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REGULATIONS TO LAW N° 9694

Implementing Decree N° 43848-PLAN

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IMPLEMENTING DECREE N° 43848-PLAN**THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
AND
THE ACTING MINISTER OF NATIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC POLICY**

By the authority vested by Articles 140 (3), (8), (18), (20), and 146 of the Political Constitution; Articles 25 (1), 27, and 28 (2) (b) of the General Law on Public Administration N° 6227 of May 2, 1978; Articles 1 to 14 of the Law on the Protection of Individuals from the Processing of their Personal Data N° 8968 of July 7, 2011; and Article 73 of the Law on the National Statistical System N° 9694 of June 4, 2019.

Considering:

- I. That the new legislation governing the National Statistical System was enacted via the Law on the National Statistical System on June 4, 2019, published in Digital Scope N° 133 and the Digital La Gaceta N° 110 on June 13, 2019.
- II. That Article 73 of Law N° 9694 establishes a maximum period of 6 months for the Executive Branch to issue the corresponding regulations.
- III. That Law N° 9694 was enacted to establish a legal and regulatory framework facilitating harmonized statistics, both nationally and internationally, produced according to the highest methodological standards and ensuring professional independence and transparency, in accordance with fundamental principles and best statistical practices.
- IV. That the current regulations aim to specify and clarify the obligations, prerogatives, and functions assigned by the aforementioned law to entities responsible for producing statistical information. It also aims to optimize the organization and operation of the National Institute of Statistics and Census, the governing body of the National Statistical System.
- V. That it is necessary to establish a procedure for integrating and updating the National Statistical System.
- VI. That is essential to specify the profiles and functions of the individuals responsible for the administrative units or statistical processes within the entities comprising the National Statistical System.
- VII. That it is necessary to specify the procedures for removal, as well as the prerogatives and duties of the members of the Directing Council for the National Institute of Statistics and Census, including the functions of the Presidency and the Secretariat.
- VIII. That it is necessary to clearly define the functions and responsibilities of the Management and Deputy Management of the National Institute of Statistics and Census.

- IX. That pursuant to Article 12 bis of the Regulations to the Law for the Protection of Citizens from Excessive Administrative Requirements and Formalities (Implementing Decree N° 37045-MP-MEIC of February 22, 2012), the Cost-Benefit Evaluation Form was processed in Section I, known as Prior Control of Regulatory Improvement, due to the negative result, indicating the absence of formalities or requirements in the proposal.
- X. That these regulations were submitted for consultation to the institutions comprising the National Statistical System and to the Agency for the Protection of Inhabitants' Data, in accordance with the provisions of Article N° 361 of the General Law of Public Administration, due to the subject matter it regulates. Thirty-two (32) entities were consulted, from which only 9 submitted comments and queries on the proposed text. A total of 47 comments were received, all of which were analyzed and addressed. Ultimately, 9 of these comments resulted in changes to the wording of the text sent for consultation.

Therefore,

THEY DECREE:

REGULATIONS TO LAW OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. For the purposes of these regulations, the following definitions and acronyms are established:

- a) **Rolling calendar:** The dates publications for each release of results from statistical operations within the National Statistical System, which should be scheduled 12 months in advance.
- b) **Data subject to statistical confidentiality:** Data that can identify statistical units, directly or indirectly, thereby revealing individual information.
- c) **Official statistics:** Statistics produced and disseminated under sound and renowned standards and methodologies that provide relevant information to support the design, monitoring and assessment of public policies and programs, and which are thus contained in the National Statistical Plan.
- d) **Informant:** A person who provides requested data to authorized interviewers or registrars of the National Statistical System. For the purposes of these regulations, informants include individuals, households, private and public entities who are requested to provide information about themselves, their activities, or the administrative records under their responsibility, for the preparation of official statistics.
- e) **Law:** Law N° 9694 of June 4, 2019, and subsequent amendments.
- f) **Microdata:** A set of disaggregated data for each statistical unit within a population (individuals, households, establishments, productive units, etc.), consolidated into a file or database.

