics
Statistics are divided into four types as follows:
1. Economic statistics;
2. Socio statistics;
3. Environmental and natural resource statistics;

Article 9: Economic Statistics (Amended)
Economic statistics are the statistical data on economic development conditions of sectors including agriculture, forestry and fishery, industry and commerce, energy and mines, transportation, post, telecommunication, communication, science and technology, construction, trade, investment, finance, monetary, banking and insurance, tourism, national accounting, statistics on economic unit listing and others related to the economy with consistency to the indicators of development targets.
Article 10: Socio Statistics (Amended)
Socio statistics are statistical data on social development conditions related to citizens, ethnicity, education, public health, labor, social welfare, disables, elderly people, information and culture, poverty, gender, social security, residential statistics, acrobat-sports, civil society organizations, accidents, criminal cases; and the statistics on governance unit listing, household registration, citizenship registration birth, decease, marriage, divorce, and child adoption and other statistics related to the social aspects with consistency to the indicators of development targets.

Article 11: Environmental and Natural Resource Statistics (Amended)
Environmental and natural resource statistics are statistical data on the development conditions of environment and natural resources including geography, geology, land, minerals, meteorology, hydrology, disaster, pollutant, waste, chemicals and treatment, environmental balance, natural resources, human and development and other statistics related to the environment and natural resources with consistency to the indicators of development targets.

Article 12: Security Statistics (Amended)
Security statistics are statistical data related to the national defense, security and stability in terms of economy and social safety including food security and human trafficking statistics.

Part III
Statistics Production

Article 13: Importance and Necessity of Statistics Production (Amended)
Statistics production is an important tool for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of focal action plans under the national and local socio-economic development plan; becomes the necessary basis for improvement of the public governance, development of visions, strategies, long-term plans, improvement of the plans, programs and projects; and sources of comprehensive and timely statistics measuring the tendency level periodically of the socio-economy.

Article 14: Methods of Statistics Production
Production of official statistics shall have the following methods:
1. Survey;
2. Administrative reporting;
3. Statistics production by listing;
4. Statistics production by registration.
Chapter 1
Survey

**Article 15: Types of Statistical Survey (Amended)**

Statistical survey has three following types:
1. Census;
2. Sample survey;
3. Specific survey.

Census is the collecting, noting down and recording all of the target units based on the survey's objectives.

Sample survey is the collecting, noting down and recording some of the target units that are thru sample selection based on the statistical science of sample design subject to the survey's objectives that can represent the national level and not such as provinces, districts and villages.

Specific survey is collecting, noting down and recording of the information that focuses on the specific objectives as included in the plan or excluded from the survey plan, and this survey can be conducted anytime upon the needs, urgent requirements, necessity and in case of emergency.

**Article 16: Survey Planning (Amended)**

Survey planning is identification of survey planning that includes preparation, field operation and evaluation with designation of central and local committees. The survey planning consists of:

1. The survey preparation is the stage of planning and developing the survey activities that include objectives, targets, cope, content, action-plan and time schedule, methods, questionnaire forms, use of nomenclatures, equipment, materials, tools, personnel, budget and advocacy campaigns to promote participation of stakeholders into the survey;
2. The field operation is the stage of executing the survey plan and it includes training of the enumerators and supervisors, on data collection, recording and writing skills by using the method of direct and indirect interviews, and checking for correct and comprehensive data from the respondents in the survey areas;
3. The evaluation is the stage of analyzing and presenting the survey results and it includes compilation, processing, database creation, statistical matrix, report and dissemination of the findings.

**Article 17: Survey Timeline (Amended)**

The survey timeline follows the interval of 10 years, 5 years, annual and quarterly basis and upon the request from time to time as described below:

The timeline of each survey type shall be determined as follows:
1. Census includes:
   - The population and housing, and agricultural census that are scheduled for every 10-year interval. Economic census is scheduled for every 5-year interval;
   - Other socio-economic census can be conducted if it deems necessary.
2. Sample survey includes:
National sample survey includes household consumption and expenditure, labor, and social indicators that are scheduled for every 5-year interval or annually as case-by-case of the survey. The household, enterprise and merchandizing unit survey can be conducted annually.

The sample survey that is not the national level follows the program inside the strategy and program of the vertical and horizontal statistics organization identified periodically;

3. Specific survey can be conducted annually or as needed within each period.

Article 18: Approval of Survey (Amended)

Approval of each survey type shall follow:
1. The Prime Minister approves the census upon the request by the Lao Statistics Bureau through the Ministry of Planning and Investment;
2. The Minister of Planning and Investment approves the national sample survey upon the request by the Lao Statistics Bureau through collaborations with line sectors;
3. The Ministers or Heads of Ministerial Equivalent Organizations approve the sectoral or specific surveys upon the request by the statistics center situated in the ministry or equivalent organization through the technical certification and endorsement by the Lao Statistics Bureau;
4. The Governors of Provinces and Major of Capital City approve the sample and specific survey at their local level upon the request by the department’s statistics centers, equivalent organizations inside the provinces, Capital through the technical certification and endorsement by the Lao Statistics Bureau.
5. The Governors of Districts, Heads of Municipalities and Majors of Cities approve the sample and specific survey at their local level upon the request by the department’s statistics centers, equivalent organizations inside the districts, municipalities and capital cities through the technical certification and endorsement by the statistics centers of the districts, municipalities, cities; or upon the request by the statistic center of the district, municipality, city thru the technical certification and endorsement or provincial, capital city’s statistics centers.

