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PSA Clears the Conduct of the Monthly Impact Assessment Survey of COVID-19 (MIASC) on the MSME Sector

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The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) granted the clearance for the conduct of the Monthly Impact Assessment Survey of COVID-19 (MIASC) on the MSME Sector to be conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

The survey aims to determine the effects of the changes in community quarantine levels and monitor the impact of such on the operations, sales, and workforce, of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The results are used for policy formulation and development of related initiatives, as well as provide inputs to improve existing programs and projects. The following are the data to be collected in the survey:

- a. Profile of Business
- b. Status of Operations
- c. Effect on Sales and Workforce
- d. Business Direction
- e. Assistance Required

About 1,664 MSMEs distributed by region (except for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao) will be interviewed monthly for the survey. Survey results are expected to be released at the end of every month.

The MIASC was reviewed and cleared for conduct under the Statistical Survey Review and Clearance System (SSRCS), a mechanism being implemented by the PSA by virtue of Rule 28 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10625 to:

- a. ensure sound design for data collection;
- b. minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- c. effect economy in statistical data collection;



- d. eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and
- e. achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins the MSMEs in the country to support the said survey by providing the required information.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the **Statistical Standards Division** of the **Standards Service** with telephone numbers (02) 8376-1928 and (02) 8376-1931, and email address ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph and ssdss.staff@gmail.com.

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