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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/310

of 22 February 2017

implementing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) as regards the list of target secondary variables on material deprivation, well-being and housing difficulties for 2018

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003 concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(2)(f) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 established a common framework for the systematic production of European statistics on income and living conditions, in order to ensure that comparable and up-to-date cross-sectional and longitudinal data on income and on the level and composition of poverty and social exclusion are available at national and Union level.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 15(2)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003, implementing measures are to be adopted each year to specify the target secondary areas and variables to be included in the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC that year. Implementing measures specifying the target secondary variables and their identifiers for the 2018 module on material deprivation, well-being and housing difficulties should therefore be adopted.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of target secondary variables and identifiers for the 2018 module on material deprivation, well-being and housing difficulties, part of the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC, shall be as those set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 165, 3.7.2003, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 2017.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

ANNEX

The target secondary variables and identifiers for the 2018 module on material deprivation, well-being and housing difficulties, part of the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC, shall be as follows:

1. Units

The target variables relate to different types of units:

Information on well-being and housing difficulties is to be provided for each current private household's member, or, if applicable for all selected respondents aged 16 and over.

Information on material deprivation applies at household level and refers to the household as a whole.

The age refers to the age at the end of the income reference period.

2. Mode of data collection

For variables applying at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent.

For variables applying at individual level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 and over or, if applicable, with each selected respondent.

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporarily absent or incapacitated) are allowed for material deprivation variables.

Proxy interviews are not allowed for variables concerning well-being and housing difficulties.

3. Reference period

The target variables relate to different types of reference periods:

Current reference period for the material deprivation variables.

Current reference period for the well-being variables except for the five variables on emotional well-being and one variable on loneliness, which refer to the past four weeks.

Lifetime for the past experience of housing difficulties.

4. Data transmission

The target secondary variables shall be sent to the Commission (Eurostat) in the Household Data File (H-file) and in the Personal Data File (P-file) after the target primary variables.

Variable identifier	Target variable
Material deprivation	
HS070	<i>Do you have a telephone (including mobile phone)?</i> Yes No — cannot afford No — other reason

Variable identifier	Target variable
HS070_F	Filled Missing
HS080	<i>Do you have a colour TV?</i> Yes No — cannot afford No — other reason
HS080_F	Filled Missing
HS100	<i>Do you have a washing machine?</i> Yes No — cannot afford No — other reason
HS100_F	Filled Missing
Well-being	
PW010T	<i>Overall life satisfaction</i> From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied) Do not know
PW010T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW240T	<i>Perceived social exclusion</i> From 0 (Not at all excluded) to 10 (Completely excluded) Do not know
PW240T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW040T	<i>Material help</i> Yes No
PW040T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018

Variable identifier	Target variable
PW110T	<i>Non-material help</i> Yes No
PW110T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW030T	<i>Satisfaction with financial situation</i> From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied) Do not know
PW030T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW160T	<i>Satisfaction with personal relationships</i> From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied) Do not know
PW160T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW120T	<i>Satisfaction with time use (amount of leisure time)</i> From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied) Do not know
PW120T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW100T	<i>Satisfaction with job</i> From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied) Do not know
PW100T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PL031 not = 1, 2, 3 or 4 Not applicable PB010#2018

Variable identifier	Target variable
PW190T	<i>Trust in others</i> From 0 (Do not trust at all) to 10 (Trust completely) Do not know
PW190T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW230T	<i>Feeling lonely</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW230T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW050T	<i>Being very nervous</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW050T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW060T	<i>Feeling down in the dumps</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW060T_F	Filled Missing Non-selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018

Variable identifier	Target variable
PW070T	<i>Feeling calm and peaceful</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW070T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW080T	<i>Feeling downhearted or depressed</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW080T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PW090T	<i>Being happy</i> All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time Do not know
PW090T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
Housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)	
PHD01T	<i>Past experience of housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)</i> Yes, staying with friends or relatives temporarily Yes, staying in emergency or other temporary accommodation Yes, staying in a place not intended as a permanent home Yes, 'sleeping rough' or sleeping in a public space No

