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INTERNAL TRADE SURVEY

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Introduction

The Internal Trade Sector in Jordan is considered one of the most important sectors that contribute to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and in the employment of manpower. Due to this importance, the Department of Statistics (DoS) conducts an annual sample survey for the establishments engaged in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Objectives of the Survey

The overall aim of the survey is to provide data on, or for the calculation of the following items:

- a. Compensation of employees whether in cash or in kind.
- b. Gross output and intermediate consumption.
- c. Size of investment and capital formation during the year.
- d. To compute the contribution of the internal trade sector to the GDP.

Thus, the data are used to prepare the National Accounts according to the United Nations standards.

Survey Coverage

The Internal Trade Survey covers all establishments classified in the divisions 45, 46, 47 of The International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, Fourth Revision (ISIC4). These divisions include wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Sample Design

A stratified random sample was designed, where the population was divided into four strata as follows:

- Stratum 1: All establishments employing 10 workers or more were completely enumerated.
- Stratum 2: This stratum included all establishments employing 5-9 workers.
- Stratum 3: This stratum included all establishments employing less than 4 workers.
- Stratum 4: All establishments which had revenues equal to, or more than 500,000 JD and not covered in the sample.