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Quality Policy of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus

1. The Quality Policy of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus (further referred to as Quality Policy) is designed for the continuous development and improvement of statistical production and raising the efficiency of state statistical activities.
2. The objective of the Quality Policy is to meet to the fullest extent the increasing demands of the general public, state and international community for the high-quality relevant and timely official statistical information.
3. This objective will be achieved through the following means:
 - use of scientifically grounded official statistical methodology consistent with the international statistical standards;
 - observance of the principles of state statistics;
 - reduction of burden on respondents by improving state statistical survey questionnaires, streamlining data collection methods, and using administrative data;
 - use of up-to-date information technology and quality management techniques;
 - review of user requests;
 - improvement of methods and forms of data and metadata dissemination;
 - development of partnership relations with international organisations aimed at application of best practices in the field of quality of official statistics;
 - creating conditions for professional staff development.
4. The implementation of the Quality Policy shall be monitored through:
 - data quality assessment (once every two years) for all centralised state statistical surveys, including analysis of compliance with the quality requirements at all stages of statistical production;
 - monitoring (once every five years) of burden on respondents by collecting information on the time taken to fill in centralised state statistical reporting forms;
 - quarterly assessment of user satisfaction and confidence in official statistics through the official Internet site of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus;

- annual assessment of satisfaction and confidence of selected user categories (target groups);
- monitoring (once every three years) of personnel satisfaction by means of the questionnaire for the staff of state statistics bodies;
- adapted global assessments of the National Statistical System (once every five years), sectoral reviews in specific statistical domains (as needed) to be conducted by international organisations.

5. The Quality Policy shall be implemented at all management levels and can be revised if necessary. Each staff member is personally responsible for work results within his remit.

6. The management of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus shall take responsibility for the implementation of the Quality Policy, provision of resources, monitoring, and performance of the quality management system.