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## International Sourcing 2021–2023

Dear respondent,

Your company has been selected for the 2023 International Sourcing inquiry, which examines sourcing and transfer of enterprises' business activities abroad. The information from the inquiry aims also to increase understanding of the ongoing globalisation development and its impact on enterprises. The results will also be used to produce comparative data on Finnish enterprises with respect to other EU Member States. We collect data directly from enterprises because data are not available from other official sources.

**The obligation to provide data is based on the Finnish Statistics Act (280/2004).**

The target group of the data collection carried out every three years is all enterprises employing more than 100 persons in manufacturing and service industries. A random sample is additionally drawn from smaller enterprises. The inquiry covers around 2,800 enterprises.

### How to respond

The data collected are variables that describe globalisation of enterprises and international sourcing. The data are collected divided by business function for three years, 2021 to 2023. Instructions for responding can be found on the web form and on the data collection page [www.stat.fi/en/surveys/glo#instructions](http://www.stat.fi/en/surveys/glo#instructions).

Log in to the form using the login identifiers in the top right-hand corner of this accompanying letter.

**We ask for your response by no later than 12 April 2024.**

### What are the data used for

The data will be used in the compilation of economic statistics and in scientific research. In addition, the results of the data collection are reported to Eurostat.

To thank you for responding you receive a link to a compilation made of enterprise statistics where you can view statistical data by industry. A link to the compilation can be found on the end page of the form.

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## Further information on the obligation to provide data and treatment of the data

### Confidentiality, data protection and publicity

Statistics Finland uses the data for the compilation of statistics. Unit level data collected for statistical purposes must be kept confidential by virtue of Section 24, Paragraph 1, Sub-paragraph 16 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999). According to Section 13 of the Statistics Act (280/2004), Statistics Finland may also release data for scientific studies and statistical surveys without data enabling direct identification.

Statistics Finland may release data with their identification data to another Finnish statistical authority for the purpose of compilation of statistics on an activity falling within its sphere of influence, for cooperation between national statistical institutes, for cooperation between national statistical institutes, to the EuroGroups Register of multinational enterprises and to the Bank of Finland for the development, production, and quality improvement of the European statistics for which it is responsible. Further information on the data collection page

[www.stat.fi/en/surveys/glo#dataprotection](http://www.stat.fi/en/surveys/glo#dataprotection). The survey information is linked with information obtained from enterprise group register, income register and inquiries on international trade in services and international flows of goods in order to compile Global Value Chains and International Sourcing statistics.

The data are protected against unauthorised access in accordance with the data protection rules adopted by Statistics Finland. The Statistics Act prohibits the use of data collected for statistical purposes in an investigation, surveillance, legal proceedings, administrative decision-making, or other similar handling of a matter concerning the enterprise. Unit-level data on enterprises may only be handled at Statistics Finland by persons whose tasks require the use of such data. The email address of the person responsible for data protection at Statistics Finland is [tietosuoja@stat.fi](mailto:tietosuoja@stat.fi). The data protection description of personal data concerning respondents can be found at: [www.stat.fi/yhteisojen\\_vastaaajien\\_yhteystiedot](http://www.stat.fi/yhteisojen_vastaaajien_yhteystiedot) (in Finnish).

### Obligation to provide data

The obligation to provide data is based on Sections 14 and 15 of the Finnish Statistics Act (280/2004). Notwithstanding the provisions on data secrecy, entrepreneurs are obliged to provide Statistics Finland with such data that are necessary for the compilation of statistics. By virtue of Section 21 of the Statistics Act, Statistics Finland is entitled to receive these data free of charge.

By virtue of Section 8 of the Statistics Act, data providers have the right to seek exemption from the obligation to provide data wholly or partially if the provision of data causes the respondent unreasonable inconvenience and the exemption will not essentially hamper the production of statistics or weaken the reliability and usability of statistics. Unreasonable inconvenience refers to putting the respondent in an unequal position with regard to other data providers. Further information about the obligation to provide data and exemption from it as well as a form to apply for exemption can be found on Statistics Finland's web page [www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org](http://www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org).

### Duration of storage

Digital statistical data formed from the supplied data are permanently stored at Statistics Finland in accordance with the National Archives of Finland's confirmed storage period decision (KA/19843/07.01.01.03.01/2017).

### About the data collection

The regulations of the European Union in part require the collection of the data in question (Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council (No 2019/2152/EC) and Commission Regulation (No 918/2022)).

### Data collection service for enterprises

Statistics Finland provides a service where enterprises can check in which Statistics Finland's data collections they have previously been and will soon be included. Further information about the service is available at: [www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org](http://www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org).

Saatekirje suomeksi: [www.stat.fi/kyselyt/glo#letters](http://www.stat.fi/kyselyt/glo#letters)

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