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(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Regulation (EU) No 545/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community¹ modified Regulation (EC) No 577/98 in order to align it to the distinction between delegated and implementing acts introduced by the Lisbon Treaty and introduced a provision on the financing of ad hoc modules.

When aligning the powers attributed to the Commission in Regulation (EC) No 577/98 to the new institutional context, the legislator, inter alia, established that additional information should be included in the programme of ad hoc modules. As a result, the Commission is now required to include additional information in its programme of ad hoc modules. The existing programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2016 to 2018, should therefore be amended accordingly.

The new ad hoc sub-modules take account of the Europe 2020 strategy and its flagship initiative 'Youth on the Move', the Commission Communication on a 'Youth Opportunities Initiative'², the 2012 Commission Communication 'Towards a job-rich recovery'³ and the strategy for equality between women and men, covering the period 2010-2015⁴.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission carried out appropriate consultations as part of the preparation of this act.

National experts were invited to the June 2014 meeting of the Labour Market Statistics (LAMAS) working group, the conclusions of which were circulated amongst the attendees.

The Commission has duly informed both the European Parliament and the Council.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Article 7a (4) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 545/2014, empowers the Commission to adopt a three-year programme of ad hoc modules. For each ad hoc module, the programme shall define its subject and reference period, and shall list the sub-modules contained within it, giving, for each, a description of the specific area it covers.

¹ OJ L 163, 29.5.2014, p. 10.

² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, COM (2011) 933.

³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, COM (2012) 173.

⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, COM (2010) 491.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 318/2013⁵ adopted the programme of ad hoc modules for the labour force sample survey for the period 2016 to 2018. It defines the subject and the reference period of each.

This delegated act amends Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 and provides the additional information that now has to be included in the programme of ad hoc modules, specifically the list and a description of each of the ad hoc sub-modules.

Module: young people on the labour market

The sub-modules cover the following areas:

- educational background;
- finding a job.

Module: self-employment

The sub-modules cover the following areas:

- economically dependent self-employment;
- working conditions of self-employed people;
- the self-employed and employees.

Module: reconciliation between work and family life

The sub-modules cover the following areas:

- care responsibilities;
- flexibility of working arrangements;
- career breaks and parental leave.

⁵ Commission Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 of 8 April 2013 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2016 to 2018, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 (OJ L 99, 9.4.2013, p. 11).

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community⁶, and in particular Article 7a(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 318/2013⁷ adopted the programme of ad hoc modules for the labour force sample survey for the period 2016 to 2018. For each ad hoc module, it defines the subject, the reference period, the sample size and the deadline for sending the results.
- (2) According to Regulation (EU) No 545/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸, that programme also defines the list and description of the area of specialised information for each ad hoc modules (“ ad hoc sub-modules”).
- (3) To ensure that Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 is consistent with Regulation (EC) No 577/98 as amended, the names and a description of each of the ad hoc sub-modules should be added to the former Regulation.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly,

⁶ OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 3.

⁷ Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 of 8 April 2013 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2016 to 2018, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 (OJ L 99, 9.4.2013, p. 11).

⁸ Regulation (EU) No 545/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community (OJ L 163, 29.5.2014, p. 10).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 318/2013 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 22.10.2014

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO