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PSA Grants Clearance to the Conduct of Survey of the Metalworking Industry: Machining Sector

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On 19 January 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) granted clearance to the conduct of Survey of Metalworking Industry (SMI): Machining Sector by the Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The results of the SMI will be used by MIRDC to determine the present status of the machining industry for investment priorities, facilities upgrading and human resource development. Moreover, the MIRDC and other concerned government agencies will also use the findings to identify issues, concerns and problems faced by the machining sector for the formulation of relevant programs and policies.

The data items to be collected in the survey include the following:

- general information of establishments
- employment of establishments
- export market
- indicator such as production and sales
- equipment, instruments utilized and raw materials used
- problems, issues and concerns in Machining Sector
- business outlook and plans

The survey will collect data from 1,000 establishments located in the different regions in the country and will start in February 2018. A total budget of Php 1.5 million will be utilized for personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) such as travelling expenses, supplies and printing of materials and capital outlay.

Results of the survey are expected to be released in April 2019.

The approval of the SMI is pursuant to 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 (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10625 to:

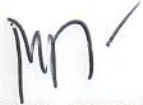
- ensure sound design for data collection;
- minimize the burden placed upon respondents;
- effect economy in statistical data collection;
- eliminate unnecessary duplication of statistical data collection efforts; and

- achieve better coordination of government statistical activities.

In line with this, the PSA enjoins establishments to support the said survey.

For further information on SSRCS, please contact the Statistical Standards Division (SSD) of the Standards Service (SS) with telephone numbers (02) 376-1928 and (02) 376-1931, and email address: ssd.staff@psa.gov.ph or ssdss.staff@gmail.com.

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