Regarding the sample and specific survey by production unit to serve its specific organizational requirement, the organization can conduct the survey by itself without requesting the endorsement from the national statistics organization however there shall be consent from the local authorities and the statistics is not official.

Apart from the surveys that are not defined in the Strategy for the Development of National Statistical System but are recognized as necessity and urgency, the person as explicitly mentioned in paragraph 1 to 5 of this Article shall approve based on each survey type.

Article 19: Survey Executing Agencies (Amended)

Survey executing agencies for each survey type are as follows:
1. Lao Statistics Bureau executes the census, national sample survey and other specific surveys as periodically defined in the Strategy for the Development of National Statistical System;
2. Statistics Centers of ministries, equivalent organizations, provinces, capital city and districts, municipalities, and cities execute sample and specific surveys aiming
to serve its own sectoral and local requirements through technical certification and endorsement by the Lao Statistics Bureau;

3. Production units can conduct the sample or specific surveys in order to have the statistical data serving their organizational operations but the statistics are not official and only with consent from the local authorities.

The international organizations and non-governmental organizations are not permitted to conduct surveys by themselves. But if it deems necessary it can be conducted through the line sectoral statistics organizations and the Lao Statistics Bureau as mentioned in Article 18 of this Law.

**Article 20: Obligations in Providing Data to Surveys**

Households or individuals and production units have obligations in providing data to surveys as follows:

1. Households of Lao PDR shall provide data to enumerators during the surveys and data collection based on the national statistics organization's program.

   By providing data for the purpose of data collection and surveys that are not conducted by the national statistics organization and certified by the Lao Statistics Bureau, the respondent has the right to respond on the voluntary basis.

   2. Production units, international organizations and non-governmental organizations operating in Lao PDR shall report information regarding their operations as required by statistical surveys with correctness, completeness, clarity and timeliness as identified and according to the periodical statistics reporting by the national statistics organization.

   The owner and accounting chief of production unit shall be liable for the correctness and clarity of the reporting data based on the Law on Accounting and other relevant laws of Lao PDR.

**Chapter 2**

**Administrative Report**

**Article 21: Type of Administrative Report**

Administrative report has two following types:

1. Statistics report from the state owned economic unit;

2. Statistics report from the non-state owned economic unit.

   The two types of administrative report are conducted thru data collection, aggregation and regular reporting based on the mandate in providing statistics to the management and national statistics organization via the use of reporting procedure mentioned in Article 23 of this Law.

**Article 22: Reporting System (New)**

The reporting system has two types:

1. The report on conditions of implementation and performance of the statistical works by production units;

2. The report on statistical data by production units.

   The report on conditions of implementation and performance of the statistical works by production units shall be presented to the governance authorities, statistics
inspection organizations and the next level of management on the periodical basis in accordance with the regulations and requests by the top authorities.

The report on statistical data by production units shall be conducted along the vertical and horizontal organization lines.

**Article 23: Reporting Content (Amended)**

The reporting content refers to the objectives, targets, and scope with the following content:

1. Table system
2. Measurement based on statistical science principles
3. Nomenclature
4. Timeline of statistics report
5. Filling and copy of statistics data

The statistics report shall obtain the official signature and stamp by the organization that produces it.

**Article 24: Table System (New)**

The table system consists of:

1. Data collection table
2. Reporting table

The data collection table consists of the questionnaire form and the table as follows:

- The questionnaire form is the data collection table with the details on set of questions or choices corresponding to each topic of the survey;
- The data collection table consists of the topic or title of the table, numeric order, description on the list of information and questions, time reference, measurement unit and data source.

The reporting table consolidates details from the data collection table with topic or title of the table, numeric order, description on the list of information, indicators, classification, reference time, timeline of reporting, measurement units on quantity, value, size, volume and percentage of each statistics type, data source regarding the name of the data producer and organization providing statistics, production time and filling of statistics data.

The Lao Statistics Bureau takes the leading role in the production of the data collection table and reporting table for the official statistics at the national level in collaborations with the vertical and horizontal statistics organizations. Regarding the horizontal statistics system, the line statistics agency can produce the data collection table and reporting table on the official statistics as required.

**Article 25: Measurement Based on Statistical Science Principles (New)**

The measurement based on statistical science principles applies statistical calculation formulas according to characteristics of each statistics type with compliance to the international and national statistics system.

The official statistics-reporting mode shall determine the scientific calculation method with clarification to ensure transparency and creditability of the data.
Article 26: Nomenclatures (New)

The Lao Statistics Bureau and the horizontal statistics organizations shall manage, analyze, produce and develop, and adjust the classification provided internationally to suite the context of Lao PDR; provide instructions and methods in using the nomenclature by coordinating with stakeholders to ensure the international comparison and integration.

The nomenclature includes the following classification:
1. Governance: province, capital city, district, municipality, city and village;
2. International standard industrial classification of all economic activities (ISIC);
3. Harmonized commodity description and coding system (HS);
4. Standard international trade classification (SITC);
5. Central product classification (CPC);
6. Classification of the functions of government (COFOG);
7. Government finance statistics (GFS);
8. Classification of the purposes of non-profit institutions serving household (COPNI);
9. Classification of individual consumption by purpose (COICOP);
10. Statistical classification of products by activity (CPA);
11. Classification of the outlays of producers according to purpose (COPP);
12. International standard classification of occupation (ISCO);
13. Classification by broad economic categories (BEC);
14. International classification of status in employment (ICSE);
15. International classification of disease (ICD);
16. Other classifications produced by the Lao Statistics Bureau from time to time when it deems necessary.

