



Reference No. 24SS03-001

**PSA Memorandum Order No. 01  
Series of 2024**

**RECONSTITUTING THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL STANDARDS AND CLASSIFICATIONS INTO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL STANDARDS AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625, "Philippine Statistical Act of 2013," which provides for the creation of inter-agency statistical committees (IACs) to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board established Committees on Statistics by virtue of PSA Board Resolution No. 04, s. 2014;

**WHEREAS**, PSA Memorandum Order No. 06, Series of 2016, established the Interagency Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (IACSSC) in order to provide technical expertise on the development and approval of the national standard classification systems;

**WHEREAS**, PSA Memorandum Order No. 12, Series of 2020, reconstituted the IACSSC to the Technical Committee on Statistical Standards and Classifications (TCSSC) in order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACSSC and to ensure that permanent individual is designated to attend the committee's meetings and activities;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the participation of the agencies that are involved in the development and use of national standard classification systems, the TCSSC is hereby reconstituted to the IACSSC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the TCSSC be reconstituted as an IACSSC and shall assume all the responsibilities of the TCSSC and shall continue to serve as venue for discussion and resolution of issues on statistical standards and classifications, review of its application as well as current techniques/methodologies, and recommend policies and workable schemes towards the implementation and compliance to statistical standards and classifications;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, the TCSSC is hereby reconstituted into IACSSC to be composed of the following member agencies and terms of reference:



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## 1. Composition of Members

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)  
Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)  
Department of Justice (DOJ)  
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)  
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  
Tariff Commission (TC)  
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

The Chairperson of the IACSSC shall be elected from the members. The nominee for Chairperson who shall obtain the highest number of votes shall be elected as Chairperson. In case of a deadlock, the presiding officer shall determine the winner for the position of Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson will be likewise elected following the same procedure as stated above.

## 2. Terms of Reference

The specific functions of the IACSSC are as follows:

- a. Serve as forum for the exchange of views and expertise in the development and maintenance of statistical standards and classification systems;
- b. Review and evaluate the applicability of new international statistical standards and classification systems in the Philippine setting;
- c. Address evolving and emerging statistical requirements of stakeholders in the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) at the local and national levels through the development of necessary statistical standards and classification systems, such as prioritization of outputs required to carry out the programs set forth in the country's national development plans as well as in the corresponding national statistical development programs;
- d. Formulate measures and recommendations to ensure the adoption of statistical standards and classifications at the national and local levels;
- e. Recommend to the PSA Board appropriate measures and statistical policies for the improvement of statistical standards and classification systems;
- f. Recommend to the PSA Board efficient and workable schemes to resolve technical issues and problems related to the application of prescribed standards and adoption of existing statistical standards and classification systems; and
- g. Address emerging issues and concerns on statistical standards and classifications.

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To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the IACSSC, the PSA shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution, if deemed necessary. Meetings of IACSSC shall be conducted where a quorum is constituted. A quorum is constituted when a majority of the members are present in the meeting, provided that, members may opt to attend the meetings via online or teleconference. No resolution of the IACSSC shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present in the meeting where a quorum is constituted. The PSA shall continue to provide technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the IACSSC. It shall also monitor compliance to policies formulated and report periodically to the PSA Board.

The Committee may establish technical working groups (TWGs) and task forces (TFs), as the need arises, to assist in the exercise of its functions, subject to the approval of the PSA National Statistician. Technical, secretariat, and logistics support to the TWGs and TFs shall be provided by the PSA and the concerned agencies, respectively. Other member agencies are enjoined to give the same support whenever needed by the Committee.

The Committee shall adhere to the PSA Guidelines for IACs, Technical Committees (TCs), TWGs, and TFs in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations. The Committee shall submit to the PSA National Statistician its work program and shall report on the progress of its work, including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

This Memorandum Order takes effect on 29 February 2024.

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