Variable identifier	Target variable
PHD01T_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable PB010#2018
PHD02T	<i>Duration of the most recent experience of housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)</i> Duration
PHD02T_F	Filled Missing Non selected respondent Not applicable PHD01T = NO Not applicable PB010#2018
PHD03T	<i>Main reason for past housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)</i> Relationship or family problems Health problems Unemployment End of rental contract Uninhabitable accommodation Leaving an institution after a long stay and no home to go to Financial problems/Insufficient income Other
PHD03T_F	Filled Missing Non selected respondent Not applicable PHD01T = NO Not applicable PB010#2018
PHD04T	<i>Other reason for past housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)</i> Relationship or family problems Health problems Unemployment End of rental contract Uninhabitable accommodation Leaving an institution after a long stay and no home to go to Financial problems/Insufficient income Other No other reason
PHD04T_F	Filled Missing Non selected respondent Not applicable PHD01T = NO Not applicable PB010#2018

Variable identifier	Target variable
PHD05T	<i>Exit from housing difficulties (OPTIONAL)</i> Existing, new or renewed relationship with family or partner Addressed health problems Gained employment Moved into social or subsidised private housing Other Still experiencing housing difficulties
PHD05T_F	Filled Missing Non selected respondent Not applicable PHD01T = NO Not applicable PB010#2018

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/311**of 22 February 2017****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 2017.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	IL	75,4
	MA	103,8
	TN	194,0
	TR	102,9
	ZZ	119,0
0707 00 05	MA	86,6
	TR	186,3
	ZZ	136,5
0709 91 00	EG	113,1
	ZZ	113,1
0709 93 10	MA	54,9
	TR	173,3
	ZZ	114,1
0805 10 22, 0805 10 24, 0805 10 28	EG	47,0
	IL	75,0
	MA	45,6
	TN	55,8
	TR	73,8
	ZA	196,8
	ZZ	82,3
	EG	88,5
0805 21 10, 0805 21 90, 0805 29 00	IL	133,7
	JM	120,8
	MA	102,4
	TR	87,0
	ZZ	106,5
	IL	112,1
	MA	102,3
	ZZ	107,2
0805 50 10	EG	82,4
	TR	71,2
	ZZ	76,8
0808 10 80	CN	128,2
	US	115,7
	ZZ	122,0
0808 30 90	CL	160,8
	CN	84,8
	ZA	113,3
	ZZ	119,6

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories (OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/312

of 17 February 2017

appointing two members and two alternate members, proposed by the Slovak Republic, of the Committee of the Regions

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Slovak Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) Two members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Mr Vladimír BAJAN and Mr Peter CHUDÍK.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Mr Radoslav ČUHA.
- (4) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the appointment of Mr Ján FERENČÁK as a member of the Committee of the Regions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

(a) as members:

- Mr Ján FERENČÁK, *Mayor of Kežmarok*,
- Mr Miloslav REPASKÝ, *Member of the regional parliament of the Prešov Self-Governing Region*,

(b) as alternate members:

- Mr Ľuboš TOMKO, *Mayor of Stará Ľubovňa*,
- Mr Miroslav BENKO, *Member of the regional parliament of the Prešov Self-Governing Region*.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2017.

For the Council
The President
E. BARTOLO

III

(Other acts)

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

DECISION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES No 2/2016/SC**of 2 June 2016****amending Decision of the Standing Committee No 4/2004/SC establishing a Financial Mechanism Committee [2017/313]**

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as the EEA Agreement,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to Protocol 38c on the EEA Financial Mechanism (2014-2021), inserted into the EEA Agreement by the aforementioned Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004 establishing a Financial Mechanism Committee,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 2/2015/SC of 24 September 2015 establishing an EEA Financial Mechanism Interim Committee for the period 2014-2021,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

In Article 1 of the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004 the second sentence of paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following wording: The Committee shall manage the EEA Financial Mechanism 2004-2009, the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 and the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of entering into force or on the day of provisional application of the legal act establishing the EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 2 June 2016.