Article 27: Timeline of Statistics Reporting (New)

The timeline of statistics reporting refers to the calendar year as the basis with the weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual report. Regarding the educational sector, the report follows the academic term.

The statistics reporting follows the reporting content stipulated in Article 23 of this Law by allowing the vertical and horizontal statistics organization to analyze and determine the additional timeline of reporting in order to meet the above timeline.

Article 28: Filling and Copy of Statistics Data (New)

The statistics data produced by the survey and administrative report shall have the filling based on the obligation of statistics reporting as stipulated in Article 29 of this Law.

The statistics data filling is the organizational documentation describing in details and comprehensiveness. The filling with indicator includes the title of indicator, definition, calculation method, data collection and processing procedure, scope, timeline, measurement unit, data source, contact details and others.

The statistics data filling of the survey includes all steps of data collection subject to statistics production and the filling with indicator via the data consolidation by each production step of statistics, processing and by the indicators determined by the national and international statistics organization.
Copy of statistics data is the keeping of data and documentation within the organization and the copy of statistics data shall be documented as follows:

1. The electronic database of the survey and the copy of official statistics shall be kept without the timeline by the use of Information Technology platform inside the organization and leave it with the organization in charge of storing the national data or with the Bank of Lao PDR.
2. Questionnaire forms of the national census and sample survey shall be kept for at least 3 years;
3. Questionnaire forms of the non-national sample survey and the specific survey shall be kept for at least 2 years;

**Article 29: Obligations in Reporting Statistics (Amended)**

Obligations in reporting the statistics by the production unit and the national statistics organization are as follows:

1. Reporting along the report system, content, table, calculation based on statistical science, nomenclature, timeline, filling and copy;
2. Developing the systems for filling, copying and reporting the statistics on the regular and continued basis;
3. Providing the statistics data and database of raw data based on the periodical request by the national statistics organization.

All levels of vertical and horizontal statistics organization shall be responsible for the correctness and clarity of the statistics data reported to the following statistics authority and the Lao Statistics Bureau based on the laws and regulations.

All stakeholders of the society shall facilitate and support the work implementation by the national statistics organization.

**Article 30: Type of Statistics Confidentiality (Amended)**

Statistics confidentiality is divided into two following types:

1. The state secrecy on stability, the national defense and security, and the official secretcies as being specifically determined by relevant organizations;
2. The secrecy of individual, legal entity or organization as the result of conducting the survey and administrative report.

**Chapter 3**

**Statistics Production by Listing**

**Article 31: Statistics Production by Listing (New)**

The statistics production by listing has four types as follows:

1. Statistics production by listing of the economic units;
2. Statistics production by listing of the governance units;
3. Statistics production by listing of the households;
Article 32: Statistics Production by Listing of Economic Units (New)

The statistics production by listing the economic units is the collection of basic data related to the production unit that is the individual and legal entity offering the production and service.

The statistics production by listing the economic units is conducted thru the periodical administrative report and survey by the national statistics organization.

Article 33: Statistics Production by Listing of Governance Units (New)

The statistics production by listing of the governance units has two following types:
1. The Governmental Organization with the Prime Minister Office, ministries and equivalent organizations;
2. The administrative office of the province, capital city, district, municipality, city, and village;

The statistics production by listing of the governmental organizations and local authorities shall be the consolidation of titles from the administrative report and determination by the harmonized classification for the Lao Statistics Bureau to produce the official statistics.

Article 34: Statistics Production by Listing of Households (New)

The listing of households is the consolidation of total households under the village’s supervision.

The statistics production by listing of the households is conducted thru the annual statistics reporting from the village level, the periodical sample survey, the mid-term population survey and every 10 year population census, and identification of harmonized classification for the production of official statistics by the vertical statistics organization.

Article 35: Statistics Production by Recording Numbers of Citizens (New)

The recording of citizen numbers is the data collection for anticipating the number of population with accuracy during the population census.

The statistics production by recording numbers of citizens is conducted thru the collection of population number based on the annual administrative report and the mid-term census that is within 10 year interval of the population and residence census to clearly anticipate or proximity of numbers of population.

Chapter 4

Statistics Production by Registration

Article 36: Statistics Production by Registration (New)

The statistics production by registration has three following types:
1. Statistics production by economic unit registration;
2. Statistics production by citizen registration;
Article 37: Statistics Production by Economic Unit Registration (New)

The statistics production by economic unit registration is the annual collection and consolidation based on the administrative report by the relevant state organizations in charge of the permission and registration of business operations for the listing and database subject to the improvement of the sample selection list for the national survey.

Article 38: Statistics Production by Citizen Registration (New)

The statistics on citizen registration is the registration of family as stipulated by the Law on Family Registration. The type of family registration statistics consists of family census registration, house construction or demolition, birth, decease, a missing person, marriage, divorce, child adoption, recognition of fatherhood, change of name and surname, migration; and the registration of corpse keeping, bury, cremation or moving and others related to the citizen registration.

The statistics production by citizen registration follows the systematically and continually annual statistics production by the national statistics organization based on the reports from relevant organizations.

Article 39: Statistics Production by Issuance of Identity Cards (New)

The statistics production by issuance of identity card follows the systematically and continually annual statistics production by the national statistics organization based on the reports from relevant organizations.

