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ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM STATISTICAL SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S ECONOMY IN NORTH KOREA

According to Cabinet Decision No 99, the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has decided to establish a uniform statistical system to keep accurate records of the administration of the people's economy and related affairs, and to protect state-owned properties and the secrecy attached thereto. The standard statistical system, as set forth below, shall be used whenever the study covers the subjects listed below:

1. People's economic program and records of its accomplishment
2. Population
3. Natural resources
4. Production capacities and production facilities
5. Stockpiles of raw materials and consumption thereof
6. Electric power and facilities
7. Agricultural, forestry, marine, and livestock production
8. Acreage of woodlands and farmlands
9. Amount of food available in the state
10. Sea and land transportation facilities and amount of freight
11. Communications works and facilities
12. Domestic and foreign trade
13. Commodity prices
14. Highway, river, bridge, and port facilities and the extent of the use of these facilities

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15. Manpower and wages
16. Social insurance
17. Education
18. Public health facilities
19. Cultural facilities
20. State budgets, taxes and state revenue, and the amount expended for people's economy
21. Current state and degree of consumption of the state-owned assets
22. Conditions of money and credit
23. Flood and other natural disasters
24. Supply and demand of resources under the people's economic program

1. Authorized government agencies may undertake periodic statistical surveys of the subjects listed above, through the offices under their jurisdictions (provincial, city, and county people's committees), by using the standard statistical methods and forms approved by the Cabinet and registered at the office of the State Planning Board. All the agency instructions incidental to the execution of statistical surveys must be approved by the Cabinet and recorded at the office of the State Planning Board.

2. If any of the offices in the provincial, city, or county people's committees plans to undertake, without a specific instruction from the government agency, a statistical study of the above-listed subjects, it must consult the provincial, city, or county planning board where such plans will be recorded, and obtain approval from the chairman of the people's committee concerned. This rule shall not apply to a study of a temporary nature initiated by the provincial, city, or county offices for their own needs.

3. The undertaking of a statistical survey of the above-listed subjects by organizations other than government agencies or people's committees must be approved in advance by the State Planning Board.

4. Releasing classified statistical data to the public must be approved in advance, as follows:

a. If the data is of national significance, approval for its release must be granted by the State Planning Board.

b. If the data is of local significance, the approval must be granted by the local planning board.

c. The approval for release of data limited to the conditions of the government enterprises (including state-operated farms and enterprises operated by the Bureau of Railways, Ministry of Communications, etc.) may be granted directly by the agency officials in charge of statistics to the extent that it does not disclose secret information. Unauthorized release of classified data is prohibited.

This decision shall supersede, as of 29 December 1948, the North Korean People's Committee Decision No 31, dated 6 May 1947.

For the Cabinet of the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
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