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0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics (Required)

[Laws and administrative arrangements specifying the responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics]

The Law on the Central Bank of Uzbekistan and The Law on Foreign Exchange Regulation, together with their by-laws and regulations, give a statistical mandate to the Central Bank of Uzbekistan (CBU) to collect, process and disseminate data. According to the “Law on Central Bank” (Article 3), one of the main functions of the CBU is the storage and management of the official gold and currency reserves of the Republic of Uzbekistan, including the reserves of the government.

The presidential decree Nr. 5296, dated January 9, 2018, has clarified the task of the Central Bank: ensuring stability of prices, stability and development of the banking system and of the payment system. Major changes are on progress, including statistical tasks, reinforcement of macro analysis, improved inflation forecasting. The structure of the CBU has been modified and new departments have been introduced (Department of prudential supervision, Department of foreign exchange regulation and balance of payment, Monetary operations department, Department of statistics and Research and the others).

The responsibility for collecting, processing, compiling and disseminating the statistics is specified in the Article 58 “Information-banking network and collection of statistical information” of the “Law on Central Bank” as of December 21st, 1995. This article states:

- Central bank creates and maintains the information network for the need of banking sector.
- Central bank receives statistical information from relevant authorities or directly from economic entities in the manner prescribed by Law.
- Central Bank within its competence, participates in coordinating with the relevant organizations rules and practices for the collection, processing, storage and dissemination of statistical data.

The Regulation on the procedure for compiling statistics on the external sector of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Resolution #263 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan as of April 3rd, 2018) states that CBU carries out compilation and publication of external sector statistics on the balance of payments and international investment position, gross external debt, international reserves and exchange rates.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies (Required)

[Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies are adequate.]

Coordination between various statistical agencies is sound. According to the “Law on Central Bank”, in article 49 “Information exchange between the government and the Central bank”, the central bank and government carry out a constant exchange of statistical information to monitor the main macroeconomic parameters in the economy. The government, ministries and agencies submit to the Central Bank financial, economic information and documentation necessary for the performance of its functions. The CBU, the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, and the Ministries of Finance and Economy do the necessary data sharing and coordination to produce the overall macroeconomic data.

In addition, the State Statistical Work Program allows for a review of current data and of the data users’ needs. The annual statistical Work Program is drafted in November of each year and submitted to the Central Government for approval in January. Data users are also consulted on current data (usefulness, periodicity, timeliness) through periodic survey. Actions may be taken depending on their feedbacks. The Statistics Council, a collegial advisory body, ensures coordination on problems associated with the development, functioning and coordination of state statistics under the authorized state statistics agency.

Lastly, according to the presidential decree Nr.5054, dated December 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country should be compliant and coordinated under the GDDS system.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data (Required)

[Measures ensuring individual reporters' data are kept confidential and used for statistical purposes only.]

Confidentiality of the data and statistics from other individual reporters are guaranteed and regulated by the “Law on the Banking confidentiality” from August 30th, 2003, #530-II. Data supplied to the CBU by the individual reporters (mainly commercial banks) is protected. This protection is offered by software safeguards. Only limited number of staff in the CBU have access to bank data. In addition, under the Article 7 of the Law on State Statistics, State statistics agencies shall be obliged to ensure confidentiality of individual statistical data, preservation of state secrets and trade secrets of legal entities and anonymity of data regarding individuals.

0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting (Required)

[Legal mandates and/or measures to require or encourage statistical reporting.]

The Law on Central Bank provides the CBU the mandate to collect relevant statistical information. Some data is derived from internal sources and depends on the Central Bank only. CBU statistical mandate is achieved by regulations that ensures statistical reporting by all.

In addition, according to the Law on Statistics, the State statistics agencies, within the limits of their powers, shall have the right to request and obtain state statistical reports, administrative accounting data, and other data necessary for the conduct of state statistical observations (at any stage of their development), as well as explanations appended to the reports, from financial, customs, tax authorities, banks, other departments and services, legal persons and their representations and branches, natural persons, including individual businessmen, and use them for statistical purposes. In the case that banks do not report on time, the CBU staff may makes calls, and reporting is ensured.

Lastly, the CBU shall check the accuracy of the statistical data at enterprises, establishments and institutions, conduct expert analysis of the completeness and objectivity of statistical data obtained and, in cases in which violations are found, to give the instructions.

1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics (Encouraged)

[Measures to promote impartiality in production of statistics.]

According to the Law on Statistics (Article 4), the basic principles of the state statistics include accuracy, objectivity and impartiality. CBU methodology and dissemination procedures complies with IMF guidelines. Sources are chosen based only on statistical considerations. Procedures regarding the data dissemination have been reinforced by the Regulation on the procedure for compiling statistics on the external sector of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Resolution #263 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan as of April 3rd, 2018). The previous provisions concerning the dissemination of some data have been removed. Lastly, there is an umbrella law on banking secrecy.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination (Encouraged)

[Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination.]

