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New System of Institutional Joint for the definition of the NACE - Classification of the Activities Economics (enterprise) SINACE

Introduction

The implementation of the revised NACE classification, supported by the National Decree n° 381/2007, of 14 of November, relative to the implementation of the Nace, provide the legal responsibility for the management and coordination of the NACE in the scope of the abilities of the Superior Council of Statistic (CSE) and of the National Institute of Statistic (INE).

The INE organized a Seminary about the reclassification of the Nace revision in the Business Register during the year 2007. That allowed identifying the existence of a multiplicity of Nace-code for the same entities Publics Administration.

There was a need to co-ordinate efforts and to wake up in procedures harmonized, and efficiency for the unique attribution of Nace-cod to the enterprises.

For the facilitated chance for the implementation of the new nace-code in the business register, an inter-institutional work group was delineated to define procedures to implement a new System.

Main goals /description

SINACE will be an administrative system which the main objective is implementation the unique nace-code for each legal unit (NIPC_Key). That's the only one legally recognized, obligatoriness of the use for all the entities of the Public Administration and for the all entities in the National Statistic System (SEN).

That system can be a subgroup of the National Register of Legal Units in the Minister of Justice (FCPC), where there will be only an Nace-code , of main activity and up to 3 Nace-code of secondary activities.

That SINACE must be supported by a national legislation. Being the propose Decree done, that will justify the functioning of this new system of attribution/up date of the Nace-code of the enterprise and allow the adequate use of itself.

When the SINACE get underway, will be obligated to inform the enterprises on their classification code, which was defined in BR from the INE. That's the statistical classification and the values to notify the enterprises, on their classification code. These contacts are twofold: firstly, they might need their code in other administrative procedures; secondly, the coverage of various statistical surveys is defined on the basis of the NACE.

The INE must permanently interact with the SINACE to guarantee the accompaniment of the new situations and to manage the updates in that system, being assured that the classification of the constant nace-code of the National Register and of Statistical Units into BR, corresponding only one of the nace-code in the SINACE.

The INE, responsible for managing of the Business Register, should make it available for statistical purposes, to all the entities of the National Statistics System (SEN) that they should use a uniform nace-code, and for whose maintenance should contribute.

Of form to speed the process and, still thus, without damage of the final decision to belong to the INE and CSE, 3 moments are distinguished where the classification of the nace-code will be able to have for base the intervention of other entities:

- The CSE is the legal responsible for the management and the coordination of NACE's nomenclature;
- The INE is operational responsible for the attribution/the update of the Nace-code of the enterprise;
- The INE will be qualified to decide on the generality of the situations, being that the controversial or more complex cases must be determined for the CSE.

The nace-code constant in this SINACE, is the one that is legally recognized and should therefore be used in uniform of the Public Administration, whenever, they need to know the nace-code. These entities must contribute for the maintenance of the SINACE, and they should ask, the INE, when they have new information to that effect.

Concluding remarks

Allocation of the information, and clear division of responsibilities, contributes for the minimize of the costs for the set of the Public Administration;

Bigger transparency in the taken decisions based on the constant Nace-code, that will be started to assure a bigger reliability of that.

Easy access to the Nace-code, through the public dissemination of this information of all the Portuguese enterprise;

Dissemination of the NACE-code of the enterprise: 2 forms are foreseen:

- o The complete SINACE (content of public access) will be published to other entities of the Public Administration, in the base of agreements established bilaterally, being equally possible the consultation of information of this National Register of Legal Units in the website in the Minister of Justice;

- The NACE-code of each one of the enterprise can, also, be consulted in the Internet in the permanent certificate of the enterprise (enterprise online), in the website of the INE and the website of the electronics declarations in the Minister of Finance.

Public access:

NIPC (key) + Name + Nace_code + up to 3 Secondary nace-code

Restricted access to the involved entities in the system:

NIPC + Name + Nace_code + up to 3 Secondary nace-code + Source Nace-code + Date Nace-code