:: A STATISTICAL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE BANK OF THAILAND **::**

Key Principle	High-level Statement	Detailed Description
1. Relevance	• Statistics prepared by the Bank of Thailand	• Development of data collecting and
	will sufficiently inform significant decisions in the	statistics compilation will primarily address the
	Bank and the wider community.	needs of users subject to the burden on data
		providers.
		• The relevance of existing statistics to the
		needs of users will be monitored and material
		gaps in their coverage identified.
2. Integrity	• Statistics will be produced using objective	Data compilation adopts sound statistical
	and transparent methods.	techniques to ensure data quality, timeliness, and
		maintain consistency of approach over time.
		• Statistical techniques and practices will
		be open to public scrutiny.
		• Data, analysis, and interpretations will
		always be objective, without advocating a
		particular position.
		• Promote consistency and comparability
		across official statistics.
		• Make most effective and efficient use of
		relevant technology.

3. Quality	• Statistics will be fit for purpose and of high	• The Statistical Compilation methodology
5. Quanty	quality.	will follow internationally accepted standards,
	quanty.	guidelines, or good practice.
		• Source data are obtained from
		comprehensive data collection programs and
		regularly assessed for consistency and statistical
		soundness.
		• Source data and statistical techniques are
		sound and statistical outputs sufficiently portray
		reality.
		• Data revisions will be transparent and
		follow regulars schedule.
		• Studies and analyses of revisions are
		carried out routinely to identify the impact of
		such revision and made public.
4. Accessibility	• Access to statistics will be easy, fair, and	• Make statistics available in as much
	open.	detail as is reliable and practicable, subject to
		safeguard data that have been given in
		confidence.
		• Provide guidance and interpretation to
		help data users and provider understand and use
		the statistics.
		• Users can easily access to data definition,
		metadata, and list of contact person for each
		subject fields.
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		• Changes of statistical methods and
		practices shall be notified to general public prior
		to such change being in effect.
		• Respond as far as is practicable to
		misunderstandings or misinterpretations of
		official statistics.
		• Release arrangements will be pre-
		announced and data will be released accordingly.
5. Confidentiality	• The confidentiality of individual statistical	• Protection control is in place.
	data will be protected.	• Data compiler is aware of and provides
		protection to confidential data.
		• Documents concerning individual
		information are systematically processed in the
		utmost protecting environment.
		• Seek to always build trust data providers.
6. Respondent Burden	• Respondent burden will be kept to an	• The BOT will ensure efficient use of
	acceptable level consistent with legislative	existing statistics in order to avoid placing
	requirements and balancing the needs of users	additional loads on data providers.
	against the demands on suppliers.	• Keep provider load and intrusion to a
		minimum.
		• Data Collections are periodically
		assessed by taking into account the feedback
		from data users and providers.
		 Seek to promote awareness among
		providers of why data are needed.
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• Formulate questionnaires in such a way
as to make questionnaires clear, relevant, logical,
and easy for provider to complete.
• Inform data providers how and when the
compiling of statistics from the information they
provide will be published.