According to the Law on Statistics (Article 15), statistical data shall be used for state and scientific purposes, for informing the public, ensuring rights, freedoms and lawful interests of users. Primary statistics obtained by state statistics agencies from legal persons, their representations and branches, natural persons, including individual businessmen, shall be used for statistical purposes only for the preparation of summary statistical indicators and shall be published in summary and anonymous form. Statistics that contain the state and trade secrets shall be submitted in the manner prescribed under law.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics (Encouraged)

[Entitlement to, opportunity for, and historical frequency of, comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics by the appropriate statistical entity.]

Central Bank comments on any erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics when appropriate.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination (Required)

[Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination.]

The terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing and dissemination are incorporated into Uzbekistan's laws and resolutions dealing with statistics. These legislative measures are on the websites and thus accessible to the public. Thus, *The Law on the Central Bank of Uzbekistan* and *The Law on Foreign Exchange Regulation* are posted on the CBU's website (www.cbu.uz). These laws are also included in the data base on laws and regulations (NORMA), as well as in the data base of the Ministry of Justice accessible on the address www.Lex.uz.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release (Required)

[Disclosure of Internal governmental access to statistics prior to their release.]

There is no internal governmental access to statistics prior to release. The CBU is independent by Law (cf. 0.1.1). In addition, according to the Law on Statistics, the State statistics agencies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state agencies shall not be permitted (cf. Article 5 of the Law on Statistics).

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products (Encouraged)

[Identification of statistical agencies/units producing disseminated statistics.]

Data released to the public are clearly identified by the CBU. All the related publications are attributed to the CBU and CBU should be shown as a source of data. Usually there is a common description of the released data, but in general there is no specific commentary with released statistical data. However, in case of rapid and major fluctuations a press release may be accompanied by a commentary.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques. (Required)

[Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.]

Major changes in methodology are indicated in the same publications, along with the new data.

The government website (www.gov.uz) includes a special section on laws on regulation, which allows for public feedback within 15 days.

1.3 Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guidelines for staff behavior (Encouraged)

[Measures implementing and enforcing guidelines for staff behavior.]

The CBU has its own Guidelines for staff behavior. Employees are well informed of these guidelines and rules.

4. Serviceability

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision schedule (Required)

[Transparency and regularity of revision schedule.]

Continuous review and control of data are undertaken prior to their official release.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data (Required)

[Identification of preliminary and/or revised data.]

Preliminary or revised or updated indicators or values, if any, will be correspondingly noted or commented on the release.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.3 Advance release calendar (Required)

[Pre-announcement of the release schedule for statistics.]

Advance release calendars are publicly available on www.stat.uz. Data published within 10 days after the reference month.

5.1.4 Simultaneous release (Required)

[Degree to which statistics are made available to all users at the same time, and modalities used to achieve this.]

The statistical data are released simultaneously to the public on the CBU web site www.cbu.uz.

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points (Encouraged)

[Dissemination of information on contact points for each subject field.]

Contact point is assigned on www.stat.uz.

5.3.2 Availability of documents and services catalogs (Encouraged)

[Dissemination of catalogs of publications, documents, and other services, including information on any charges.]

A list of publications is available on the www.cbu.uz on Statistics section.

9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

[Plans for improvement - Recent improvements.]

Since 2017, major changes have been undertaken to reinforce the CBU, including its statistical tasks, the reinforcement of macro analysis and improved forecasting. Such measures were initiated by the presidential decree Nr. 5296, dated January 9, 2018 (with regard to the tasks of the CBU), the Regulation on the procedure for compiling statistics on the external sector, the Resolution #263 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan as of April 3rd, 2018 to reinforce the tasks and efficiency of the CBU; the presidential decree Nr. 5054, dated December 12, 2017 (economic and financial data in the country should be compliant with the IMF GDDS).

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

[Plans for improvement - Short-term.]

A number of actions are on progress to implement various statistical manuals of the IMF, to reassure that collected data are in compliance with IMF standards. Further improvement of data quality is preferred through technical assistance missions and training seminars. Plans for improvement include exchange of experience and study visits with other Central Banks, and close interaction with the IMF, the World Bank, and other international organizations.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

[Plans for improvement - Medium-term.]

Move towards the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) of the IMF.

9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

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Data Produced and Disseminated

a. Comprehensive Frameworks:

The agency is responsible for production and dissemination of comprehensive frameworks in the following areas (check boxes as appropriate):

Real sector		Financial sector	
National Accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depository Corporations Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal sector		External sector	
Central Government Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Balance of Payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Central government debt</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>International investment position</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>General Government Operations</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

b. Data Categories:

The agency is responsible for production and dissemination of the following data categories (check boxes as appropriate):

Real sector		Financial sector	
National accounts aggregates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Broad money and credit aggregates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Production Index/Indices		Central bank aggregates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest rates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Stock market</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price indices		External sector	
Consumer price index	<input type="checkbox"/>	Balance of payments aggregates	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Producer price index</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	External debt and debt service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor market indicators		International reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Reserve-related liabilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merchandise trade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wages/earnings	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Fiscal sector

- Central government aggregates
- Central government debt

Exchange rates

Socio-Demographic Data

- Population
- Health
- Education
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