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DECISION

Approving the scheme on innovation of compilation process of gross regional domestic product of central-affiliated cities or provinces

PRIME MINISTER

Pursuant to the Law on organization of the Government dated December 25, 2001;

Pursuant to the Statistics Law dated June 26, 2003 and the Decree No. 40/2004/ND-CP dated February 13, 2004 of the Government detailing and guiding the implementation of a number of articles of the Statistics Law;

At the proposal of the Minister of Planning and Investment (MPI),

DECIDES:

Article 1: The scheme on innovation of compilation process of gross regional domestic product of central-affiliated cities or provinces is approved with the following main contents:

I. OBJECTIVE

The compilation process of gross regional domestic product (hereinafter referred to as GRDP) is developed and applied in central-affiliated cities or provinces in accordance with international practices and standards, and in conformity with real situation of our country in order to improve the quality of GRDP data, meet demand on information for assessing and forecasting socio-economic development by central and local agencies of the Communist Party and the Government, serve the management and instruction in establishment of socio-economic development strategies and plans in central-affiliated cities or provinces and within the nationwide scope; and meet demand on information of other organizations and individuals.

II. REQUIREMENTS

1. The innovation of GRDP compilation process implemented and announced by the MPI (GSO) need to solve the following key issues:
 - a) The GRDP compilation process must be set up on the basis of methodology of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and real situation of the country, and learning from

successful experience of other countries and territories about the centralized compilation process in selective manner.

- b) All steps of the GRDP compilation process must be innovated comprehensively, including collection, processing and aggregation of input statistical information sources; compilation, publication and dissemination of GRDP data.
 - c) The GRDP compilation process must ensure the feasibility, be assessed and summarized regularly during the implementation process in order to make adjustment corresponding to real situation.
2. The information technology is synchronously applied to the processing and summarization of information collected from different sources in order to ensure the consistency of information system used in the GRDP compilation process in the nationwide scope. Specialized statistical databases in GRDP shall be set up and informatics tools shall be developed to exploit and use efficiently.
 3. The MPI (GSO) announces, disseminates GRDP data of central-affiliated cities or provinces sufficiently, timely, objectively and transparently as follows:
 - a) The announcement and dissemination of GRDP data are implemented according to the rules stipulated in the Statistics Law; the Decree No. 40/2004/ND-CP dated February 13, 2014 of the Government detailing and guiding the implementation of a number of articles of the Statistics Law; the National Statistical Indicator System enclosed to the Decision No. 43/2010/QĐ-TTg dated June 02, 2010 by the Prime Minister; the policy on disseminating the State statistics enclosed to the Decision No. 34/2013/QĐ-TTg dated June 04, 2013 by the Prime Minister and other relevant documents.
 - b) GRDP data calculated and announced by agencies, organizations, or individuals may not replace that is compiled, provided, announced and disseminated by the MPI (GSO).

III. CONTENTS

1. The MPI (GSO) directly compiles and announces GRDP data of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

The innovation of compilation process of GRDP relates to many contents, including the strict execution of the Statistics Law and legal documents relating to the collection, announcement and dissemination of statistical information by statistical information providers and GRDP data users; the consistent application of professional methods by persons who do statistical works.

2. The statistical information system shall be developed and standardized comprehensively in order to serve the compilation of GRDP data of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

The statistical information system consists of three following components: Input statistical information; intermediate statistical information such as intermediate cost coefficients, price system and price index; input result information.

3. Methods and period of GRDP data compilation must be consistent with the utilization needs and resources of the statistical sector.

