

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 2486. Confidentiality of Information.**

(a) Every employee of the Central Statistics Division, before entering his or her duties, shall take and subscribe to a statutory declaration to the effect that he or she will faithfully and honestly fulfill his or her duties as an employee of the Central Statistics Division in conformity with the requirements of this article and will not, without express authority, disclose or make known any information or statistical data acquired under this article. Any information or statistical data collected primarily for statistical purposes shall be kept for those purposes, and strict confidentiality of information shall be observed.

(b) Confidential information obtained from individuals, households, organizations, and other entities in the process of compilation of statistical data shall be treated as such.

(c) Neither the chief of statistics, nor any other officer or employee of the Central Statistics Division, or any bureau, office, or agency thereof, may, except as otherwise provided by law:

(1) Use the information furnished under the provisions of this article for any purpose other than the statistical purpose for which it is supplied;

(2) Make any publication whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment or individual under this article can be identified; or

(3) Permit anyone other than the sworn officers and employees of the Central Statistics Division, or bureau, office, or agency thereof to examine the individual reports.

(d) No department, bureau, agency, officer, or employee of the government, except the Director of Commerce and Labor and the Chief of Statistics in carrying out the purposes of this article, may require, for any reason, copies of census reports or statistical information which have been retained by any such establishment or individual. Copies of census reports and statistical information which have been so retained shall be immune from legal process, and shall not, without the consent of the individual or establishment concerned, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

**Source:** PL 7-35, § 7.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the reference to the “Director of Commerce and Labor,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 1 CMC § 2451.