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Regulations relating to the Statistics Act (the Statistics Regulations)

Legal basis:

Laid down by the Ministry of Finance on 11 December 2020 pursuant to sections 14 and 20 of the Act of 21 June 2019 No. 54 relating to official statistics and Statistics Norway (the Statistics Act).

Section 1.

Who may be granted access to data to produce statistical results and analyses

- (1) Access to data under section 14 of the Statistics Act may be granted to research institutions for the purposes of research, and to the following bodies in order to produce statistical results and analyses:
 - a. government bodies, county administrations, and municipalities
 - b. Norges Bank
 - c. the Office of the Auditor General
 - d. the central statistical authorities of other countries
 - e. international organisations pursuant to an agreement under international law.
- (2) Research institutions means organisations that are authorised to conduct research by the Norwegian Research Council or the statistical office of the European Union, Eurostat. Statistics Norway may approve an organisation as a research institution even though the organisation cannot be approved by the Norwegian Research Council or Eurostat.

Section 2.

Limitations on the type of data for which access may be granted and access date

- (1) Access cannot be provided to data which Statistics Norway has obtained from registers that are authorised under the Personal Health Data Filing System Act.
- (2) Access cannot be provided to data from which official statistics are produced before the statistics have been published. Access may be provided to data which Statistics Norway has collected exclusively for the purposes of development or quality assurance once they have been statistically prepared and adapted for access.

Section 3.

Payment for access to data

Statistics Norway may demand payment for preparation and provision of access to data. The payment cannot exceed the costs of case processing, preparation and provision of access as well as follow-up of the individual application.

Section 4.

Coercive fines

- (1) A coercive fine pursuant to section 20 of the Statistics Act shall be set as a fixed amount which falls due in connection with each violation.
- (2) A coercive fine is normally four times the court fee. In special cases, the coercive fine may be set at a lower or higher amount.
- (3) A coercive fine may also be imposed if the data have not been provided in the form stipulated by Statistics Norway pursuant to section 10 of the Statistics Act.

Section 5.

Entry into force and amendments to other regulations

- (1) These Regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2021.
- (2) The following will be repealed on the same date:
 - a. Regulations of 13 February 1990 No. 105 relating to official statistics and Statistics Norway (the Statistics Act).
 - b. Regulations of 15 December 2006 No. 1454 relating to expanding the scope of the Act of 16 June 1989 No. 54 relating to official statistics and Statistics Norway to cover Svalbard.
 - c. Regulations of 20 June 2008 No. 632 relating to execution of EEA directives regarding European statistics.
 - d. Regulations of 1 December 2014 No. 1489 relating to the duty to provide information to the official wage statistics when reporting pursuant to the Act relating to employers' reporting of employment and income etc. (the Employer's Reporting Act).