Part IV

Dissemination and Use of Statistics Data

Article 40: Responsibilities of Publishing Statistics Report (Amended)

The statistics report is the introduction of findings from the statistics productions regarding the report materials, brochures, posters, maps, CDs and documentary videos.

The vertical and horizontal statistics organizations can publish materials related to the statistics reporting produced by the data from the administrative report and survey; and also be responsible for the correctness of the details based on the statistical science. The endorsement procedure of publications complies with the Law on Publication.

Article 41: Announcement and Dissemination of Official Statistics (Amended)

The announcement for use and dissemination of official statistics shall follow:

1. The national statistics organization as the person administratively managing the national data and indicators shall be the person who announces and disseminates the official statistics at the national level and surveys’ results within its scope of authority;

2. The statistic centers of the National Assembly, ministries, equivalent organizations, people’s supreme court and prosecutor shall announce and disseminate
the official statistics at the sectoral level within their scopes of authorities thru technical certification and endorsement by the Lao Statistics Bureau;

3. The statistic centers of the provinces, capital city, districts, municipalities, and cities shall announce and disseminate the official statistics at their local level within their scopes of authorities thru technical certification and endorsement by the Lao Statistics Bureau;

4. Provision of official statistics to both local and foreign statistics users is conducted thru the one stop service with official dissemination system by the national statistics organization on periodical basis.

Dissemination of official statistics can be conducted thru various platforms including conferences, statistics reports, media, websites and electronic systems.

Article 42: Persons with Authorities to Announce Survey Results (Amended)
The persons with authorities to announce the survey results are:
1. Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister(s) as the Chairperson of Committee guiding the census;
2. Chairperson of Committee guiding the national sample survey;
3. The Head of Lao Statistics Bureau;
4. The Heads of Statistics Centers of line ministries and equivalent organizations;
5. The Heads of Statistics Centers of the provinces, capital, district, municipality and cities.

Article 43: Statistics Accessibility and Use (Amended)
The statistics accessibility and use follows:
1. The individual, legal entity or organization obtains the rights to access and use the official statistics that are disseminated and announced by the national statistics organization with uniformity;
2. The user of raw statistics shall follow the regulations on data services enacted by the relevant statistics organizations;
3. The statistics, raw data and database users shall clearly identify the data sources while using them.

Part V
The National Statistics Organization

Article 44: The National Statistics Organization
The National Statistic Office consists of:
1. The vertical statistics organization;
2. The horizontal statistics organization.
Chapter 1

Vertical Statistics Organization

Article 45: Vertical Statistics Organization (Amended)

The vertical statistics organization consists of:
1. Lao Statistics Bureau;
2. The statistics centers of provinces, capital;
3. The statistics centers of districts, municipalities and cities;
4. The village statistics units.

Article 46: Rights and Duties of Lao Statistics Bureau (Amended)

The Lao Statistics Bureau is one of the authorities under the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the Vice-Minister is the head.

The Lao Statistics Bureau has the following rights and duties:
1. Supervising Ministry of Planning and Investment in drafting policies, the National Statistics System Development Strategy; developing and amending the laws and regulations related to statistical works;
2. Studying and developing action plans, census, national sample surveys and budgeting on statistical works to present to Ministry of Planning and Investment;
3. Advocating and disseminating policies, strategies, laws, regulations and action plans on statistical works nationwide;
4. Issuing the decisions, orders, instructions and notices related to survey implementation and statistical work's performance;
5. Guiding, managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating technical performance based on the statistics science, periodical pursuance of the strategy and action plans implemented by the national statistics organization;
6. Developing the training and capacity development plans, upgrading technical knowledge and skills on statistics for personnel-civil servants within the national statistics organization's systems;
7. Studying, setting up and developing the database of official statistics, and copying the database of the national statistics compiled by the national statistics organizations and from production units;
8. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports, periodically determining the national indicators by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
9. Accessing and using all databases of production units by collaborating with both vertical and horizontal statistics organizations;
10. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from production units; and producing, publishing and disseminating official statistics at the national level;
11. Coordinating with line ministries, equivalent organizations, local authorities and key stakeholders involved in statistical works;
12. Contacting, cooperating, signing agreements and protocols in overseas, in regional and international level, for the purpose of statistical works assigned by the Government;
13. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to Ministry of Planning and Investment on regular basis;
14. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

**Article 47: Rights and Duties of Provincial, Capital Statistics Centers (Amended)**

The provincial, capital statistics center(s) is under the supervision of the provincial/capital city department of planning and investment.

The provincial, capital statistics center has rights and duties within its scope of authorities as follows:

1. Implementing, advocating and disseminating policies, national statistics system development strategy, laws, regulations and action plans related to statistical works;
2. Studying and developing action plans, provincial surveys and budgeting in order to present to the provincial, capital Department of Investment Promotion(s);
3. Guiding, managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating technical performance based on the statistics science, periodical pursuance of the strategy and action plans within its statistics management;
4. Complying with the agreements, orders, instructions, notices and action plans of Lao Statistics Bureau;
5. Developing the training and capacity development plans, upgrading technical knowledge and skills on statistics for personnel-civil servants within the vertical and horizontal organizations of the province, capital;
6. Studying, setting up and developing the database of official statistics, and copying the database of the provincial, capital statistics compiled by the vertical and horizontal organizations of the province, capital and from production units;
7. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports, periodically determining the provincial indicators based on the data collected by Lao Statistics Bureau and by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
8. Accessing and using all databases of production units by collaborating with the provincial, capital Department of Investment Promotion(s) or equivalent organizations;
9. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from vertical and horizontal organizations and production units; and producing, publishing and disseminating official statistics;
10. Coordinating with line provincial, capital departments, equivalent organizations, and key stakeholders involved in statistical works;
11. Contacting and cooperating with civil society organizations and international organizations in Lao PDR and overseas for the purpose of statistical works assigned by top authorities;
12. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to Lao Statistics Bureau and its management on regular basis;
13. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

**Article 48: Rights and Duties of District, Municipality, City’s Statistics Centers (Amended)**

The statistics center of district, municipality and city is under the planning and investment office of district, municipality, city.