For the Standing Committee

Kurt JÄGER
Chair

Kristinn F. ÁRNASON
Secretary-General

DECISION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES No 3/2016/SC
of 2 June 2016
extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism [2017/314]

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as the EEA Agreement,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 1/2004/SC of 5 February 2004 establishing an Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to Protocol 38c on the EEA Financial Mechanism (2014-2021), inserted into the EEA Agreement by the aforementioned Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021,

Recalling that Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 1/2004/SC only gives the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism a mandate to administer the 2004-2009 Financial Mechanisms and that Article 1, paragraph 1 of the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 6/2010/SC of 9 December 2010 only extends the mandate of the aforementioned Office to administer the 2009-2014 Financial Mechanisms,

Considering the need for a Secretariat to administer the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, established by Standing Committee Decision No 1/2004/SC, is hereby additionally entrusted with the task of serving as a secretariat assisting in the management of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.
2. Regarding the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, the Office shall report to the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee.
3. Regarding the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, the Office shall report to the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of entering into force or on the day of provisional application of the legal act establishing the EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 2 June 2016.

For the Standing Committee

Kurt JÄGER
Chair

Kristinn F. ÁRNASON
Secretary-General

**DECISION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES No 5/2016/SC
of 22 September 2016
regarding the audit of programmes and projects under the Financial Mechanism (2014-2021)
[2017/315]**

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EFTA STATES

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, hereinafter referred to as the EEA Agreement;

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to Protocol 38c on the EEA Financial Mechanism (2014-2021), inserted into the EEA Agreement by the aforementioned Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021,

Having regard to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 2/2016/SC of 2 June 2016 amending Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004 establishing a Financial Mechanism Committee,

Having regard to Decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No 3/2016/SC of 2 June 2016 extending the tasks of the Office for the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism;

Having regard to the Decision of the ESA/Court Committee No 5/2002 of 23 October 2002 on the Mandate of the EFTA Board of Auditors ('at three');

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Board of Auditors shall act as supreme authority for the auditing of programmes and projects under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (hereinafter referred to as 'EEA Financial Mechanism'). This includes the audit of programmes and projects in the Beneficiary States, the Beneficiary States' management of the programmes and projects and implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism. The Board of Auditors may also audit the Financial Mechanism Office in respect of the EEA Financial Mechanism.

Article 2

The Board of Auditors shall consist of nationals from the EFTA States party to the EEA Agreement and preferably being members of the supreme audit institutions of the EFTA States. Their independence must be beyond doubt. An official of EFTA may not be appointed auditor until an interval of three years has elapsed since the end of his appointment with any of the EFTA institutions.

Article 3

The members of the Board of Auditors that perform audits according to Article 1 shall be the same persons as those appointed in and for the same term as set out in the Decisions of the ESA/Court Committee, No 9, 10 and 11 of 12 December 2013 on the Reappointment of the Members of the EFTA Board of Auditors ('at three'). Upon expiry of their term the members of the Board of Auditors that perform audits according to Article 1 shall be the persons appointed by decision of the ESA/Court Committee.

Article 4

The members of the Board of Auditors shall be completely independent in the performance of their duties.

Article 5

The members of the Board of Auditors shall closely cooperate with the person or persons entrusted with the corresponding audits under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021 in audits of activities relating to both Financial Mechanisms.

Article 6

The cost of appropriate and proportional audits as referred to in Article 1 shall be financed from the administrative budget of the EEA Financial Mechanism. Based on a budget proposal from the Board of Auditors and a recommendation from the Financial Mechanism Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'FMC'), the Standing Committee shall agree on the amount to be granted for this purpose.

Article 7

The Board of Auditors may engage external experts to assist it. The external experts must fulfil the same requirements of independence and comply with the same duty of cooperation provided for in Article 5 as the members of the Board of Auditors.

Article 8

The Board of Auditors shall inform the FMC and report to the Standing Committee of the EFTA States regarding the audit referred to in Article 1. It may submit proposals for action.

Article 9

The Board of Auditors shall propose its own terms of references concerning the audit referred to in Article 1 and submit them, after consultation with the FMC, to the Standing Committee of the EFTA States for adoption.

Article 10

This Decision shall take immediate effect.

Article 11

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 2016.

For the Standing Committee

Bergdis ELLERTSDÓTTIR
Chair

Kristinn F. ÁRNASON
Secretary-General

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Council Decision (EU) 2016/2143 of 1 December 2016 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

(Official Journal of the European Union L 332 of 7 December 2016)

On page 21, Article 2, point (e)(ii):

for: '(ii) to oversee any future amendment of the provisions of the Agreement ...',

read: '(ii) to oversee the further elaboration of the provisions of the Agreement ...'.

