1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Office of National Economy, Kirchstrasse 7, FL-9490 Vaduz.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980. The present description relates mainly to the 1980 population census, but reference is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8), as well as to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. Coverage of the census:
   (a) Geographical scope: Whole country.
   (b) Persons covered: All persons of all ages, except citizens living abroad.

4. Reference period:
   The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the day of the census.

5. Main topics:
   (a) Total population, by sex and age:
   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group:
   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex:
   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex:
   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex:
   (f) Hours of work:
   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity:

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth.
   Re. (f) Hours of work relate to usual hours of work of employed persons.
   Re. (g) The census also collected information on: own-account workers (number of people working in the company); pensioners and retirees (occupation and hierarchical position before retirement); active population and students: location of work/school; travel time to work/school; frequency of travel to and from work/school; regular means of transportation.

6. Concepts and definitions:
   (a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 15 years and over (except those mentioned under 3 (b) above) who, at the time of the census, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. Excluded are persons working less than 6 hours per week.
   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 years and over (except those mentioned under 3 (b) and 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, performed any full- or part-time work of an economic value, at home or out of home, for at least six hours per week. The questions used to determine if a person is to be counted as employed relate to person's actual activity, principal occupation and source of revenue. Also included are the following categories:
   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
   (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
   (iv) working students with a part time job;
   (v) seasonal or occasional workers;
   (vi) multiple job holders;
   (vii) apprentices and trainees.
Only persons belonging to category (vii) can be identified separately. Persons belonging to category (i) can also be identified but regardless whether they are paid or not.

(c) Unemployment: Considered as “unemployed” are all persons aged 15 years and over (except those mentioned under 3 (b) and 6 (a) above) who, at the time of the census, were without work and seeking full-time or part-time work for six hours or more per week.

7. Classifications used:

Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by occupation and by status in employment. Only employed persons are classified by industry.

(a) Industry: The questions asked of employed persons to determine industry group are “Name of employer and of enterprise” and “Branch of economic activity of the enterprise”. Assignment of codes for people working in companies with more than 15 persons is done by EDP from the register of companies and corporations. For coding industry, 130 groups were used. Links to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) have not been established.

(b) Occupation: The question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group relates to the full- or part-time main occupation and is “What is the activity you are performing presently? Please specify and if possible give a short description of your job”. The coding was made at the same time as the coding of the occupation attained and the level of training. For coding occupation, 531 groups were used. Links to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) have not been established.

(c) Status in employment: The question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment relates to persons’ hierarchical position, i.e.: apprentice; help-worker; homeworker; skilled worker; foreman; chief clerk; farm proprietor; family helper. For coding status in employment, the above 8 categories were used.

8. The previous population censuses:

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups. However, a number of changes are to be noted:

In 1950, the minimum age limit for inclusion in the economically active population was 14 years; in 1960 and 1970 it was 13 years.

In 1950 and 1960, the minimum weekly working hours were 20 or more, with the exception when employment appeared to be the only source of income. Some statistics also contained part-time workers who, by definition, were excluded from the economically active population (working less than 20 hours per week). In 1970, the minimum working hours per week were, as in 1980, six hours or more.

9. The next population census:

It is planned for 1990 and will collect information about the economically active population and its components.

The reference period, as well as the minimum age limit for inclusion in the economically active population and the minimum weekly working hours will be the same as in 1980.

For part-time employment, a distinction will be made between one or two or more jobs and working hours per week.

Concerning status in employment, the number of categories will be reduced to 6.

Question for people having ceased work will be asked of all non-working people, not just of retirees.

Question regarding the branch of economic activity will be discontinued. The branch will be taken from the register of companies and corporations by EDP.