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1. Statistical Classification

Introduction

The Armenian legislation in the field of statistical classification mainly complies with the EU legislation, except for issues related to the measures for observation and analysis of the production system of statistical units.

The EU legislation on statistical classification sets out the classification of economic activities and of products by activity, as well as statistical units for conducting surveys in the production system. The Armenian legislation regulating the field of statistical classification incorporates the instance of mandatory application of the Classifier of Types of Economic Activities (CTEA) and classification of product by activity in the sphere of statistics in Armenia¹.

Based on the screening results it should be mentioned that the functions resulting from the rules established for the application of classifiers of products and economic activities in the EU are more specified². The Armenian legal acts on industrial statistics mainly refer to data compilation, whereas there are clearly targeted regulations in the EU which coordinate the observations and surveys to be conducted in this field³.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Statistical Classification" shall be completely approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2007

For the harmonisation of the research methodology applied in Armenia in the production system with relevant EU standards, the State Council on Statistics of Armenia (hereinafter SCS) shall elaborate a draft decision based on the main provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 696/93 of 15 March 1993.

¹ 6-N, 21.01.2005

² Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3696/93 of 29 October 1993 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 of 9 October 1990 on the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community

³ Council Regulation (EEC) No. 696/93 of 15 March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the Community

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NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system of Armenia	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 696/93 of 15 March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the Community		2 nd quarter	30	Consultancy
		TOTAL			30	

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0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of		Training course on statistical	Consultancy
	Armenia		infrastructure in the EU /statistical	
			classification including	
			classification of product by activity	
			(5 days/2007)	

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⁴ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

2. Statistical Infrastructure (Classification)

Introduction

The Armenian legislation related to this field does not comply with the EU legislation. The EU legislation on statistical classification stipulates also the classifier of statistical units required for maintenance of territorial statistics.

Furthermore, the EU legislation in this field provides for the regulation of issues related to the classification of territorial units in view of collecting statistical data. In particular, the EU legislation provides for the classification of territorial units in accordance with the defined standards with the purpose of securing collection, processing, and provision of statistical data on those units. Meanwhile, the EU legislation aims at making the territorial division in different EU Member States comparable by elaborating a common approach. It is worth mentioning that, based on the EU approach, the regional policy is implemented in accordance with the above-mentioned division, which enables to settle economic, demographic and other issues.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Statistical Infrastructure (Classification)", as regards the maintenance of regional statistics, shall be generally approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2007

With the purpose of implementing regional statistics in Armenia and defining a relevant classifier, the SCS shall elaborate a draft decision on establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics in Armenia on the basis of the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics in Armenia (NUTS)	Regulation (EC) No. 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)	National Statistical Service of Armenia	2 nd quarter	30	Consultancy
	TOTAL					

2.2 Institutional Capacities⁵

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0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of Armenia		Training course on the maintenance of EU regional statistics (5 days/ 2007)	Consultancy

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⁵ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

3. Statistical Infrastructure (Data Security and Statistical Confidentiality)

Introduction

The Armenian legislation on Statistical Infrastructure, i.e. Data Security and Statistical Confidentiality generally complies with the EU legislation.

The EU legislation related to Data Security and Statistical Confidentiality sets out the main rules for the use and keeping of confidential information.

The above-mentioned issues in Armenia are regulated by the RoA Law on State Statistics⁶ and SCS decisions on approving the procedure for keeping statistical confidentiality ⁷ and on forms of publication of statistical information ⁸.

Based on the screening results, it should be noted that the definitions of the main concepts in the EU Regulation are more specified than those provided by the Armenian legal acts. The EU Regulation clearly stipulates the case of using information "only for statistical purposes". In respect of keeping confidential data, the EU Regulation defines the concept of "information on private and family life", which is missing in the Armenian legal acts. The method of indirect disclosure of information in Armenia differs from the principle applied in the EU¹0. Although the issues related to keeping and dissemination of confidential information are regulated in Armenia, there is no separate legal act in Armenia which clearly regulates the provision of confidential information for scientific purposes and defines the list of entities authorized to have access to that information 11.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Statistical Infrastructure (Data Security and Statistical Confidentiality)" shall be completely approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2007

In an effort to clearly regulate the relations as regards classification, use and keeping of confidential information in Armenia, amendments shall be made to the RoA Law "On State Statistics" and to the Council Decision "On the approval of the procedure of keeping statistical confidentiality", as well as a draft Decision of State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On approving the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes" shall be elaborated. The above-mentioned measures shall be carried out on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 of 17 February 1997, Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) No. 1588/90 of 11 June 1990, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 831/2002 of 17 May 2002 and Commission Decision 452/2004 of 29 April 2004.