- g) **Statistical operation:** The application of a statistical production process to a specific subject of study, enabling the generation of statistical information on a particular area or topic of national reality.
- h) **PEN:** The National Statistical Plan, encompassing statistical operations, products, and projects to be executed by member bodies of the National Statistical System to fulfill the objectives of the Law.
- i) **Quality Management System:** A set of elements and processes that work together harmoniously to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of statistical production units within entities of the National Statistical System, aiming to achieve expected outcomes. Quality Management Systems are also commonly known as quality assurance or quality control frameworks.
- j) **Statistical unit:** The fundamental unit of observation, such as a natural person, a household, an economic entity, or other enterprises, to which the data pertain.
- k) **Use for statistical purposes:** The exclusive utilization of data for the production and dissemination of official statistics, enhancing their quality, conducting statistical analyses, and providing statistical services.

Acronyms:

CIE: Inter-Institutional Statistical Commission.

CDINEC: Directing Council for the National Institute of Statistics and Census.

Conace: National Statistics Advisory Board.

NSDS: National Statistical Development Strategy.

INEC: National Institute of Statistics and Census.

INOE: National Inventory of Statistical Operations.

NSS: National Statistical System.

CHAPTER II

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

SECTION I

Conformation of the National Statistical System

Article 2. The update of entities within the National Statistical System, hereinafter referred to as NSS, shall proceed as follows:

- a) The National Statistical Plan (PEN) shall include a list of entities obligated to participate in the NSS due to their role in producing official statistics.
- b) Public or private entities seeking inclusion in the NSS should submit a request to the CDINEC along with appropriate justification.
- c) With respect to this request, the INEC shall prepare a technical report for CDINEC assessing the inclusion or replacement of entities within the NSS, thereby determining the incorporation or exclusion of their commitments in the PEN.
- d) The CDINEC shall approve the inclusion or rejection of entities in the NSS by a qualified majority vote of two-thirds of its members.
- e) Decisions regarding the inclusion or rejection of a public or private entity may be appealed for reconsideration by the respective entity before the CDINEC.
- f) The procedure outlined above shall also apply when an NSS entity requests the inclusion of a new statistical operation in the PEN.

Article 3. The INEC shall establish the quality criteria that official statistics should meet and shall prepare a biennial National Statistical Quality Report (INOE) for the institutions of the NSS. New statistical operations shall be included in the INOE once approved by the CDINEC.

SECTION II

Units Specialized in Statistics

Article 4. The specialized administrative units or statistical processes within entities belonging to the NSS shall perform the following functions:

- a) To design, collect, process, analyze, and disseminate statistics assigned in the PEN.
- b) To develop new statistics identified by the CDINEC as necessary for the country. These statistics should be planned and integrated into the PEN.
- c) To develop statistics in accordance with technical regulations (protocols, standards, models, formats, terminologies, classifiers, etc.) officially issued by the INEC.
- d) To coordinate statistical production activities with the INEC to prevent duplication and reduce informant burden, optimizing resources.
- e) To provide the INEC with all requested information for statistical purposes, including data from administrative records within their entity.
- f) To prepare and publish on the entity's website the rolling calendar for the dissemination of official statistics under its responsibility.

- g) To document the methodological aspects used in statistical production and make them available on its website.
- h) To complete the statistical questionnaires requested by international organizations related to the subject matter under their responsibility, with copies sent to the INEC to maintain a record of the provided information.
- i) To keep statistical methodologies current in line with guidelines and recommendations from specialized organizations responsible for statistical data collection.
- j) To regularly engage with users of the statistical information under their responsibility to address their needs in the production and dissemination of statistics.
- k) To coordinate and advise within the entity on adopting technical regulations that ensure adequate statistics and administrative records for statistical production.
- l) To adhere to the principles outlined in the Code of Good Statistical Practices of Costa Rica issued by the INEC.
- m) To implement the Quality Management System proposed by the NSS to enhance statistical operations.

Article 5. The responsible of the administrative unit in charge of the statistical processes within the NSS shall have the following duties:

- a) To actively participate in the CIE and fulfill its established functions.
- b) To coordinate the production and dissemination of official statistics.
- c) To engage actively in activities related to diagnosis, development, follow-up, and assessment of the NSDS and the PEN.
- d) To provide information requested by the INEC for updating the INOE and quality assessments, as well as other data needed to enhance official statistics.
- e) To ensure timely fulfillment of national and international statistical commitments within available resources.
- f) To promote the application of good statistical practices and other technical guidelines issued by the INEC as the technical director of the NSS.
- g) To participate in committees or working groups established by the CIE for studying, resolving, and proposing statistical improvements, among other purposes.

