

Royal Decree No 110/2008

Amending some provisions of the Royal Decree No. 84/2007 pertaining to conducting the General Census of Population , Housing and Establishments for the year 2010

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Having perused the Basic Law of State promulgated as per Royal Decree No. 101/2001

The Statistical Law promulgated by Royal Decree No. 29/2001 Royal Decree No. 84/ 2007 for the 2010- General Census of population , Housing and Establishments

The resolution of the Ministerial Committee of Planning and Development at GCC States in its 18th meeting regarding the agreement to defining April 2010 as the start of reference time for all the GCC countries

And in the exigencies of the public interest:

Have decreed as follows

Article (1) : Article (1) text of provisions attached to Royal Decree No. 84/2007 pertaining to conducting of the 2010- General Census of Population , Housing and Establishments shall be replaced with the following text " A comprehensive Census of Population , Housing and

Establishments shall be conducted after completion of its formalities . The actual count will start in April 2010 .

Article (2) : This Decree shall be published in the official gazette and shall take effect the day following its date of publishing .

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Article (6) : All government units , private entities and individuals shall be obliged to provide all data requested by the Directorate General or the government units that collect and publish the statistical data concerning the issues falling under their respective jurisdiction .Full cooperation shall be extended to these units to reflect the whole truth , according to the international approved statistical standards and according to the schedule prepared by the Directorate General or the government authority . Ministry of Defense and other security authorities – excluding the Customs – are exempted from provision of data except what it may allow according to a special written permission .

Article (7) : The General Security authorities shall , if requested , assist those assigned for conducting the surveys or the census , should they be asked for that , in such a way that ensure conducting their task in the appropriate way .

Article (8) : All the individual data , as per the provisions of this law , concerning any statistics or census are considered confidential . It is prohibited to publish such data unless in an aggregate form . It is not allowed to disclose such data to any individual or public organization without the consent of the concerned, and it is also not allowed to use such data for non-statistical purposes.

It is forbidden to use any individual statistical data to create any financial burden, and it should not be used as an evidence of a crime or a basis for

any legal measures or actions . It may be used as evidence against the provider of incorrect information.

Article (9) : A Statistical Advisory Committee shall be formed under the chairmanship of the Secretary General and include the following members :

- Undersecretary for Development Affairs , Ministry of National Economy
- Executive President of the Central Bank of Oman
- Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information
- Undersecretary for Labour Affairs , Ministry of Social Affairs , Labour and Vocational Training
- Undersecretary for Planning Affairs , Ministry of Health
- Undersecretary for Educational Planning and Projects, Ministry of Education.
- Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.