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⁶ HO-48, 04.04.2000

⁷ No. 53, 25.06.2001

⁸ No. 60, 15.08.2001

⁹ Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics

¹⁰ Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) No. 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities

¹¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No. 831/2002 of 17 May 2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes

Commission Decision No. 452 of 29 April 2004 laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6
NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	 Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on State Statistics Elaboration of a draft decision of State Council on Statistics of Armenia on making amendments to Decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on Approving the Procedure for Keeping Statistical Confidentiality 	Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics Council Regulation (EURATOM, EEC) No. 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities	National Statistical Service of Armenia	4 th quarter	36	Consultancy
2.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on making amendments to the Decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on Approving the Procedure for Keeping Statistical Confidentiality	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 831/2002 of 17 May 2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific	National Statistical Service of Armenia	4 th quarter	15	Consultancy

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		purposes				
3.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes	Commission Decision 452/2004 of 29 April 2004 laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes	National Statistical Service of Armenia	4 th quarter	15	Consultancy
TOTAL					66	

3.2 Institutional Capacities¹²

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of	-	Training course on the EU system	Consultancy
	Armenia		of keeping statistical data and	
			statistical confidentiality (5 days /	
			2007)	

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¹² For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

4. Demographic and Social Statistics (Labour Market)

Introduction

The Armenian legislation on labour market, in terms of its content, generally complies with the EU legislation, however the format of Armenian legal acts does not comply with that of the EU.

The EU legislation in terms of labour market regulates issues related to the organization of labour force sample survey in the Community as well as defines the procedure for maintenance of statistics on income structure and allocation.

With regard to labour market statistics in Armenia, the legal acts include the RoA Law "On Employment of Population" and decisions of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On approving the form of a state statistical report No.1-A (monthly) on the number of employees and salary and methodical instructions of completing the form", "On approving the form of a state statistical consolidated report No. 1-A (monthly) on the number of employees and salary and methodical instructions of completing the form", "On approving the form of a state statistical report No. 1-A (quarterly) on the number of employees and salary and methodical instructions of completing the form", "On approving the form of a state statistical consolidated report No. 1-A (quarterly) on the number of employees and salary and methodical instructions of completing the form", "On approving the form of a state statistical report No. 1-A (yearly) on the number of employees and salary and methodical instructions of completing the form".

Based on the screening results it should be noted that although there are no similar legal acts in the Armenian legislation, however, the National Statistical Service (supported by EU TACIS project) regularly conducts labour and child labour surveys. The interpretations of concepts in such surveys conducted in Armenia mainly comply with the internationally recognised definitions on labour force, the presented methodology is based on internationally recognized standards (e.g. NACE, ISCO-88, ICSE-93), however the National Statistical Service has not regulated them by relevant legal acts.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Demographic and Social Statistics (Labour Market)" shall be generally approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2008

With the purpose of organising and effective undertaking of labour force sample survey in Armenia, the Council shall elaborate a draft decision on organisation of a labour force sample survey in the territory of Armenia. The latter shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1897/2000 of 7 September 2000, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1571/98 of 20 July 20, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2104/2002 of 28 November 2002, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 246/2003 of 10 February 2003 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1575/2000 of 19 July 2000.

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NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance		
	2007							

1.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on the organisation of	Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the	National Statistical Service of Armenia	2 nd quarter	45	Consultancy
	labour force sample survey in the territory of Armenia	organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community				
		Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1897/2000 of 7 September 2000 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the operational definition of				
		unemployment Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1571/98 of 20 July 1998 implementing Council Regulation				

(EC) No. 577/98 on the
organisation of a labour
force sample survey in
the Community
Commission
Regulation (EC) No.
2104/2002 of 28
November 2002
adapting Council
Regulation (EC) No.
577/98 on the
organisation of a labour
force sample survey in
the Community and
Commission
Regulation (EC) No.
1575/2000
implementing Council
Regulation (EC) No.
577/98
Commission
Regulation (EC) No.
246/2003 of 10
February 2003
adopting the
programme of ad hoc
modules, covering the
years 2004 to 2006, to
the labour force sample
survey provided by
Council Regulation
(EC) No. 577/98

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	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1575/2000 of 19 July 2000 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the codification to be used for data transmission from 2001 onwards			

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4.2 Institutional Capacities¹³

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of Armenia		Training course on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community (5 days / 2008)	Consultancy

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¹³ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

5. Macro-economic Statistics (Annual Economic Accounts)

Introduction

For the maintenance of macro-economic statistics Armenia applies the System of National Accounts (SNA-93), to which it has switched in 1993. In this context, the EU applies the European System of National Accounts (ESA 95) which is based on the basic principles of SNA-93 but it has peculiarities related to more detailed interpretations on certain accounts. Although the Armenian legislation mainly complies with the EU requirements, however, in the EU the transition to the mentioned system as well as the description of the applied methodology are provided by separate regulations, which are not envisaged by the Armenian legislation despite the fact that the application of the system of National Accounts is stipulated in the RoA Law on State Statistics (Article 5e) and the three-year work plans of the National Statistical Service. Hence, the main problem lies in the difference between the formats of presenting and applying legal rules.

