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The Act shall promote good and efficient access to public geographical information (spatial data) for public and private purposes.

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Cf. EEA Agreement Annex XX no. 1j (Directive 2007/2/EC).

Section 1. Purpose

The Act shall promote good and efficient access to public geographical information (spatial data) for public and private purposes.

Section 2. Scope

The Act applies to undertakings in the Realm, including Jan Mayen. The King may issue regulations on the application of the Act to undertakings on Svalbard and the Norwegian dependencies.

The Act applies to specified spatial data in electronic format and appurtenant spatial data services relating to Norwegian land territory, including Svalbard and Jan Mayen, the Norwegian dependencies, Norwegian territorial waters, the Norwegian continental shelf and maritime zones created pursuant to sections 1 and 5 of Act No. 91 of 17 December 1976 relating to the economic zone of Norway. The Ministry may by regulation issue further provisions on the spatial data and spatial data services that are to be included, including the data's substantive and geographical demarcation.

Section 3. National spatial data coordinator

A national spatial data coordinator shall coordinate efforts with the country's infrastructure for geographical information, including sharing of specified spatial data between participating undertakings. The Ministry may by regulation issue further provisions concerning the duties and organisation of the national spatial data coordinator.

Section 4. Participating undertakings

The following undertakings shall, as far as they produce, use or administrate specified spatial data, participate in infrastructure for geographical information under this Act:

- a) state, municipal and county administration bodies
- b) other administrative and public advisory bodies
- c) other legal persons performing public administrative functions according to law.

The Ministry may by regulation issue further provisions on participating undertakings, including deciding that other undertakings that perform administrative functions or have spatial data or spatial data services that can improve society's access to geographical information, shall be covered by the provisions of this Act.