Article 6. The responsible of the specialized statistical unit or process should meet the following criteria:

- a) To hold at least a bachelor's degree from a university.
- b) To possess expertise in statistics or another relevant discipline, with a minimum of two years of experience in the subject matter and production of the statistics under their responsibility.

SECTION III

Statistical Planning

Article 7. The NSS will operate under a 10-year NSDS, which will define the long-term strategic framework and actions to be implemented through the PENs. They will be formulated by the INEC in collaboration with all NSS members and approved by the CDINEC. The strategies and actions outlined in the NSDS and PENs will be binding for all NSS members.

Article 8. The INEC shall develop the methodology and procedures for following-up and assessing the NSDS and the PEN, generating respective reports submitted to CDINEC, Conace, and CIE.

SECTION IV

Inter-Institutional Statistical Commission

Article 9. The Board of Directors of the CIE shall consist of the INEC Management, who serves as its President, and four members, each with designated owners and alternates representing the administrative units responsible for statistical processes within the NSS. These members are appointed during a general meeting by agreement of all present administrative unit representatives, serving two-year terms with the possibility of re-election. For a meeting to be valid, at least 4 members should be present. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote. The CIE convenes regularly every 6 months at the INEC headquarters and may meet extraordinarily when called by the President.

The CIE directive shall have the following functions:

- a) To define the agenda for the CIE meetings.
- b) To organize the CIE meetings.
- c) To encourage the participation of representatives in the CIE meetings.
- d) To communicate the CIE agreements to the CDINEC.
- e) To ensure compliance with the functions assigned to the CIE by law.
- f) To follow-up the implementation of the CIE agreements.

SECTION V

National Statistics Advisory Board

Article 10. The INEC shall provide logistical support to ensure the effective operation of Conace. The Conace shall determine the dates for its regular meetings during the initial session of each corresponding period. The organization and operation of Conace shall adhere to the provisions outlined in Chapter Three, titled "Collegiate Bodies," of Title 2 of the General Law of Public Administration, as well as Section V of Chapter II of the Law.

SECTION VI

Statistical Confidentiality and Access to Microdata

Article 11. The INEC will provide NSS entities with a general security protocol designed to uphold the principle of data confidentiality. Each entity should implement or adapt this protocol to suit its specific characteristics while ensuring it includes the fundamental aspects defined in the general protocol.

The protocol shall incorporate measures outlined in the Agency for the Protection of Inhabitants' Data (PRODHAB, for its acronym in Spanish), with provisions for additional measures as deemed necessary to uphold data confidentiality.

Article 12. Administrative records containing data on natural or legal persons, goods, dwellings, or other relevant objects, held by public institutions and collected as part of their institutional legal obligations, shall be managed and used in compliance with existing legal regulations safeguarding their protection. Their use in the compilation of official statistics shall adhere to the provisions of the Law and these regulations.

Article 13. Upon assuming functions related to the production and dissemination of official statistics, individuals shall sign a confidentiality agreement, including:

- a) All permanent and temporary personnel of the INEC and officials from specialized statistical units or processes within the NSS.
- b) Individuals hired by NSS entities involved in statistical operations.
- c) Any other person authorized by law to access data protected by confidentiality.

This confidentiality commitment remains in effect even after the termination of their relationship with the NSS entity.

Article 14. The NSS entities may engage third parties for statistical production processes or support activities, provided these third parties ensure full protection of statistical confidentiality in accordance with the Law and these regulations. Third parties are obligated to use the data exclusively for statistical operations and only for the duration specified in the contract. Upon completion of their work for the NSS entity, they should promptly destroy the data.

SECTION VII

Access to Data Sources and Mandatory Provision of Data

Article 15. The NSS entities have the authority to access and collect necessary statistical data for official statistics from all public and private data sources. These sources should provide the information, including identifiers and required levels of detail, without charge.

Article 16. The NSS entities shall select statistical data sources based on technical considerations. If sufficient data are not available within the NSS and cannot be obtained from other existing sources such as administrative records of national entities within or outside the NSS, data collection directly from informants shall be conducted.

