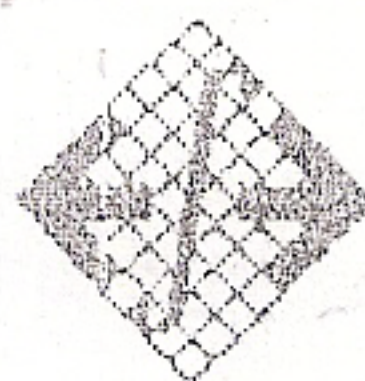


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NSCB ACTION NOTIFICATION FORM

Ref. No. PP1 041508 01

15 April 2008

Ms. MA. CRISELDA R. SY
Director IV
Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics
Department of Labor and Employment
Intramuros, Manila

Dear Director Sy:

This refers to your request for clearance of the 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey (BITS). Please find below the clearance number assigned to the survey. The clearance number and expiration date should be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the final questionnaire. We acknowledge with thanks the following documents received from your office and which were used as basis for our evaluation:

<u>NSCB Ref. No.</u>	<u>Title of Document</u>	<u>Format Received</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
SSRCS-2008-08-0101	Agency transmittal letter	hardcopy	Mar. 10, 2008
SSRCS-2008-08-0102	SSRCS Form 1. Statistical Survey Notification Form	hard copy	Mar. 10, 2008
SSRCS-2008-08-0103	2007/2008 Survey Questionnaire	hard copy	Mar. 10, 2008
SSRCS-2008-08-0105	Sampling Design	hardcopy	Mar. 10, 2008
SSRCS-2008-08-0106	Output Tables To Be Generated	hardcopy	Mar. 10, 2008

We have, however, some comments/suggestions on the survey which are indicated under Remarks on the second page for your consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in our endeavor to improve the quality of surveys conducted by government agencies.

Very truly yours,

Estrella V. Domingo
ESTRELLA V. DOMINGO
Assistant Secretary General

Title of statistical survey

Proponent agency

Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

Conducting agency

Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

1 ☒ **CLEARANCE GRANTED**, subject to the following final action:

i) ☒ All information enclosed in the box/es below must be printed or stamped on the upper right corner of the first page of the statistical survey form.

(a) Questionnaire Title: 2007/2008 BLES Integrated Survey

NSCB Approval No. BLES-0809-01

Expires June 30, 2009

ii) ☒ Submit a copy of the printed forms/questionnaires with the clearance number to the Programs, Policies and Standards Office, NSCB.

iii) ☒ Others. (Specify)

- Please furnish the NSCB copies of the survey results.

- The survey design and instrument shall be subject to review should there be any changes made prior to the expiration of the clearance granted. Furthermore, in line with the thrust of the Technical Committee on Survey Design to review total survey error, said survey may be reviewed by the Committee anytime. In view of this, there may be recommended revisions even before the clearance has expired.

2 ☐ **DISAPPROVED**, for the following reasons:

3 ☒ **REMARKS**

The following are the comments/suggestions of the NSCB Technical Staff on the survey:

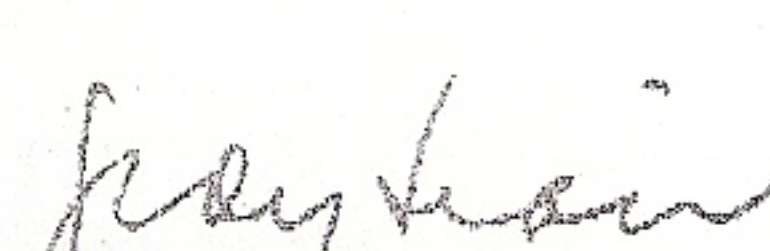
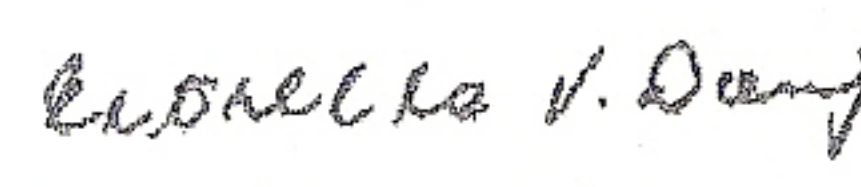
1. We reiterate the previous request to submit final documents for the questionnaire and Enumeration Manual.
2. Please provide a copy of the BLES Survey Agenda if there are revisions in the copy given to NSCB per letter dated June 1, 2006 in response to NSCB queries on the 2006 BITS.
3. On page 2 of SSRCS Form 1, number 1, please provide explanation why the expected response rate decreased to 70% as compared to 80% in the 2006 BITS.
4. On page 3 of SSRCS Form 1, number 12h and 12i, the estimation procedure assumes that characteristics of non-responding establishments are not significantly different from responding establishments. We suggest that the possible reasons why the non-responding establishments are not submitting the questionnaires be looked into, and therefore establish possible bias in the estimates.
5. With regard to page 4 of the questionnaire, please provide explanation for:
 - a. not including major occupation group as was previously included in the 2006 BITS
 - b. the use of categories under "Specific groups of employees"

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6. On page 9 of the questionnaire (Part IV, item 2), may we suggest the following revised breakdown instead of categories 07 and 08? This is to support the data requirements for the estimation of the Philippine National Health Accounts.

- 04 Free health plan coverage by a health maintenance organization (HMO)
- 05 Free health and/or accident insurance by a private insurance company
- 06 Free/subsidized medical care other than those provided thru the HMO or private insurance (includes medicines, special laboratory exams for ancillary procedures on top of annual physical examination, hospitalisation)

REVIEWING OFFICIALS	RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL
<p>For the NSCB Technical Staff and Survey Team:</p> <p> FE VIDA N. DY-LIACCO Chief, Programs, Policies and Advocacy Division 15 April 2008</p>	<p> for LINA V. CASTRO Director, Programs, Policies and Standards Office 15 April 2008</p>