The compilation methods and period of indicators are key matters in the content of innovation of GRDP compilation process, must ensure the conformity with demand on use and resources of the statistical sector. The calculation methods and compilation period of GRDP indicators are stipulated as follows:

- a) GRDP data is compiled by using the production approach with the following main indicators: Total GRDP at current price and comparative price, the value-added structure at current price; the growth rate of GRDP at comparative price (hereinafter referred to as GRDP data).
- b) Compilation period and time for announcement of GRDP
 - (1) Estimated GRDP for every 6 months by grade-I economic activities shall be announced and disseminated on May 30th of every year.
 - (2) Preliminary GRDP for every 6 months and estimated GRDP for the whole year by grade-I economic activities shall be announced and disseminated on November 30th of every year.
 - (3) Preliminary GRDP for the whole year by grade-I economic activities shall be announced and disseminated on March 30th of the following year.
 - (4) Official GRDP for the whole year by grade-II economic activities and types of ownership (State, non-State, foreign investment sector) shall be announced and disseminated on November 30th of the following year.
- c) If the demand on quarterly GRDP data of local area arises, the provincial statistical office shall take charge of compiling quarterly GRDP data by production approach, sending it to the MPI (GSO) for appraisal and announcement.

IV. SOLUTIONS

1. To evaluate the current situation of the compilation process of GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

To review and evaluate the current situation of the GRDP compilation to find out the reasons for the more and more considerable difference between local data and central data in order to have the practical basis for developing and implementing the innovation of GRDP compilation process in the next period.

2. To constitute the input information sources to compile GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

To constitute the input information sources for compiling GRDP by the consistent and effective combination of forms of collecting statistical information in conformity with region-based statistical methods for reducing the difference in GDP data between the local and central.

Besides the improvement of the quality of the information collected by the centralized statistics system, it is necessary to strengthen the exploitation and use of information sources from ministries, sectors and local government in order to ensure the consistency of input information sources, sufficiency of scope, and elimination of overlapping information.

3. To formulate policies for combination, provision and sharing of statistical information between ministries, line-ministries and the MPI (GSO).

To formulate and implement policies for provision, sharing of statistical information between ministries, line-ministries and the MPI (GSO) in order to meet requirements for reflecting primary socio-economic changes and situation of the whole country, of each central-affiliated city or province in a sufficient and timely manner.

The input information from ministries, line-ministries is mainly extracted from initial information sources, available administrative records, especially the information about State budget revenues and expenditures at provincial level, information about credit, insurance, railway transport, air transport, post and telecommunications, electricity and other specific activities at provincial level. In the short term, the information in the “List of information provided by ministries, line-ministries for serving the compilation of GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces” should be provided and shared with the MPI (GSO) in order to compile GRDP (according to the Annex of information enclosed herein).

4. To improve and enhance the quality of tools for compiling GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

Methods of surveying and collecting information shall be improved, and coefficients for the GRDP compilation shall be set up, including the table of intermediate cost coefficients.

To improve the price system and price index in terms of quantity, enhance the quality of information in order to meet requirements of calculation of price indexes at both current prices and comparative prices. To ensure the sufficient collection and compilation of the following price indexes: Producer price index (PPI); construction price index; price index of materials, fuel used for production; merchandise export and import price index; consumer price index (CPI); spatial cost of living index (SCOLI) and other price indexes.

5. To strengthen the application, development of information and communication technology, and computerize the compilation, announcement, dissemination and archiving of GRDP data of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

Building and development of the application software are implemented in order to automate the processing, aggregation, analysis and forecasting of GRDP. The input statistical information is computerized, coordinated, shared between ministries, line-ministries, local governments and the MPI (GSO) to serve the compilation of GRDP, and the output GRDP is provided, announced and disseminated by the MPI (GSO) to users. The centralized database on national accounts is set up at the MPI (GSO). The information technology infrastructure is invested comprehensively in order to meet development requirements of the statistics on national accounts in general and the compilation of GRDP in particular.

6. To improve the ability and quality of human resources and other resources in order to serve the compilation of GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces.

The specialized statistics is re-organized in conformity with the requirement for innovating the compilation of the National Accounts System in general and GRDP in particular towards the centralization and specialization. Officials in charge of the statistics on national accounts must be sufficiently arranged. The training, recruitment, management and use of human resources in the statistics on national accounts must be innovated by improving their professionalism and working skills in statistical activities. Human resources shall be strengthened in quantity and improved in quality, created enough conditions on material facilities in order to enhance the competence for facilitating the innovation of GRDP compilation process.