Article 17. Regardless of the collection methods and sources used, statistical data obtained by NSS entities remain their property. These data shall be processed, stored, and disseminated in full compliance with the provisions of the Law.

Article 18. The NSS entities may share data and metadata among themselves for statistical purposes to avoid duplicate data collection and enhance the quality of official statistics, as stipulated in Article No. 21 of the Law.

Article 19. The entities responsible for administrative records used as sources for official statistics should ensure continuity in providing statistical data. If the entity responsible for these records plans a new data collection, or intends to conduct a major revision or update that could impact the data provided for official statistics, they should inform the INEC in advance and in a timely manner. Where necessary, they should also notify the NSS entities through procedures defined by the INEC for this purpose.

SECTION VIII

Quality and Dissemination of Official Statistics

Article 20. The INEC shall issue guidelines on the quality of official statistics in the exercise of its functions, which NSS entities should adhere to.

Article 21. The INEC shall develop and implement assessment methods to ensure compliance with quality standards in the production of official statistics.

Article 22. The INEC shall issue guidelines on the dissemination of official statistics in the exercise of its functions, which NSS entities should adhere to.

Article 23. The INEC shall develop and implement assessment methods to ensure compliance with the guidelines for the dissemination of official statistics.

SECTION IX

Statistical Services

Article 24. Upon request from users, the NSS entities may offer statistical processing services using data collected or obtained for statistical purposes.

Article 25. The NSS entities shall publicly disclose the types of statistical processing services regularly provided.

Article 26. The NSS entities may agree to collect specific statistical data at the request of international, national, or local authorities, necessary for generating statistics or enhancing existing ones. Technical and financial terms for data collection should be mutually agreed upon by all parties. The provision of statistical data collection services should not compromise the production, quality, or credibility of official statistics within the NSS.

Article 27. The results of specific data collection services shall be publicly released.

Article 28. The results of data collection services shall not be considered official statistics, unless explicitly designated as such, in accordance with the procedures defined in these regulations.

SECTION X

International Cooperation

Article 29. The NSS entities, adhering to the principle of institutional coordination, shall actively engage with the international community within their respective areas of competence to develop and implement statistical standards and recommendations.

Article 30. The INEC shall serve as the focal point for all technical cooperation activities in official statistics and for all assessments initiated by international organizations concerning official statistics, regardless of the domain and statistical producer. Any resulting activities, projects, or programs involving international cooperation, whether demand or supply-based, should be coordinated with the management of financial or reimbursable and technical international cooperation. This coordination shall follow the procedure established in Chapter III, Single Section: Procedures for the Approval of Programs, Projects, and Other Actions of Non-Reimbursable Technical and Financial International Cooperation, of the Regulation to Article N° 11 of the National Planning Law N° 5525 of May 2, 1974.

CHAPTER III

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS AND CENSUS

SECTION I

INEC Directing Council

Article 31. The procedure for the removal of the directors, when they incur in any of the causes listed in Article N° 40 of the Law, shall be as follows:

- a. The President of the CDINEC, upon noting that an officer has been absent for three consecutive sessions or within a one-month period without justification, should request the CDINEC to make an agreement so that the Recording Secretary forwards it to the entity that appointed the officer for their replacement.
- b. The President of the CDINEC, upon learning that an officer has left the country for more than two months without authorization from the CDINEC, should request that the Recording Secretary forward it to the entity that appointed the officer for their replacement.
- c. The CDINEC should appoint a unipersonal or collegiate governing body, from among its members, to investigate and submit a comprehensive report on possible violations of the provisions contained in the laws, decrees, or regulations applicable to the INEC, according to Article N° 40 (c) of the Law, in which any of the directors may have incurred. This report shall be discussed at the meeting following its presentation. If the CDINEC deems it appropriate, and after verifying the infraction, it shall instruct the Recording Secretary to forward it to the entity that appointed the officer for their replacement.
- d. The CDINEC should appoint a unipersonal or collegiate governing body from among its members to investigate and present a comprehensive report on any possible fraudulent acts or operations committed by any of the directors. This report shall be discussed at the meeting following its presentation. If the CDINEC deems it appropriate, and after verifying the infraction, it shall instruct the Recording Secretary to refer the case to the Attorney General of the Republic and inform the appointing entity for the director's eventual replacement.
- e. The President of the CDINEC, upon learning that an officer has accepted a public or private position incompatible with their status as an officer of the CDINEC, should request that an agreement be reached so that the Recording Secretary forwards the case to the entity that appointed the officer for their replacement.
- f. The President of the CDINEC, upon learning that an officer has been declared incompetent by a final judgment, shall request that an agreement be reached so that the Recording Secretary forwards the case to the entity that appointed the officer for their replacement.

