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1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers

Methodology, Standards and Registers Division of the Central Statistical Office is responsible for managing and maintenance of the Statistical Register.

The works within the scope of the statistical register are organized in the following way:

- Methodology, Standards and Registers Division is responsible for organisation, supervision and coordination of all the works related to the functioning of the register, assumptions for data control and system modification and development, register update on the basis of administrative data and cooperation with Eurostat and other international organizations.
- Central Statistical Computing Centre is responsible for performance of information works related to designing, maintaining and updating the register, its modification and system development and with making the register available to users from Central Statistical Office and 16 regional statistical offices.
- Centre for Conducting Statistical Surveys located in one of the 16 regional offices (Statistical Office in Łódź) is responsible for preparation of the datafiles to update the register on results of annual statistical surveys within the described variables.
- Regional statistical offices are responsible for explaining the differences in the description of units from the area of the particular region, observed as a result of analyses made by the factual administrator in the Central Statistical Office on the basis of the information from different sources (including administration systems, in particular from the official register REGON), as well as register updates in the area for which the office is responsible, including the state of legal and economic activity, address data and the number of persons employed.

Currently, CSO of Poland is preparing the new organisation of 16 regional offices concerning the specialization in certain surveys. The data electronic collection will be extended for almost all surveys. The new organisation in regional offices will cause the modernisation of organisation the works within statistical register. The changes are planed to be done in year 2009.

Register state as at the end of 2007 -

- 2.8 million individual farms and
- 3.7 million other units (with 3.6 million local units in total),
 - including 2.9 million enterprises (with 3.2 million local units in those enterprises).

2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

At the end of year 2007, the works on reclassification of the activities of entities covered with the register according to PKD (Polish classification of activities on base of NACE rev.2) were finished. From the 1st of January 2008 further, works were connected with improving the quality the activities.

The implementation process of new classification was based on the following adopted methods :

- results of the regular surveys on medium and big enterprises (10 and more persons employed) as well as the results of representative survey on small ones (up to 9 persons employed), with the use of top-down method,
- automation coded units: type 1:1 and type n:1 (covered 25% of register population),
- administrative sources and additional transition tables,
- mathematical methods (covered 52% of register population).

Developing the works on possessing data from administrative sources, analysis of administrative data, matching with register population were continued.

The first regular survey on enterprise groups started in 2008. The results will be available at the end of the this year. Works on possessing the data for enterprise groups from other sources are continued.

3. Issues solved, problems

Data from administrative sources requires further works related to solving the problem of incoherent definitions of the variables in the different registers as well as legal issues concerning regular transmission of necessary data.

Preparing the specific information concerning enterprises groups based on the results of the new statistical survey and other sources.

4. Future plans

Updating the information about the enterprise groups. Exchange the data with Eurostat on enterprise groups within the project on Euro Groups Register (EGR).

Intensification of works on the possessing and using administrative data to update the statistical register.

Modernisation of statistical register for users needs (regional offices, statisticians in central statistical office ect.). Improving the functionality of the register.

Wider use of administrative data to create Local Data Bank.

Works on administrative data for future census (year 2010) to reduce response burden.