

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

## Country progress report 2017 and future plans

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JAPAN

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### I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register in Japan (Formal name: Establishment Frame Database)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Bureau of Japan, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Statistics Production Support Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

36

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To provide sampling frames to other ministries and agencies, local governments as well as incorporated administrative agencies, etc., and to reduce reporting burdens on respondents by avoiding excessive selection as survey samples.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2002

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2008, 2012, 2018

8. Number of active enterprises\* in the register at the end of 2017

\*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises: About 3.9 million enterprises  
as of June 1, 2016

(Legal units: )

9. Does the register have geographical coordinates assigned to every address or could they be obtained through other registers linked to it?

No

## II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2016) or the problems you have tackled. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work which was done

The Basic Plan concerning the Development of Official Statistics (the third period) was decided by the Cabinet in March 2018.

(Category)

9. Planning and governance

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Basic Plan shall specify basic ideas and concrete measures concerning the development of official statistics in the next five years. According to the plan, SBJ will review the implementation method of the Economic Census for Business Frame (EC-BF) and introduce the profiling activity to promote the further development of the BR in Japan.

2. Short title of work which was done

The pilot survey was conducted.

(Category)

8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SBJ conducted the pilot survey from September to October in 2017 to conduct the revised EC-BF from June 2019.

3. Short title of work which was done

(Category)

Select one

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

## III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2018) and following year(s). Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work planned

Effective use of the Corporate Number

(Category)

4. Data sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The National Tax Agency has assigned a Corporate Number (13-digit) to each corporation from October 2015. There are no restrictions on its range of use and may be used openly by anyone. Therefore, SBJ decided to include this new administrative data in the population of the revised EC-BF to promote the further development of the BR in Japan.

2. Short title of work planned

Preparation for the EC-BF

(Category)

8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SBJ is preparing for conducting the revised EC-BF.

3. Short title of work planned

Preparation for the profiling activity

(Category)

8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

SBJ is preparing for the profiling activity which will be conducted from 2019. In this activity, we aim to connect with about 5,000 large enterprises. The profiling staff will connect with those enterprises to grasp their basic information and to support them in dealing with reporting the official statistics.



#### IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Main challenge 1

(Category)

Restructuring the maintenance methods of the BR in Japan

2. Coverage

Description of the challenge

To conduct the revised EC-BF and the profiling activity to improve the quality of the BR in Japan

2. Main challenge 2

(Category)

Producing the BR based statistics

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of the challenge

To produce and provide the register-based statistics in a few years

3. Main challenge 3

(Category)

Select one

Description of the challenge