The statistics center of district, municipality and city has rights and duties within its scope of authorities as follows:
1. Implementing and disseminating policies, laws, the national statistics system
development strategy and provincial, capital statistics system development plan;
2. Studying and developing action plans, district surveys and budgeting in order
to present to the provincial, capital Department of Investment Promotion(s);
3. Managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating technical
performance based on the statistics science, periodical pursuance of the action plans
within its statistics management;
4. Complying with the agreements, orders, instructions, notices and action plans
of provincial, capital statistics centers;
5. Developing the training and capacity development plans, upgrading technical
knowledge and skills on statistics for district, municipality, city personnel and village
statistics units;
6. Studying, setting up and developing the database of official statistics and
copying the database of the district, municipality, city statistics compiled by the vertical
and horizontal organizations and from production units;
7. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports,
periodically determining the district indicators based on the data collected by Lao
Statistics Bureau and by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
8. Accessing and using all databases of production units by collaborating with
the planning and investment office of district, municipality, city or equivalent
organizations;
9. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from vertical and
horizontal organizations and production units; and producing, publishing and
disseminating official statistics;
10. Coordinating with line offices of district, municipality, city, equivalent
organizations, and key stakeholders involved in statistical works;
11. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to
provincial, capital statistics center and its management on regular basis;
12. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

Article 49: Rights and Duties of Village Statistics Units (Amended)
The village statistic unit is the component of economic-finance structure under
the village authorities, in which the member is selected by the village chief and officially
appointed by the Governor of district, municipality, city to guide the statistical works.
The village statistics unit has its rights and duties as follows:
1. Collecting and consolidating the statistics from households and production
units thru verification by the village authorities;
2. Managing and keeping the village statistics book for the purpose of regular
storage of basic statistics and database development;
3. Participating into data collection by surveys and administrative reports of the
statistics organizations on periodical basis;
4. Receiving the technical capacity building and training on statistics;
5. Summarizing and reporting the performance to the statistics center of
district, municipality, city on regular basis;
6. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.
Chapter 2
Horizontal Statistics Organization

Article 50: Horizontal Statistics Organization (Amended)

The horizontal statistics organization consists of:

1. The organizational systems of line sectors at the central and local level;
2. The statistics organization of the production units.

1. The organizational systems of line sectors at the central and local level consists of:

   - The statistics centers of line ministries and equivalent organizations;
   - The statistics units of provincial, capital departments and equivalent organizations;
   - The statistics units of district, municipality, city offices and equivalent organizations.

The Prime Minister issues an order to ministries and equivalent organizations to be the authorities in providing the agreements on the organization and function of its own statistics units with consistency to the rights and duties as being stipulated in this Law.

2. The statistics organization of the production units consists of statistics team.

Article 51: Rights and Duties of Statistics Units under Line Ministries and Equivalent Organizations (Amended)

The statistics centers of line ministries and equivalent organizations have the following rights and duties:

1. Implementing the policies, strategy, laws and regulations;
2. Advocating and disseminating the policies, strategy, laws, regulations and action plans on statistical works within its sector;
3. Studying and developing the statistics development plan, sample and specific surveys within its sector from time to time, in order to present to the ministry and equivalent organization thru the technical verification and endorsement by Lao Statistics Bureau;
4. Managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating the technical performance based on the statistics science and action plans on statistics of the offices, line departments under the ministry or equivalent organization, and local organization under the scope of authority on the periodical basis;
5. Providing instructions and notices on implementation of surveys and statistics performance;
6. Developing the training and capacity building plans, upgrading technical knowledge and skills on statistics for personnel-civil servants;
7. Studying, setting up, and developing databases of official statistics consolidated from the office, line departments of the ministry or equivalent organization and relevant production units;
8. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports, periodically determining the sector’s indicators based on the data collected by Lao Statistics Bureau and by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
9. Accessing and using all databases of the office, line departments of the ministry or equivalent organization and production units under the sector;

10. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from the office, line departments of the ministry or equivalent organization and production units under the sector; and producing, publishing and disseminating official statistics;

11. Coordinating with the office, line departments of the ministry or equivalent organization and production units under the sector, and vertical and horizontal organizations of statistical works;

12. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to the ministry or equivalent organization and Lao Statistics Bureau on regular basis;

13. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

Article 52: Rights and Duties of Statistics Units of Line Provincial, Capital Departments or Equivalent Organization (Amended)

The statistics units of the line provincial, capital departments or equivalent organizations have the rights and duties within their scope of authorities as follows:

