

***Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the National Statistical Co-ordination Board  
(NSCB)***

**The National Statistical Co-ordination Board hereby amends its Rules of Procedure adopted on April 25, 2017 as follows. Parts of the text not affected by this amendment continue to remain effective.**

***The following standard abbreviations shall be used in both the Rules of Procedure and Amendments to the Rules of Procedure:***

***1. Official Statistical Service – OSS***

***Section 2 in Chapter II of the Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“Following Regulation (EU) 223/2009 adopted by the Commission of the European Union in 2009 and Regulation (EU) 2015/759 (Recitals (11) and (14), Article 5 (1), and Article (5) (a)) active co-ordination activity within the OSS has become a particularly important task. With the establishment of the National Statistical Co-ordination Board, Act CLV of 2016 on Official Statistics (hereinafter: Stt.) creates a stronger cooperation system between the members of the OSS. The main goal of the NSCB is to discuss the issues necessary to improve the quality of official statistical activity with the delegated members of the OSS, to ensure a continuous, active dialogue and exchange of information on professional matters and to provide consensus-based guidance on technical issues affecting official statistics.”

***Section 1 in Chapter III of the Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The NSCB's legal status and the basic content and organisational frameworks of its activities are established by Section 22 of the Stt., and Government Decree 184/2017 (VII. 5.) issued for the implementation of Act CLV of 2016 on Official Statistics, Act CXXV of 2018 on Government Administration, and Regulation (EU) 223/2009 of the European Parliament and Council on European statistics, as well as Regulation (EU) 2015/759 amending it. Based on this, the Co-ordination Board shall be the professional coordination, consultation and decision-making body of bodies engaged in official statistical activities.”

***Paragraph 2 in Chapter V of the Rules of Procedure shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The Board's secretarial functions shall be performed by the Statistical Co-ordination and Legal Department of the Central Statistical Office; the head of the Statistical co-ordination and Legal Department shall be the Secretary of the NSCB.”

***In Chapter VI of the Rules of Procedure, the part concerning the members of the NSCB shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The members of the NSCB shall be persons delegated by the OSS and appointed for an indefinite period by the President of the HCSO. Each OSS member shall be represented by one delegated member. In the event of the member's absence or impediment, he may nominate a

deputy with full right of representation, including the right to vote, in writing at the Secretary of the NSCB no later than the end of the working day preceding the meeting.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 1 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The convention of the NSCB meeting shall be initiated by the chair. He also determines the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be convened by the Secretary of the NSCB. Any member may propose the convention of the meeting by specifying the subject and addressing the proposal to the NSCB’s chair. In the event of the refusal to convene the meeting, the next meeting of the NSCB will decide on the deliberation of the proposal. If the meeting is proposed in writing by at least 1/3 of the members, the meeting shall be convened within 30 days. In justified cases, when holding a meeting based on personal participation is not recommended or is not possible (e.g. due to the epidemiological situation), the NSCB meeting can be held on a web interface, via an electronic communication tool.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 6 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The presence of more than half of the members with voting rights shall constitute a quorum for the meeting of the NSCB. In the case of a meeting held on the web via an electronic communication device, the online presence of more than half of the members is required.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 7 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“In the absence of a quorum, the chair of the NSCB shall schedule another meeting within 1 hour, which will constitute a quorum for the original agenda items regardless of the number of members present.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 9 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The NSCB takes its position at a full meeting by a simple majority and open ballot. In the case of a tied vote the chair shall have the casting vote. In the event that it is not recommended or possible to hold a meeting based on personal participation, where the NSCB meeting is held ‘online’, via electronic means of communication, with regard to the items on the agenda that require a resolution, the vote may also be held in electronic form, subject to ensuring its confidentiality.

For substitution, Section 15 shall apply.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 14 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“If, at the meeting the members make a proposal to discuss a proposal or information outside the agenda, this can take place if more than half of the members are present at the meeting and more than half of those present agree with the proposal.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 15 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“The member can only exercise the rights and obligations associated with NSCB membership in person. In the event of his absence, he may appoint a substitute to attend the meeting of the NSCB. The substitute shall have full representation rights, including the right to vote. The member who is prevented from attending shall inform the Secretary of the NSCB of the fact of his substitution not later than the end of the working day preceding the NSCB meeting and may send his comments on the agenda of the meeting directly or in writing to the NSCB Secretary or to his substitute.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 16 titled ‘Meetings of the NSCB’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“If a member who is prevented from attending is unable to send a substitute, he shall inform the Secretary of the NSCB accordingly and may send any comments on the agenda of the meeting directly to him in writing no later than the end of the working day preceding the meeting. The written comments or position sent in writing shall be deemed to be the vote of the absent member on the question or agenda in question provided that the substance of the agenda has not been changed.”

***In Chapter VII of the Rules of Procedure, the following point 17 shall be added to the part on the NSCB meetings:***

“The Secretary of the NSCB shall prepare a memo of the NSCB meeting, which he sends to the NSCB members for comments. The memo shall be signed by the chair of the NSCB and the secretary of the NSCB. The agenda of the meeting, the memo and the written materials of the agenda items shall be publicly distributed by the secretary of the NSCB after the meeting, on the website operated for this purpose.”

***In Chapter VIII of the Rules of Procedure, Section 5 in the Part titled ‘Working Committees’ shall be replaced by the following provision:***

“In justified cases, when holding a meeting based on personal participation is not recommended or is not possible (e.g. due to the epidemiological situation), the committee meeting can also be held on a web interface, via means of electronic communication.”

***Chapter X of the Rules of Procedure, Section 1 in the Part titled ‘Administration of the NSCB’ shall be supplemented with the following provision:***

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The amendment to the Rules of Procedure was debated at the NSCB meeting and is effective:

Done in Budapest 07 October 2020.

Approved:

Signed by:

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The chair of NSCB

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The Secretary of NSCB