FAQs for Maritime Census

1. Why does MPA need to conduct the Maritime Census?

As part of continuous efforts to support the development of Maritime Singapore, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has been conducting annual industry surveys under the [Statistics Act 1973](#) ("Statistics Act") to collect timely statistics on the maritime industry's activities, technology, sustainability and manpower developments.

Aggregated statistics compiled from the collected data will be used to assist in policy making and development of programmes to benefit the maritime community.

2. How are the firms selected for the Maritime Census?

Firms are selected to form a representative sample of the maritime industry while minimizing respondent burden.

3. Is it compulsory to submit the Maritime Census? Can I be exempted?

The survey is conducted under the [Statistics Act 1973](#) which requires all selected firms to provide the necessary information for the survey. Each firm's participation in the survey is important to ensure that the compiled industry data is representative across the respective industries.

4. Can I provide preliminary figures if my audited accounts are not ready yet?

Yes, you can provide preliminary figures or your best estimates if the audited accounts for the reference period are not ready by survey due date: 25 September 2023. Please provide us your final figures, when available, if there are large changes from the preliminary set.

5. How do you ensure that the information submitted by me is kept confidential?

Our surveys are conducted under the [Statistics Act 1973](#) ("Statistics Act"). Responses provided for the surveys are kept in confidence in accordance with the Statistics Act. All our department's officers handling the individual survey information are also required to sign the undertakings under the Statistics Act as well as the Official Secrets Act. We are fully aware of our legal obligations to safeguard the survey information. All data are also kept securely in MPA's systems.