Article 32. The CDINEC shall have the following prerogatives and duties:

- a. To approve the budgetary liquidations, modifications, and executions of the INEC budget.
- b. To approve the financial statements of the INEC.

- c. To approve the annual report of the INEC.
- d. To approve the guiding framework for both the Internal Control System and the implementation of the Risk Assessment System, as well as the reports submitted by Management on the self-assessment of the Internal Control System and the implementation of the Risk Assessment System.
- e. To issue its own organizational and operational regulations.
- f. To approve the INEC's organizational and operating regulations and the Autonomous Services Regulations.
- g. To authorize the contracting of loans and borrowings for the fulfillment of the purposes of the INEC.
- h. To ensure that the Manager executes or enforces the execution of its resolutions.
- i. To authorize the INEC Manager, Deputy Manager, and Auditor to travel abroad.
- j. To issue institutional policies for the sale of services and set the prices for such services by agreement.
- k. To review and authorize, in advance, vacations and leaves of absence (due to marriage, change of address, and death of a relative in the first degree of consanguinity) with salary for the Manager, Deputy Manager, and Internal Auditor. In cases where these arrangements cannot be made in advance by the CDINEC due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, they may be authorized directly by the President of the CDINEC or, in their absence, by the Vice-President. The authorizing party should report the situation to the other directors at the next regular or extraordinary meeting following the date of such approval.
- l. To require reports from the Manager, Deputy Manager, and Internal Auditor on the use of equipment, furniture, vehicles, and other assets of the INEC assigned to them for the performance of their duties whenever the CDINEC deems it necessary.
- m. To appoint, by simple majority, an ad hoc President in the temporary absence of the President and Vice-President, and an ad hoc Secretary in the temporary absence of the Recording Secretary.
- n. To form special working committees, either permanent or temporary, comprising its own members or involving other officers.
- o. To appoint the governing body for administrative and disciplinary proceedings initiated against the Manager, Deputy Manager, and Internal Auditor.
- p. To authorize the recognition of travel expenses for Managers attending activities on behalf of the INEC, as provided by firm agreement and in accordance with the rules governing travel expenses for public officials.
- q. To implement an annual assessment program for its management, individual members, and active committees, under the supervision of the Directing Council.
- r. To define the corporate governance framework, ensuring it is updated in accordance with international best practices and the national legal framework. To this end, it shall issue or modify the pertinent internal rules and procedures.

s. To establish mechanisms to promote accountability to the corresponding authorities and the public.

Article 33. The CDINEC members have the following powers and duties:

- a. To attend the ordinary and extraordinary sessions for which they are summoned.
- b. To request the floor and make use of it.
- c. To formulate motions and proposals as they deem appropriate.
- d. To request revision, modification, or clarification of the CDINEC agreements.
- e. To request authorization from the President to leave the meeting for justified reasons.
- f. To cast their vote on matters submitted to the CDINEC, except in cases where they are legally required to abstain.
- g. To render a fidelity policy for the amount and term established by current legislation.
- h. To submit the respective sworn statement of assets, as well as the management report at the end of their term of appointment, in accordance with the provisions of the current Law against Corruption and Illicit Enrichment in the Public Service.
- i. To represent the CDINEC in assigned acts.
- j. To communicate reasons for non-attendance at meetings through the President or the Secretary.
- k. To communicate to the President any situation that may give rise to a conflict of interest and refrain from participating in the corresponding discussion and deliberation.
- l. To submit per diem allowance statements and travel reports when they have represented the INEC.
- m. To participate in the commissions and committees assigned by the CDINEC.

