



Ministry of Defence (MOD) Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics¹

Purpose

1. This statement of compliance sets out how the MOD implements the Official Statistics Code of Practice and its associated Protocols, and the exemptions it has been granted by the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA).

Introduction

2. The MOD produces Official and National Statistics on a wide range of defence-related topics, including defence spending, military and civilian personnel numbers, the health of the Armed Forces, veterans, equipment, Search & Rescue, and surveys of the Armed Forces.
3. All Official and National Statistics produced by the MOD are published on the 'Statistics' area of GOV.UK².

General statement of compliance

4. All MOD Official and National Statistics are produced in accordance with the Principles set out in the Code of Practice and its supporting Protocols, subject to any exceptions noted in this Compliance Statement.
5. In addition, all MOD Official and National Statistics are produced and published in accordance with the following statements and policies, each of which forms an integral part of this Compliance Statement:
 - Confidentiality Policy
 - Statement of Administrative Sources
 - Revisions and Corrections Policy
 - User Engagement Policy
 - Statement of Compliance with the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008
 - Quality Guidelines
 - Customer Complaints Policy

¹ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/>

² Statistics homepage on GOV.UK
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>

6. These statements and policies can be accessed via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Exemptions

6. Protocol 2 Practice 6 of the Code of Practice states that statistical reports should 'Include the name and contact details of the responsible statistician'. The UKSA has granted an exemption³ to the MOD in that it is not required to name the responsible statistician for each publication due to security reasons. Instead, the Authority has stated that in these specific circumstances, it is acceptable to provide their role title and contact details.

Role of Head of Profession and responsible statisticians

7. The Head of Profession for Statistics has direct responsibility for the implementation of legislation including decisions on the content, format, pre-release access and timing of MOD Official and National Statistics outputs. It is the responsibility of responsible statisticians, and all others involved in the production and release of National and Official Statistics to follow the correct procedures and alert the Head of Profession to any difficulties.

Reporting of non-compliance

8. All reportable occurrences of non-compliance of Official and National Statistics with respect to the Code of Practice will be reported by the Head of Profession to the National Statistician, and a Breach Report published to the UKSA website⁴.

³ UK Statistics Authority Exemption Requests
<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/exemption-requests/index.html>

⁴ UK Statistics Authority Breach Reports
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