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Chapter One: Definitions

Article One:

- First:** Words and expressions stipulated in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them in Article (1) of the Statistical Law, issued by Royal Decree No. (M/29) dated 101447/2/ AH.
- Second:** For the purpose of implementing the provisions of these Regulations, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them, unless the context requires otherwise:
- **Statistical License:** A document issued by GASTAT that permits an establishment to practice statistical work or provide statistical services on a commercial basis and as a primary activity.
 - **Professional Statistical Certificate:** A document issued by GASTAT to an individual, certifying their eligibility to practice statistical work in accordance with specific controls and procedures.

Chapter Two: Statistical Licenses

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article (Six) of the Law, statistical licenses shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of the following articles:

Article Two:

The following conditions must be met for the issuance or renewal of a Statistical License:

1. The establishment shall be licensed to operate within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.
2. The workers in the statistical activity must hold a professional statistical certificate.
3. Completion of all required forms and requirements for submitting an application for the issuance or renewal of the license.

Article Three:

A licensed establishment shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Adherence to the concepts, definitions, classifications, technical standards, and scientific and statistical methods approved by GASTAT.

2. Adherence to the Code of Ethics for Statistical Work and Statistical Services.
3. Qualification and training of its employees engaged in statistical work, in accordance with rules issued by the GASTAT President.
4. Displaying the license prominently at the establishment's headquarters or on its official website.
5. Stating the establishment's name and license number in all matters related to statistical work and in all outputs issued by it.
6. Maintaining a dedicated register to record statistical work and its results for a period of not less than three (3) years.
7. Notifying GASTAT of any amendment or change to the documents submitted for obtaining or renewing the license within a period not exceeding twenty (20) business days from the date such change occurs.
8. Providing any data or information requested by GASTAT that is related to the statistical license.

Article Four:

GASTAT President shall issue the rules and procedures required for the issuance of the Professional Statistical Certificate.

Article Five:

The fee for issuing, renewing, or amending a statistical license shall be determined by a decision issued by the GASTAT Board in agreement with the Ministry of Finance and the Non-Oil Revenues Development Center.

Article Six:

- First:** The Statistical License shall be deemed void if the licensee no longer meets any of the conditions required for the issuance of the license.
- Second:** The suspension or cancellation of the statistical license shall not entitle the licensee to a refund of the fees paid for the license.

Chapter Three: Data Provision

Article Seven:

For the purposes of implementing the provisions of Paragraph (2) of Article (Eight) of the Law, public entities, private establishments, and individuals shall provide GASTAT with the data and information it requests for non-commercial statistical purposes and without financial cost in accordance with the following:

1. Submission in accordance with the mechanism, method, format, and quality requirements determined by GASTAT, enabling it to produce official statistics and perform its duties and responsibilities.
2. Ensuring their completeness and accuracy; and providing GASTAT with any subsequent updates.
3. Submission in accordance with the timeline established by GASTAT.
4. Coordination with GASTAT where any changes arise that may affect the provision of data and information.

Article Eight:

Private establishments and individuals shall cooperate with GASTAT's representatives during data collection and shall refrain from any act that obstructs their work, causes harm to them, or infringes upon their dignity.

Chapter Four: Controls Governing the Cooperation of Public Entities with GASTAT

Article Nine:

To implement the provisions of Article (10) of the Law, cooperation between public entities and GASTAT shall be carried out as follows:

1. Providing GASTAT with the required statistical data and information in a manner that enables GASTAT to prepare internationally comparable statistics.
2. Providing GASTAT with the necessary requirements available to public entities, enabling GASTAT to contribute to the design of international standards and guidelines, related to statistical work.
3. Providing GASTAT with the statistical practices applied by public entities.

Chapter Five: Data Accessibility

In implementation of the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article (Twelve) of the Law, GASTAT shall allow viewing of data and information in accordance with the provisions of the following Article:

Article Ten:

For statistical, research, study, and analytical purposes, and without prejudice to the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law and the relevant laws and regulations, GASTAT allows viewing of data and information in accordance with the following:

1. Completion of the designated forms prepared by GASTAT for this purpose.
2. GASTAT shall study requests for data and information based on their purpose and level of classification, in a manner that does not conflict with the Data Sharing Policy and relevant regulations.
3. Processing individual data in a manner that ensures that such data are not identifiable and that the identity of the data subjects cannot be inferred.
4. Limiting the viewing of data and information to the minimum amount necessary to achieve the purpose of such viewing.

Chapter Six: Engagement of Public Entities

Article Eleven:

For the purposes of implementing the provisions of Paragraph (1) of Article (Thirteen) of the Law, public entities shall comply with the following requirements when engaged by GASTAT:

1. GASTAT shall determine the scope of engagement of public entities, the forms of cooperation therewith, and the procedures and mechanisms for joint work, in a manner that ensures efficiency in the implementation of statistical activities and guarantees their quality.
2. Working in accordance with the forms, definitions, classifications, concepts, and methods approved by GASTAT for the purposes of data and information collection or the execution of its activities.

3. Maintaining the confidentiality of the data accessed.
4. Providing the necessary support to GASTAT during the implementation of its activities -as coordinated-, including participation in field teams and facilitating the access of GASTAT's representatives to individuals and private establishments under its supervision.
5. Providing support to GASTAT without financial cost.
6. Informing GASTAT of any challenges or difficulties encountered during implementation and submitting proposed solutions thereto.

Chapter Seven: Publication and Effectiveness

Article Twelve:

These Regulations shall be published in the Official Gazette and on GASTAT's official website and shall enter into force as of the effective date of the Law.

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