Article 34. In addition to the functions indicated in Article 49 of the General Law of Public Administration, the President of the CDINEC shall have the following duties:

- a. To submit matters to vote, compute the votes, and declare the approval or rejection of the matters submitted to the CDINEC.
- b. To call the Directors of the CDINEC to order when necessary.
- c. To grant permission to the Directors to be absent from meetings when requested.
- d. To notify the Vice-President in the event of an inability to perform duties due to unforeseen emergency situations.

Article 35. The Recording Secretary shall have the following functions:

- a. To draft the minutes of the CDINEC meetings and co-sign them with the President.
- b. To communicate the resolutions adopted by the CDINEC.
- c. To send meeting notices and agendas to the Directors.
- d. To maintain a file with documentation from each meeting.
- e. To issue certifications of agreements and documents from the Secretariat files.

Article 36. For the fulfillment of their functions, the Recording Secretary shall receive the necessary support from the INEC's Human Resources.

Article 37. The Directing Council may convene a virtual meeting in exceptional or urgent cases, provided that all members are present, with a majority forming a quorum, or at least some members participating. Technological means shall be available for full and simultaneous communication throughout the session among all Directors, whether they are physically present or attending remotely; in the above circumstances, there should be no time overlapping, and the videoconference condition should be recorded in the respective minute. Directors participating in virtual meetings shall receive their respective allowance.

SECTION II

Manager and Deputy Manager

Article 38. The Management is the highest administrative and executive unit of the INEC, overseeing all areas and units except for Internal Audit.

Article 39. The Manager, as the highest administrative official of the INEC, has the functions outlined by Law. In the performance of their duties and responsibilities, they shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. To propose and submit to the CDINEC for approval: projects, institutional policies, multi-year production plans, internal control systems, risk assessments faced by the entity, institutional report, and other necessary reports.
- b. To establish and form committees and commissions deemed necessary for the INEC's operation.
- c. To attend Directing Council meetings, participating with voice but without vote. When deemed appropriate, the Manager may request that their opinions on discussed matters be recorded in the minutes.
- d. To handle administrative complaints filed against the INEC in the exercise of its function. For economic claims related to resources under Article N° 76 of the Law, the Management will resolve them after analyzing the provided evidence.

SECTION III

Funding and Investments

Article 40. The resources from the Central Bank of Costa Rica's budget shall be transferred to the INEC in three equal installments, deposited within the first 15 days of January, May, and September, respectively, into the account designated by the INEC for this purpose.

Article 41. The INEC shall be responsible for managing these resources as per Article N° 52 (c) of the Law.

Article 42 The CDINEC shall approve guidelines for INEC's investments. The INEC Management shall propose investment strategies to the CDINEC for approval. Every semester, the INEC Management shall report to the CDINEC on investments.

Article 43. To bolster the reserve stipulated in Article N° 53 of the Law, the INEC may invest in financial instruments issued by the public financial sector. These investments should prioritize criteria of profitability and security while ensuring sound management. To achieve this objective, temporary surpluses or resources available for investment after fulfilling operational and financial obligations throughout the budget period shall be used. These resources originate from various sources of the INEC's financing, including any budget surplus.

CHAPTER IV

SECTION I

Penalty Regime

Article 44. Once a fine penalty outlined in Chapter IV, Section II of the Law reaches finality, the issuing Authority shall notify the offending party to remit the specified amount within 5 business days from the following day of notification, using the method or location designated. Failure to deposit the fine within this timeframe shall incur legal interest for late payment as stipulated under commercial legislation. Subsequently, enforcement proceedings shall swiftly initiate through appropriate channels to recover the outstanding amount, encompassing associated costs incurred during this process.

SECTION II

Final Provisions

Article 45. The Regulations to the Law of the National Statistical System, Implementing Decree N° 28849-PLAN of August 24, 2000, are hereby repealed.

Transitory provision I. The initial 10-year NSDS shall take effect in 2023, following the conclusion of the current PEN.

Transitory provision II. In accordance with Article N° 11 of these regulations, the INEC shall draft a comprehensive protocol within 6 months of the enactment of these regulations, which will be distributed to all NSS entities. After this period of 6 months, these entities will then have 12 months to establish their own data security protocols, incorporating the fundamental elements outlined in the INEC's general protocol.

Article 46. This Law shall enter into force on the day of its publication.

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