The EU legislation on macro-economic statistics related to annual economic accounts regulates issues concerning the introduction and practical application of the System of National Accounts in the Community.

In Armenia, the main legal acts regulating this field are the RoA laws on State Statistics ¹⁴ and on approving the three-year plan of state statistical activities in Armenia ¹⁵ for 2004-2006.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Macro-economic Statistics (Annual Economic Accounts)" shall be generally approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2009

In the field of National Accounts, for approximation of the Armenian legislation with the EU standards, the Council shall elaborate a draft decision on the transposition and application of the European System of National and Regional Accounts in Armenia on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 of 25 June 1996.

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¹⁵ HO-28, 25.12.2003

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¹⁴ HO-48, 04.04.2000

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2009			
1.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on the transposition and application of the European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA 95) in Armenia	Council Regulation (EC) No. 2223/96 of 25 June 1996 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community	National Statistical Service of Armenia (together with the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	48	Consultancy
			48			

5.2 Institutional Capacities¹⁶

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of Armenia		Training course on the transposition and application of the European System of National and Regional Accounts (7 days / 2009)	Consultancy

¹⁶ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

6. Macroeconomic Statistics (Prices)

Introduction

The methodology and procedure for calculation of consumer price index (CPI) in Armenia are regulated by SNA-93 and SDDS systems, the provisions of which are mainly in line with the provisions of the relevant EU regulation. However, the Armenian legislation does not encompass a legal act stipulating the methodology and procedure for calculation of CPI, meanwhile there are 11 regulations in this sphere in the EU that comprehensively embrace CPI related issues¹⁷.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Macro-economic Statistics (Prices)" shall be generally approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2009

In an effort to harmonise the issues related to the calculation of CPI in Armenia with the relevant EU standards, a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On approving the methodology for calculation of consumer price index and the procedure for its application" shall be elaborated on the basis of the basic principles of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 of 25 October 1995, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 of 9 September 1996, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2214/96 of 20 November 1996 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001.

¹⁷ Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2646/98 of 9 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 as regards minimum standards for the treatment of tariffs in the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 of 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2214/96 of 20 November 1996 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices: transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the HICP

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Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
		2009			
Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the methodology for calculation of consumer price index and the procedure for its application	Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 of 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as	National Statistical Service of Armenia	1 st quarter	79	Consultancy
	Measure Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the methodology for calculation of consumer price index and the	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the methodology for calculation of consumer price index and the procedure for its application Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 of 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the methodology for calculation of consumer price index and the procedure for its application Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 of 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1749/96 or 9 September 1996 on initial implementing measures for Council Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2494/95 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices Commission Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001 of 28 September 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 as	EU Legal Source Responsible Institutions Submission Date	EU Legal Source Responsible Institutions Submission Date Proceedings Proceedings Procedure for its application

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of the harmonised index of consumer prices and amending Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000 Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2214/96 of 20 November 1996 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices: transmission and dissemination of sub-indices of the HICP		79	
standards for revisions of the harmonised			
2602/2000			
Commission			
prices: transmission			
TOTAL		79	

6.2 Institutional Capacities¹⁸

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of Armenia		Training course on methodology of measuring of European indices of consumer prices and its application (7 days/ 2009)	Consultancy

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¹⁸ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

<u>7. Business Statistics (Structural Business Statistics, Industrial Production Statistics)</u> ¹⁹

Introduction

The Armenian legislation in this field generally complies with that of the EU.

The EU legislation on business statistics regulates procedures for conducting surveys among industrial enterprises, stipulates principles for classification of industrial product and regulates issues on the maintenance of steel industry production statistics.

The above-mentioned issues in Armenia are regulated by the Armenian classifier in the sphere of statistics, i.e. "classification of products by activity".