1. Implementing the policies, strategy, laws and regulations;

2. Advocating and disseminating the policies, strategy, laws, regulations and action plans on statistical works;

3. Studying and developing the statistics development plan, sample and specific surveys within its locality from time to time, in order to present to the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization thru the technical verification and endorsement by provincial, capital statistics centers;

4. Managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating the technical performance based on the statistics science and action plans on statistics of the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization on the periodical basis;

5. Providing instructions and notices on implementation of surveys and statistics performance;

6. Developing the training and capacity building plans, upgrading technical knowledge and skills on statistics for personnel-civil servants;

7. Studying, setting up, and developing databases of official statistics consolidated from the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization and relevant production units;

8. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports, periodically determining the sector’s indicators based on the data collected by Lao Statistics Bureau and ministry or equivalent organization by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;

9. Accessing and using all databases of the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization and production units under the sector;

10. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization and production units under the sector; and producing, publishing and disseminating official statistics;

11. Coordinating with the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization and production units under the sector and vertical and horizontal organizations of statistical works;
12. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to the provincial, capital department or equivalent organization, and provincial, capital statistics centers on regular basis;

13. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

**Article 53: Rights and Duties of Statistics Units of Line Sector Offices in Districts, Municipalities and Cities or Equivalent Organizations (Amended)**

The statistics units of line sector offices in districts, municipalities and cities or equivalent organizations shall have the rights and duties within their scope of authorities as follows:

1. Implementing the policies, strategy of sector province, capital city, laws and regulations;
2. Advocating and disseminating the policies, strategy, laws, regulations and action plans on statistical works;
3. Studying and developing the statistics development plan, sample and specific surveys within its locality from time to time, in order to present to the office of district, municipality, city or equivalent organization thru the technical verification and endorsement by district, municipality, city statistics centers;
4. Managing, supporting, following, monitoring and evaluating implementation of action plans on the periodical basis;
5. Providing instructions and notices on implementation of surveys and statistics performance;
6. Developing the training and capacity building plans, upgrading technical knowledge and skills on statistics for personnel-civil servants;
7. Studying, setting up, and developing databases of official statistics consolidated from the office of district, municipality, city or equivalent organization and relevant production units;
8. Designing surveys and collecting information from administrative reports, periodically determining the sector’s indicators based on the data collected by Lao Statistics Bureau by collaborating with relevant stakeholders;
9. Accessing and using all databases of the office of district, municipality, city or equivalent organization and production units under the sector;
10. Collecting, consolidating and requesting statistics from the office of district, municipality, city or equivalent organization and production units under the sector; and producing, publishing and disseminating official statistics;
11. Coordinating with the district office or equivalent organization within its organization line, and statistics centers of districts, municipalities, cities and other stakeholders;
12. Summarizing and reporting the performance on statistical works to the district office or equivalent organization within its organization line, and statistics centers of districts, municipalities, cities and other stakeholders on regular basis;
13. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

**Article 54: Rights and Duties of Production Units’ Statistics Team (Amended)**

The chairperson or director or owner of production unit is the person who issues the agreement to establish its own statistics team. This team performs the statistical works under its scope of authority.
The production unit’s statistics team shall have its rights and duties as follows:
1. Collecting, consolidating and providing statistics on its performance to the national statistics organization based on the survey and administrative reporting system;
2. Systematically recording and storing production unit’s statistics in order to have the basic data on regular basis and to provide to other key stakeholders for seeking consent;
3. Receiving the capacity building and training on statistics;
4. Summarizing and reporting the statistical work performance to the national statistics organization on regular basis;
5. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

Part VI
Restrictions

Article 55: Restrictions Applied to Statistics Organization and Personnel (Amended)
The statistics organization and personnel shall be restricted as follows:
1. Disclosing and disseminating the specific information of individuals, legal entities or organizations as being stipulated in Article 30 of this Law;
2. Conducting fraud and misusing the official statistics and specific information of individuals, legal entities or organizations to gain the personal benefits or to intentionally damage the others;
3. Using the statistics and report from individuals, legal entities or local and international organizations operating in Lao PDR for the reference in checking and investigating business operations or calculation of duties or tax;
4. Violating the statistics' code of conduct;
5. Having behavior that violates the laws.

Article 56: Restrictions Applied to Individuals, Legal Entities or Organizations Providing Statistics (Amended)
Individuals, legal entities or organizations providing statistics shall be restricted as follows:
1. Reporting the statistics that are not the facts;
2. Disseminating and providing information that is not under his or her own responsibility and without the permission;
3. Conducting fraud and misusing the official statistics and specific information of individuals, legal entities or organizations with intention;
4. Having behavior that violates the laws.

Article 57: Restrictions Applied to Individuals, Legal Entities or Organizations Using Statistics (Amended)
Individuals, legal entities or organizations using statistics shall be restricted as follows:
1. Using the specific information of individuals, legal entities or organizations for the unlawful purposes and other objectives rather than statistics;
2. Using the statistics for the purpose of damaging the others’ reputation or business operated by the individuals, legal entities or organizations;
3. Providing the raw data from the survey of the vertical and horizontal statistics organizations to the third party with the objectives rather than statistics;
4. Forcing other persons to disclose, report and announce the data that is not the fact;
5. Having behavior that violates the laws and regulations.

