

THE CZSO FRAMEWORK SECURITY POLICY

The Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) within its activities adheres to principles of unconditional ensuring of confidentiality and cyber security of information. There are strict internal rules in place to protect data; they are set mainly in the following documents: Directive No 1/2022 as to principles of providing statistical information to external users and the Information and Cyber Security Policy of the CZSO. These policies lay down principles of confidential statistical data protection as well as security of operated important and critical information systems in accordance with the relevant legal regulations, especially:

- Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities;
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 557/2013 of 17 June 2013 implementing Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Statistics as regards access to confidential data for scientific purposes and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002;
- Act No 89/1995 Sb¹⁾, on the State Statistical Service, as amended (hereinafter as the “SSSA”);
- Act No 110/2019 Sb, on Personal Data Processing;
- Act No 365/2000 Sb, on Public Administration Information Systems and the amendment of certain other acts, as subsequently amended;
- Act No 181/2014 Sb on Cyber Security.

The aforementioned policies are binding for all employees of the CZSO, employees of contractual parties and within coordination activities of the CZSO they are recommended for implementation to workplaces of the State Statistical Service. The CZSO management continually creates necessary conditions to support objectives of equal access to information for all users of statistics while maintaining confidentiality and security of data, which were provided to the CZSO by respondents, from administrative data sources, or which originated during the processing. Managers of the CZSO at all levels of management are responsible for observance of principles set up in this policy.

CONFIDENTIAL STATISTICAL DATA PROTECTION

Bodies performing the State Statistical Service ensure confidential statistical data protection in the way provided for in the SSSA. When confidential statistical data also contain personal data, the data are protected in the way laid down in the Act on Personal Data Processing.

PROVISION OF RELEASED STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The CZSO provides all statistical information in accordance with the provision of the Section 18 of the SSSA so that principles of equal access to information for all users are kept and so that statistical information is created in a professional, independent, objective, and transparent way. Statistical information has to fulfil determined criteria for accuracy and reliability and has to meet the requirements for protection of respondents. Statistical information has to be released in accordance with the CZSO policies, which are especially: the Dissemination Policy of the Czech Statistical Office, the CZSO Data Revision Policy, and the Quality Policy of the CZSO. When making decisions on publication of a potentially confidential piece of data, the confidentiality protection is always preferred to the publication.

¹⁾ Sb stands for the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic (it reads “*Sbírka zákonů ČR*” in Czech).

PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL STATISTICAL DATA

Pursuant to the provision of the Section 17 of the SSSA, confidential statistical data may be provided for the purpose of ensuring of their processing for statistical purposes when creating statistical information, for the purposes of scientific research, or in particularly justified cases in accordance with the legal framework of the EU) and the CR), namely only to legal persons basic mission of which is scientific research. Confidential statistical data must be sufficiently accurate, reliable, and adequate for the purpose of the applicant. Data may be provided only in the form, which does not allow direct determination of the reporting unit they pertain to. For that purpose the data are modified in the necessary extent in order to minimise the risk of disclosure via indirect identification of the statistical unit concerned.

ENSURING CYBER SECURITY

In accordance with the Cyber Security Act, the CZSO ensures cyber security of information systems governed by the Act as well as of data that are processed by those systems. It applies mainly to ensuring of determined security measures, identification, record keeping, and reporting of cyber incidents, and application of following responses and protective measures.

RELATED POLICIES

The CZSO Framework Security Policy is in line with other CZSO policies, namely the Dissemination Policy of the Czech Statistical Office, the CZSO Data Revision Policy, and the Quality Policy of the CZSO.

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