Based on the screening results it should be noted that there is no separate legal document regulating regular survey of branches of industrial production²⁰. Despite the fact that there is no "discrepancy" between the legislations of EU and Armenia in the sphere of product classification, the formats of legal acts differ²¹.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Business Statistics (Structural Business Statistics, Industrial Production Statistics)" shall be generally approximated with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2007

To approve the procedure for establishment of surveys among industrial enterprises and to ensure the efficiency of their organization, a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On the approval of the procedure for establishment of surveys of industrial production in Armenia" shall elaborated.

Y2008

Draft decisions of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia "On the application of the procedure for establishment of surveys of industrial production in Armenia" shall be elaborated on the basis of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3924/91 of 19 December 1991 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 912/2004 of 29 April 2004.

²⁰ Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3924/91 of 19 December 1991 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production

¹⁹ The EU acts regulating statistics on branches of economy (except for industry) in the field of business statistics and the conformity degree of the relevant legislation of Armenia have not been considered within the framework of this Programme, since the mentioned field is not a priority for the current stage of integration.

²¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No. 210/2004 of 23 December 2003 establishing the Prodcom list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91

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NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on approving the procedure for establishment of survey of industrial production in Armenia	Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3924/91 of 19 December 1991 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production	National Statistical Service of Armenia	3 rd quarter	15	Consultancy
		TOTAL			15	
			2008			
2.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on the application of the procedure for the establishment of survey of industrial production in Armenia"	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 912/2004 of 29 April 2004 implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3924/91 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production	National Statistical Service of Armenia	1 st quarter	15	Consultancy
		TOTAL			15	
		TOTAL			30	

7.2 Institutional Capacities²²

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of		Training course on the preparation	Consultancy
	Armenia		and establishment of Community	
			survey of industrial production (5	
			days / 2007)	

For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter

8. Monetary, Financial, Trade and Balance of Payments Statistics (Commodity <u>Trade</u>)

Introduction

There are key provisions in the Armenian legislation on external trade which are basically in line with the EU legislation. This mainly refers to the methodological principles for the maintenance of foreign trade statistics, to the existence of a database for the maintenance of external trade statistics, to the statistical confidentiality and dissemination.

The EU legislation on commodity trade regulates the process of maintenance of external trade statistics between the Community and its Member States and third countries.

In Armenia, the main legal acts regulating this field include the RoA Law on State Statistics, on Approving the three-year work plan of state statistical activities of 2004-2006 in Armenia, the Customs Code of Armenia²³ (Article 179), SCS decisions on maintenance of administrative (informational) registries and obtaining of information there from, on approving the procedure of keeping statistical confidentiality, as well as the Order of State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia on approving the procedure for completing the customs declaration of commodities conveyed across the customs border of Armenia in accordance with SAD of release customs regimes²⁴.

Based on the screening results it should be noted that the Armenian legislation does not provide clear definitions of certain concepts.

Within the framework of the Programme, the subchapter "Monetary, Financial, Trade and Balance of Payments Statistics (Commodity Trade)" shall be completely approximates with the requirements of the EU legislation by 2009.

Y2007

With the purpose of improving the maintenance of external trade statistics in Armenia and bringing it in line with EU standards, amendments shall be made to the RoA Law on State Statistics. Furthermore, draft decisions of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on defining the order of external trade statistics in Armenia and on securing the application of the order of external trade statistics in Armenia shall be elaborated based on the principles of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000.

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²⁴ 71-MVR, 12.06.1998

²³ HO-83, 06.07.2000

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
NN	Measure	EU Legal Source	Responsible Institutions	Submission Date	Necessary Resources (man/days)	EU Technical Assistance
			2007			
1.	 Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on defining the order of external trade statistics in Armenia Elaboration of a draft law on making amendments to the RoA Law on State Statistics 	Council Regulation (EC) No. 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries	National Statistical Service of Armenia (together with the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	21	Consultancy
2.	Elaboration of a draft decision of the State Council on Statistics of Armenia on securing the application of the order of external trade statistics in Armenia	Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1917/2000 of 7 September 2000 laying down certain provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 as regards statistics on external trade	State Customs Committee under the Government of Armenia (together with the National Statistical Service of Armenia)	2 nd quarter	45	
		TOTAL		1	66	

8.2 Institutional Capacities²⁵

0	1	2	3	4
N/N	Institution	Reorganization	Training Needs	Technical Assistance Needs
1.	National Statistical Service of		Training course on the regulation	Consultancy
	Armenia		of statistics on external trade in	
	State Customs Committee under		the territory of the EU and its	
	the Government of Armenia		methodology (7 days/ 2007)	

²⁵ For coordination of legislative approximation activities, relevant EU Integration subdivisions will be established within the responsible ministries and state agencies mentioned in the present subchapter