

*No. 1063*

**Council of State Decree on Statistics Finland**

Promulgated in Helsinki on 11 December 2002

According to a decision of the Council of State, made upon the submission of the Ministry of Finance, the following is hereby decreed by virtue of Sections 3 and 4 of the Statistics Finland Act, passed on 24 January 1992 (48/1992), Paragraph 2 of Section 8 of the State Officials Act, passed on 19 August 1994 (750/1994), as they stand, and Sections 3 and 4 of act 901/2002 amending the Statistics Finland Act and Paragraph 2 of Section 8 of act 281/2000 amending the State Officials Act.

***Section 1***

The Director General shall manage the activities and finances of Statistics Finland. The Director General shall be responsible for appropriate organisation and profitability of the activities and finances of Statistics Finland, and especially for the attainment of the set targets, as well as for reporting on the activities and finances of Statistics Finland. The Director General shall monitor development in the field of activity within which Statistics Finland operates and take measures for the implementation of necessary revisions and improvements.

Above and beyond the matters decreed in the Statistics Finland Act, the Director General shall also make decisions on:

- 1) The outlines of the general operating policy, as well as the detailed performance targets concerning the activities and finances of Statistics Finland within the framework of targets confirmed by the Ministry of Finance;
- 2) The operational and financial plan and the budget proposal of Statistics Finland; and
- 4) Other far-reaching or fundamentally important matters concerning Statistics Finland.

The Director General shall sign the financial statements of Statistics Finland and the documents annexed thereto.

***Section 2***

Other officials of Statistics Finland in leadership positions shall be responsible for proper and profitable management of the activities entrusted to them and for the attainment of the performance targets set for the operating unit or activity assigned to them. They shall for their part monitor general development within their specific field of activity and take initiatives for the implementation of necessary revisions and improvements.

***Section 3***

Statistics Finland shall have an Advisory Board to support its strategic management. The Advisory Board shall consist of the Director General and no more than seven members of whom one shall be a person elected by the staff of Statistics Finland from among themselves. Upon the submission of Statistics Finland, the Ministry of Finance shall nominate the other members of the Advisory Board for a fixed term not exceeding four years.

***Section 4***

The qualification requirements to the post of Director General of Statistics Finland is a higher level academic degree, management skills and management experience proven in practice and the expertise required by the tasks involved in administration and matters related to the operational field of a central statistical organisation.

A director of an operating unit must be a holder of a higher level academic degree, possess good management skills proven in practice, have experience in development work and thorough familiarity with the sector of the operating unit concerned.

***Section 5***

The Council of State shall appoint the Director General. The Director General shall appoint the directors of the operating units. Other staff shall be appointed or hired by the Director General, unless the decision has been assigned in the working order to some other official.

At the submission of the Director General, the Ministry of Finance shall appoint a deputy for the Director General.

***Section 6***

This Decree shall enter into force on 1 January 2003.

This decree repeals the Decree on Statistics Finland promulgated on 14 February 1992 (105/1992) and any of its subsequent amendments.

Helsinki, 11 December 2002

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