Part VII
Statistics Management and Inspection
Chapter 1
Statistics Management

Article 58: Statistics Management Organizations (Amended)
The Government manages the statistical works with centralization and harmonization throughout the country by assigning Ministry of Planning and Investment to take direct responsibilities and to be the focal point of coordination with the line ministries, equivalent organizations, and relevant local authorities.
The statistics management organizations include:
1. Ministry of Planning and Investment;
2. Provincial, capital department of planning and investment;
3. District, municipality, city office of planning and investment;
4. Ministries, equivalent organizations, line provincial, capital departments, and line district, municipality, city offices.

Article 59: Rights and Duties of Ministry of Planning and Investment (Amended)
In regards to the statistics management, Ministry of Planning and Investment shall have the following rights and duties:
1. Drafting policies and the nationals statistics system development strategy followed by presentation to the Government for considerations;
2. Developing, improving and presenting the statistics related laws to the Government for forwarding to the National Assembly for considerations;
3. Advocating and disseminating policies, strategies, laws and regulations on statistics nationwide;
4. Considering the approval on periodical action plans, projects and budgeting plans on statistical works;
5. Guiding, leading, managing, supporting and promoting the national statistics development; following, monitoring and evaluating the pursuance of the policies, strategies, laws and regulations on development and functions of statistical works;
6. Issuing agreements on designation of committee in charge of national sample surveys on periodical basis upon the request by Lao Statistics Bureau;
7. Presenting the Prime Minister to officially endorse the conduct of census and national sample surveys upon the propose submitted by Lao Statistics Bureau;
8. Determining indicators for monitoring and evaluation the periodical performance of the national socio-economic development plan;

9. Guiding, following and coordinating with other line ministries, equivalent organizations, local authorities and stakeholders to support and facilitate the organization of statistical works;

10. Cooperating with foreign, regional and international partners for the development and financial supports into the statistical works;

11. Summarizing, consolidating and reporting the statistics performance to the Government on regular basis;

12. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

Article 60: Rights and Duties of Provincial, Capital Department of Investment Promotion
(Amended)

In regards to the statistics management, provincial, capital Department of Investment Promotion(s) shall have the following rights and duties within its scope of authorities:

1. Studying and providing comments on the draft national and provincial statistics system development strategy;

2. Considering the approval on periodical action plans, projects and budgeting plans on statistical works by the province, capital;

3. Advocating and disseminating policies, strategies, laws and regulations on statistics nationwide;

4. Guiding, leading, managing, supporting and promoting the national statistics development; following, monitoring and evaluating the pursuance of the policies, strategies, laws and regulations on development and functions of statistical works at the province, capital, district, municipality, city;

5. Presenting to the provincial/capital authorities for endorsing the provincial, capital surveys upon the request by the statistics center of the province, capital and by the instructions from Lao Statistics Bureau;

6. Determining indicators for monitoring and evaluation the periodical performance of the provincial/capital city socio-economic development plan;

7. Guiding, following and coordinating with other provincial departments, equivalent organizations and stakeholders to support and facilitate the organization of statistical works;

8. Contacting, cooperating and signing the Memorandum of Understanding on statistical works with civil society organizations in Lao PDR for the purpose of development and financial supports into the statistics upon the agreement by Ministry of Planning and Investment;

9. Summarizing, consolidating and reporting the statistics performance to the provincial, capital administrations and Ministry of Planning and Investment on regular basis;

10. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.
Article 61: Rights and Duties of District, Municipality, City Office of Planning and Investment (Amended)

In regards to the statistics management, the district, municipality, city office of planning and investment shall have the following rights and duties within its scope of authorities:

1. Studying and providing comments on the draft provincial statistics system development strategy and district statistics action plan;
2. Considering the approval on periodical action plans, projects and budgeting plans on statistical works by the district, municipality, city;
3. Disseminating policies, strategies, laws and regulations on statistics nationwide;
4. Guiding, leading, managing, supporting and promoting the district, municipality, city statistics development; following, monitoring and evaluating the pursuance of the policies, strategies, laws and regulations on development and functions of statistical works at the district, municipality, city;
5. Presenting to the district/municipality/city authorities for endorsing the district, municipality, city surveys upon the request by the statistics unit of the district, municipality, city and by the instructions from Lao Statistics Bureau;
6. Determining indicators for monitoring and evaluation the periodical performance of the district, municipality, city socio-economic development plan;
7. Guiding, following and coordinating with other district offices, equivalent organizations and stakeholders to support and facilitate the organization of statistical works;
8. Summarizing, consolidating and reporting the statistics performance to the district, municipality, city administrations and Department of Investment Promotion on regular basis;
9. Exercising other rights and performing duties as being stipulated by the Law.

Article 62: Rights and Duties of Ministries, Equivalent Organizations, Line Provincial, Capital Departments, and District, Municipality, City Offices (Amended)

In regards to the statistics management, the ministries, equivalent organizations, line provincial, capital departments, and district, municipality, city offices shall have the following rights and duties:

1. Supporting, monitoring, and promoting the pursuance of the policies, the national statistics system development strategy, laws, regulations and action plans on the statistical works;
2. Studying and considering the periodical action plans, projects and budgeting plans on statistics;
3. Advocating, disseminating, guiding, monitoring the implementation of the statistical works within its scope of authority;
4. Guiding, leading, managing, supporting and promoting the development of statistics; following, monitoring and evaluating the pursuance of the policies, the national statistics system development strategy, laws, regulations and action plans on the statistical works within its scope of authority;
5. Determining indicators for monitoring and evaluation the periodical performance of the socio-economic development plan;
6. Coordinating and supporting key stakeholders to promote and facilitate the implementation of statistical works;
7. Concluding, summarizing and reporting the statistics performance to the top authorities on regular basis;
8. Exercising other rights and duties based on the laws and the appointments by the top authorities.

