Thank you for purchasing data based on the South Africa's 1997 October household survey. This file sets out the information that you will need to access the data provided.

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NOTES

In September 1998, the Central Statistical Service (CSS) changed its name to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). It is referred to by the new name throughout this product.

A statistical release, based on the data gathered in the 1997 October household survey, can be found on the Stats SA website situated at www.statssa.gov.za

ACCESSING THE DATA

The files essential for accessing the data are provided in ASCII format. The data are in the directory DATA. The files in that directory contain data organised according to specific topics, and the related sections in the questionnaire:

PERSON:
Data from Section 1 and Section 4
BIRTHS:
Data from Section 2
WORKER:
Data from Section 3
MIGRANT:
Data from Section 5
DEATHS:
Data from Section 6
MIGRATION OF HEAD:
Data from Section 7
DOMESTIC:
Data from Section 8
HOUSE:
Data from Section 9

The Meta data, which describes the data, is presented in Rich Text Format (RTF), and can be found in the directory META DATA.

Copies of the Questionnaires in Rich Text format (RTF) can be

found in the directory QUESTIONNAIRE.

The code lists are in the directory CODE LISTS and are in Rich Text Format (RTF) and in a Microsoft Excel 97 format.

The Statistical Release can be found in the directory RELEASES. The Statistical Release is in two parts. The first part is in A Rich Text Format (RTF) while the tables are in a Microsoft Excel 97 format.

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