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WORKING PARTY ON STATISTICS

REGULATION ON EUROPEAN BUSINESS STATISTICS (FRIBS)

The Commission proposal

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Regulation on European Business Statistics (FRIBS)

- Context
- Objectives
- Now => future with FRIBS
- Content of Regulation: organisation and content of articles
Context

• ESS Vision 2020 for making the ESS fit for the future => for business statistics:
  • Integrate existing domain-specific Regulations in a cross-cutting framework Regulation
  • Improve agility to respond to user needs

• REFIT: simplification and streamlining the requirements with the aim of reducing the burden

• Relevance of business statistics: services and globalisation
Objectives

• Respond to longstanding user needs
• Make it possible to respond quicker to emerging needs
• Simplify (delete requirements where possible, harmonising breakdowns and definitions)
• Ensure quality of data production
• Modernise and make data production more efficient by using innovative methods and sources
• Reduce burden
European Business statistics: Now

- separate legal acts covering business statistics domains and the business registers: stovepipes
Concepts for future European Business statistics (FRIBS)
integrated data structure and European network of statistical business registers
Organisation of the content

• 38 whereas clauses (recitals)
• 8 chapters regrouping 27 articles
• 4 annexes
Content of the articles 1 to 5

- Subject matter
- Definitions needed to understand basic act (no technical definitions); no definitions for statistical units
- Scope
- Data sources and methods
- Access to administrative records
Contents of the Articles 6 and 7

- European business statistics
  - Separating the "WHAT" and "HOW"
  - Sufficient flexibility to respond to (justified) emerging user needs with no significant additional cost or burden (safeguard) from future changes
Detailed clarification of Articles 6-7

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Content of Articles 8-10

- European network of statistical Business registers:
  - Backbone role of business registers for business statistics
  - Mandatory use of a unique identifier
  - Exchange of micro-data for the purpose of the network
  - Legal architecture similar to that of business statistics
Content of Articles 11-15

- Exchange of micro-data for intra-EU trade in goods statistics:
  - Determines which information needs to be exchanged
  - Ensures the confidentiality of exchanged intra-EU exports of goods data
Content of Articles 16-27

- Quality, transmission and dissemination
- Pilot studies and financing
- Final provisions
Conclusion

• Short presentation of the content of the proposed Regulation and the rationale for the main elements of the proposed legal architecture

• Detailed discussions in forthcoming Council Working Parties
Thank you for your attention!