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## **ANNEXURE - II**

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### **A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE RUSSIAN STATISTICAL SYSTEM**

Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) is the federal authority which is responsible for the development of the official statistics on social, economic, demographic, ecological and other social processes in the Russian Federation.

State statistics in the Russian Federation is based on the principals of centralized work. The main task of the state statistics is to provide timely reporting of full and objective information on the socio-economic development of Russia, its regions and economic sectors to the public authorities at all levels, media, scientific community, commercial structures, population and international organizations. In order to achieve this objective Federal plan of statistical works is being developed; it defines the main directions of statistical monitoring of socio-economic and demographical processes in the country; it is also formed by the Rosstat on the interdepartmental basis and adopted by the Government of the Russian Federation.

#### **Rosstat main functions:**

- submits in accordance with the current procedure the official statistical information to the President of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation, the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, other bodies of state power, the local self-government bodies, mass media, organisations and citizens, and also to international organizations;
- devises and approves in accordance with the current procedure within its jurisdiction the official statistical methodology to conduct the federal statistical observations and to form the official statistical information and ensures that the specified methodology complies with international standards and the principles of official statistics;
- approves the forms of federal statistical observation and instructions on their completion upon the proposal of the subjects of the official statistical accounting, unless the contrary is established by federal laws;
- coordinates activities in the sphere of official statistical accounting when preparing the federal plan of statistical works, formulating the proposals on its actualization, and also approving the forms of the federal statistical observation and instructions on their completion;
- carries out the preparation, methodological support, federal statistical observations in the respective sphere of activity and the processing of data received as a result of observations for the purpose of forming official statistical information;
- devises and keeps in accordance with the current procedure the all-Russia classifications of technical, economic and social information in the respective sphere of activity;
- ensures within its jurisdiction the relevant conditions of protection and defense of the information received during the process of the Services activity and constituting a service, bank, tax and commercial secret and other confidential information;
- provides users with official statistical and other information in accordance with the current procedure and on the basis of agreements for rendering information services;
- fulfillment of obligations arising from membership of the Russian Federation in the international organizations; research and summarizing of international experience in statistics.

#### **Statistical System : principles of organization**

The state statistics system is a network of hierarchically and functionally interrelated organizations that collect, process and disseminate statistics, characterizing rates and proportions of socio-economic and demographic development of the country and its place in the modern world.

The system is formed in accordance with the administrative territorial division of the country in order to ensure provision of full and objective statistical information on socio-economic development of the Russian Federation, its regions, industries and economic sectors to the public authorities and all levels of government, the media, scientific community, commercial structures, public and international organizations.

The system includes two organizational levels: federal level, represented by Rosstat Headquarter, and regional level, represented by Rosstat regional offices.

#### **Federal level of the state statistics**

Federal level of the state statistics includes: Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat) Headquarter, Main computing center, Scientific Research Institute for problems of socio-economic statistics, Scientific Research and Design and Technology Institute of statistical information, Information and Publishing center "Statistics of Russia".

#### **Regional level of state statistics**

Russian Federation is divided into 82 constituent entities (regions). In each constituent entity (republic, oblast, autonomous area, territory) Rosstat has its

regional office.

Rosstat regional offices ensure collection, pre-processing of statistics in each region; information providing to republic, provincial and regional authorities and other interested users.

### **Legal Basis of the Official Statistics Activities**

Federal State Statistical Service activity is based on the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, decrees of the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation, international treaties of the Russian Federation.

The basis of the statistical activity in Russia is the federal law "On official statistical accounting and the system of the state statistics in the Russian Federation", that was signed by the President of the Russian Federation in the 2007. Carrying out of such significant statistical events as population census and agricultural census is based on relevant federal laws.

In order to provide Rosstat with all necessary information from respondents aiming to shape government information resources, the Government of the Russian Federation issued "Regulation on conditions of obligatory provision of primary statistical data and administrative data to the institutions of official statistical accounting".

### **Emerging challenges**

It is essential for effective country's socio-economic development, governance and regulation to receive timely and provide analysis of complete, reliable, scientifically accurate official statistical information on social, economic, demographic, ecological and other public processes in the Russian Federation.

Now a days Russian statistics is being developed under conditions of significant socio-economic changes, administrative reform, budgetary process reformation, transition to the international standards of financial data reporting. This transition defines the search and implementation problem of principally new approaches to official statistics as well as creation of flexible system of information and statistical support, responding to changes occurring in the society.

In mid-term perspective Federal task program "Development of the state statistics in Russia in 2007-2011" is designed.

This program aims at creation of a unified system of information statistical support to government bodies by integration of information statistical resources in the scale of the whole country. The system will allow to receive in time reliable and comprehensive indicators of macroeconomic statistics for effective decision-making and forecasts in all spheres of national economy.

Development of the statistical system are realized on the basis of further technological modernization, implementation of new planning and managing methods, retraining and efficiency improvement of human resources in the state statistics.

The principal aspect of Russian statistics modernization is higher transparency of statistical methodology, definition of forms and methods for realization of broad access to official statistics for all interested users.