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**SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITIES**

Note by the Federal Service for State Statistics of Russian Federation (RosStat)

1. The Rosstat NA experts studied the Dutch paper on SPEs with great interest. No doubt the Netherlands are on the most advanced level within the theme. Russian statisticians now tackle more “initial” tasks, aiming at creation of database of enterprise groups using data from statistical register (mainly data on shares in authorized capital of legal units).
2. In Russian statistical practice the enterprise group is a parent and its subsidiaries. Principle of groups is based on participation of one legal unit in authorized capital of other legal units. This could be direct control (share of the founder in authorized capital of other legal unit exceeds 50%) or indirect control (ownership of more than 50% of capital is organized through subsidiaries). In Russia 44 thousands of enterprise groups are discovered including 654 groups with foreign parent and 3443 groups with parent established by non-residents.
3. Presently the Rosstat`s prepared draft Methodological Recommendations on Creation of Register for Groups of Interlinked Organizations Receiving Direct Investments From Abroad. It aims at identification of organizations, which receive direct investments from abroad taking into account its shares in daughter and associated companies. The goal is also to describe economic links with foreign countries and to identify money flows from abroad and their profitability.
4. After approval of the Recommendations the Rosstat will elaborate the statistical tools which to be piloted in some Russian regions. Following the pilots and necessary improvements the survey will be conducted annually. This will allow maintaining the register with identification characteristics of responding units, data on parents and foreign

subsidiaries, identification characteristics of subsidiaries and associated companies, indicators of authorized capital and also some data characterized links within group and with foreign investor.

5. The survey should reveal enterprise groups with real money flows. Data on foreign parents and subsidiaries will be included into the database of enterprise groups.
6. Creation of database for groups of interlinked organizations receiving direct investments from abroad will allow to estimate actual influence of foreign capital to Russian economy and to obtain information on effectiveness of foreign capital flows within the country over time on regular basis. These data would be used by municipalities for decision-making, by banks, tax and customs authorities, scientists.
7. Now the main problem in identifying multinational groups in Russia is lack of data for parent companies (or other members of groups), which are located abroad. Moreover there are a lot of difficulties due to the following unsettled problems:
  - a. all possible data sources of information about enterprise groups are not defined (only information on official registration is used);
  - b. additional criteria (except of founder's shares in authorized capital) for identification of groups are not determined;
  - c. there is no possibility of identifying groups with using qualitative characteristics, e.g. decision-making;
  - d. there is no methodology of updating information on groups in the database using statistical accounting data;
  - e. set of economic indicators to be included into the database of enterprise groups for updating data and forming lists of units in the group is not determined;
  - f. there is no methodology to define main and secondary types of group's activity, group's number of employees and turnover;
  - g. issues of controllability of units within the group are not studied properly.

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