Chapter 2
Statistics Inspection

Article 63: Statistics Inspection Authorities (Amended)
The statistics inspection authorities include:
1. The internal inspection authorities are the same statistics management organizations as stipulated in Article 58 of this Law;
2. The external inspection authorities are the National Assembly, Provincial People's Assembly, and the State Audit Organization, the State Inspection Authority and mass organizations.
   Lao Statistics Bureau has the leading role in collaborating with both central and local sectors for the monitoring and inspection of statistical works as being stipulated in this Law.

Article 64: Inspection Purpose (Amended)
The statistics inspection has the purpose to support the management of the national statistics organization with efficiency, effectiveness, actuality, and compliance with the laws and regulations.

Article 65: Content of Inspection (Amended)
The content of inspection is the monitoring and checking the implementation of the laws, strategies, policies and action plans related to the management and statistical works of the National Statistic Office.

Article 66: Inspection Plan (Amended)
The internal inspection authority develops its own inspection plan for monitoring and checking the statistical works related to the activities and products periodically determined by the National Statistic Office.
   Regarding the external inspection organization, there shall be compliance with the relevant laws.

Article 67: Inspection Modes
The inspection has three following modes:
1. Regular inspection
2. Inspection with Prior notice
3. Sudden inspection
   The regular inspection is the inspection with regular routine and certain timeline that is at least once every year.
The inspection with Prior notice is the inspection when it deems necessary by allowing the inspecting target to know at least twenty-four hours in advance.

The sudden inspection is the inspection when it deems necessary to do the immediate inspection without informing the inspecting target to know in advance.

The inspection can be conducted in the form of inspection of documents and actual operation at the work place.

**Article 68: Reporting and Modification of Inspection Result (Amended)**

The inspection committee shall produce the inspection record and report along with recommendations on solving the issues related to the violation, followed by informing the authorities to consider the inspection result.

The inspection committee shall be legally liable of the summary of the inspection result and the confidentiality of the statistics document that is inspected with strict compliance.

**Article 69: Rights and Duties of Inspecting Target (Amended)**

The inspecting target has the following rights and duties:

1. Requesting the inspection committee to propose the agreement on the inspection and the inspection permit;
2. Submitting the claim to the relevant organizations regarding the incorrect inspection based on the principles and regulations determined by the agreement;
3. Facilitating the performance of the inspection committee, providing documents, data, evidence and responding to the issue related to the inspection content requested by the inspection committee.

**Part VIII**

**Budget, Logo, Uniform and Stamp**

**Article 70: Budget (Amended)**

Budget for Lao Statistics Bureau is listed as level one of state budget category. The statistics center of province, capital city, district, municipality and city is listed as level of state budget category for the local governance.

Budget allocation and spending follows the vertical and horizontal organization based on the action plan by the National Statistic Office on periodical basis.

Financial sources for the statistical works are from state budget, Official Development Assistance, international organizations, social contributions and others with compliance to the laws.

**Article 71: Logo, Uniform and Stamp (Amended)**

The vertical and horizontal statistics organizations from central to local level shall have their own logos and stamps for the use in performing the official duties and the official uniform for the onsite data collection.
Part IX
Policies to Wards Those Who Have Outstanding Achievements and Measures Against Violator

Article 72: Policies to Wards Those Who Have Outstanding Achievements
The individual, legal entity or organization with the outstanding achievements in statistical works with comprehensiveness, clarity and timeliness with effectiveness shall be admired or awarded with incentives based on the regulations.

Article 73: Measures Against Violator (Amended)
The individual, legal entity or organization violating the law and regulations related to the statistics particularly breaching various restrictions shall be educated, warned, disciplined, fined or criminally punished depending on minor or major cases including liabilities for civil remedies based on the laws.

Article 74: Education Measure (New)
The individual, legal entity or organization violating the law and regulations related to the statistics particularly the restrictions of this Law with minor damages shall be warned and educated.

Article 75: Disciplinary Measure (New)
The civil servant violating the law and regulations related to the statistics particularly the restrictions of this Law but not the criminal acts shall be disciplined according to the Law on Civil Servant.

Article 76: Fine Measure (New)
The individual, legal entity or organization that is already warned and educated but continues to violate the law and regulations related to the statistics causing the damage that is not the criminal act shall be fined according to the specific regulations.

Article 77: Civil Measure (New)
The individual, legal entity or organization violating the law and regulations related to the statistics causing damages to the others shall be liable for the remedies.

Article 78: Criminal Measure (New)
The person violating the law and regulations related to the statistics particularly the restrictions of this Law, as the criminal act shall be criminally punished depending on the minor or major case according to the penal law and other laws with criminal punishments.
Part X
Final Provisions

Article 79: The National Statistics Day (New)
   The National Statistics Day is 30\textsuperscript{th} of June 2010.

Article 80: Implementation
   The Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic shall implement this Law.

Article 81: Effectiveness (Amended)
   This Law shall be effective upon the date that the President of Lao PDR issues the Presidential Decree on Enactment and after fifteen days of the inclusion into the national gazette.
   This Law shall substitute the Statistics Law no.63/NA dated 30 June 2010.
   Any regulations and provisions contradicting to this Law shall all be revoked.

President of National Assembly

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