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The Commission is aware of the end of office of the head of the Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE Spain). As the Commission has already pointed out in replies to similar questions on this matter, the Commission continuously monitors compliance by Member States with EU law.

The most relevant legislation in this particular context is Regulation (EC) No 223/2009<sup>1</sup> on European statistics, which establishes the statistical principles, including the principle of professional independence.

The Commission does not have any information indicating that Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 was violated in relation to the end of office of the head of INE Spain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, and Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom establishing a Committee on the Statistical Programmes of the European Communities (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland) OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164; <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009R0223">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009R0223</a>