

Preface

Statistics Denmark is the central authority for Danish statistics. In its capacity as authority Statistics Denmark is legally obliged to comply with a variety of national and international laws and rules. The present publication is a compendium of the most important laws and rules.

The code of statistical laws begins with UN's fundamental principles of official statistics, followed by national legislation, including the Act on Statistics Denmark and the acts relating to the register system for business statistics.

The statistical co-operation within the framework of the EU plays an essential part in preparing and compiling Danish statistics. The EU co-operation implies that the statistics are continuously enlarged and harmonized as basis for the political and economic decisions within the European Union. Against this background the statistical code contains articles selected from the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam and a summary of the more than 130 EU legal acts governing the field of statistics. In this edition the section of EU-legislation is extended with comitology procedures and the Council regulation on statistical confidentiality

One aim of the code is to serve as a tool for Statistics Denmark's employees. Another is to aid the users of Statistics Denmark who are interested in knowing the legislation governing the field of statistics.

To enhance the usefulness of the code in connection with international meetings and international consultancy services, both Danish and English versions are included. In this respect, it should be noted that the English versions of the Act on Statistics Denmark and the Act on the Central Business Register (CVR) are legally unauthorized, as the translation was made by Statistics Denmark. The same applies to the Danish translation of UN's fundamental principles of official statistics.

This is the second edition of the code of statistical laws. It is edited by Marianne Petersen, Chief Adviser from the Management Secretariat and Søren Schiønning Andersen, Senior Advisor from the International Secretariat. The deadline for this edition was 20 November 2000 and thus the list of legal acts includes legal acts in force on this date. Revisions will be made according to requirements.

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