Article 2: Implementation

1. Implementation plan:

- a) In 2015, localities continue to calculate, publicize, and use GRDP according to the existing process in order to ensure the consistency with previous years in the assessment of results of implementing the 5-year socio-economic development plans in the period 2011-2015 adopted by the Party Congress of central-affiliated cities or provinces.
- b) In 2016, the MPI (GSO) shall preside over and coordinate with provincial statistical offices of central-affiliated cities or provinces in the compilation and announcement of GRDP.
- c) Since 2007, the MPI (GSO) shall compile and announce GRDP; provincial statistical offices of central-affiliated cities or provinces shall be responsible for collecting the input information in their provinces or cities and reporting to the MPI (GSO).

2. Responsibilities of the MPI:

- a) Based on the assessment of the existing GRDP compilation process, to formulate regulations on the centralized compilation and announcement of GRDP at the MPI (GSO) which shall be signed and issued by the Minister of MPI the second quarter of 2015.

- b) In the third quarter of 2015, to complete the formulation of the plan for implementation of regulations on GRDP compilation issued by the Minister of MPI in order to perform according to the proposed route.
 - c) To preside over and coordinate with the Ministry of Finance in preparing expenditure estimates for the implementation of the Scheme of the centralized statistical system for years 2016-2020 on the basis of mobilizing domestic and foreign capital sources practically, feasibly and efficiently.
 - d) In 2015, to complete the formation of the policy on provision, sharing of statistical information between ministries, line-ministries and the MPI (GSO) for compiling GRDP. To focus on preparing forms of provision of information according to the List of information provided by ministries, line-ministries in order to serve the compilation of GRDP of central-affiliated cities or provinces.
 - đ) To supplement and complete the national statistical survey program, the integral statistical reporting regime applicable to ministries, line-ministries and provincial statistical offices in order to meet requirements of GRDP compilation.
 - e) To popularize, propagandize, provide training and guidelines about the contents of the Scheme; concurrently, supervise and speed up, inspect, monitor and evaluate the implementation, summarize periodically and report results of implementing the Scheme to the Prime Minister.
3. Responsibilities of other ministries, line-ministries
- a) To provide, share the input information to meet requirements of GRDP compilation.
 - b) The Ministry of Information and Communications, mass media agencies at the central and local level set up the communication and propaganda programs about objectives, contents of the Scheme and the situation of implementing the Scheme.
4. Responsibilities of people's committees of central-affiliated cities or provinces
- a) To use the GRDP data compiled and announced by the MPI (GSO).
 - b) Based on their state management functions and tasks in their provinces, to perform tasks according to GRDP compilation regulations, and instruct local departments and sectors of provinces, cities, enterprises, administrative units, organizations and individuals to provide sufficient information to provincial statistical offices that are responsible for integrating information and submitting to the GSO as stipulated.

Article 3. This Decision shall take effect from the date on which it is signed.

Article 4. Ministers, Heads of ministerial-level agencies, Heads of government-attached agencies; Chairman of People's Committees of central-affiliated cities or provinces; Heads of relevant agencies shall take responsibility for implementing this Decision.

Receiver:

- Secretariat of the Communist Party of Vietnam;
- Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers;
- Ministries, ministerial-level agencies, and government-attached agencies;
- People's Councils, People's Committees of central-affiliated cities and provinces;
- Central Office of the Communist Party of Vietnam, organizations of the Party;
- The Office of the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam;
- The President's Office;
- Ethnic Council and committees of the National Assembly;
- National Assembly Office;
- Supreme People's Court;
- Supreme People's Procuracy of Vietnam;
- State Audit Office of Vietnam;
- National Financial Supervisory Commission;
- Vietnam Bank for Social Policies;
- Vietnam Development Bank;
- Central Committee of Vietnam Fatherland Front;
- Central agency of unions;
- Records.

PRIME MINISTER

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