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PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on harmonised indices of
consumer prices and the house price index and repealing Regulation (EC)
No 2494/95
- Presidency revised proposal

Delegations will find attached the Presidency revised proposal on harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price index.

Encl.: [...]

The Latvian Presidency Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price index and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2494/95

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<p>THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,</p> <p>Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 338(1) thereof,</p> <p>Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,</p> <p>After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,</p> <p>Having regard to the opinion of the European Central Bank¹,</p> <p>Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,</p> <p>Whereas:</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,</p> <p>Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 338(1) thereof,</p> <p>Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,</p> <p>After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,</p> <p>Having regard to the opinion of the European Central Bank¹,</p> <p>Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,</p> <p>Whereas:</p>	
<p>(1) Harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP) are designed to measure inflation in a harmonised</p>	<p>(1) The harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) is designed to measure inflation in a harmonised</p>	

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<p>manner across Member States. The Commission and the European Central Bank use the HICP in their assessment of price stability in Member States under Article 140 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the Treaty).</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>manner across Member States. The Commission and the European Central Bank use the HICP in their assessment of price stability in Member States under Article 140 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the Treaty).</p>	
<p>(2) The European System of Central Banks (ESCB) uses the HICP as an index in order to measure the achievement of the ESCB's price stability objective under Article 127(1) of the Treaty, which is of particular relevance for the definition and implementation of the monetary policy of the Union under Article 127(2) of the Treaty.</p>	<p>(2) The European System of Central Banks (ESCB) uses the HICP as an index in order to measure the achievement of the ESCB's price stability objective under Article 127(1) of the Treaty, which is of particular relevance for the definition and implementation of the monetary policy of the Union under Article 127(2) of the Treaty.</p>	
<p>(3) Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95² established a common framework for setting up harmonised indices of consumer prices. This legal framework needs to be adapted to current needs and technical progress.</p>	<p>(3) Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95² established a common framework for setting up harmonised indices of consumer prices. This legal framework needs to be adapted to current [...] requirements and technical progress.</p>	
<p>(4) This Regulation takes into account the Commission's better regulation programme and, in</p>	<p>(4) This Regulation takes into account the Commission's better regulation programme and, in</p>	

² Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices (JO L 257, 27.10.1995, p.1).

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<p>particular, the Commission Communication on smart regulation in the Union³. In the statistical field, the Commission has set as a priority the simplification and improvement of the regulatory environment in statistics⁴.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>particular, the Commission Communication on smart regulation in the Union³. In the statistical field, the Commission has set as a priority the simplification and improvement of the regulatory environment in statistics⁴.</p>	
<p>(6) The regular HICP are based on observed prices, which also include taxes on products. Hence, inflation is affected by changes to tax rates on products. For inflation analysis and for convergence assessment in Member States, information also needs to be collected on the impact of tax changes on inflation. To this end, HICP should additionally be calculated on the basis of constant tax rate prices.</p>	<p>(6) The [...] HICP is based on observed prices, which also include taxes on products. Hence, inflation is affected by changes to tax rates on products. For inflation analysis and for convergence assessment in Member States, information also needs to be collected on the impact of tax changes on inflation. To this end, the HICP should additionally be calculated on the basis of constant tax rate prices.</p>	<p>It is proposed to swap places for Recital 5 and Recital 6.</p>
<p>(5) HICP should be broken down by categories of the European classification of individual consumption according to purpose (ECOICOP). This classification should ensure that all European</p>	<p>(5) The HICP and the harmonised index of consumer prices at constant tax rates (HICP-CT) should be broken down by categories of the European classification of individual consumption</p>	<p>The abbreviation is used for the first time in the Regulation.</p>

³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 'Smart Regulation in the European Union', COM(2010) 543.

⁴ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on 'the production method of EU statistics: a vision for the next decade', COM(2009) 404 final.

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<p>statistics relating to private consumption are consistent and comparable. The ECOICOP should also be consistent with the UN COICOP, which is the international standard classifying individual consumption according to purpose, and should therefore be adapted to changes of the UN COICOP.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>according to purpose (ECOICOP). This classification should ensure that all European statistics relating to private consumption are consistent and comparable. The ECOICOP should also be consistent with the UN COICOP, which is the international standard classifying individual consumption according to purpose, and should therefore be adapted to changes of the UN COICOP.</p>	
<p>(7) Establishing price indices for dwellings and in particular for owner-occupied housing (OOH indices) is an important step towards improving the relevance and comparability of HICP. House price indices are a necessary basis for compiling OOH indices. In addition, house price indices are important indicators in their own right.</p>	<p>(7) Establishing price indices for dwellings and in particular for owner-occupied housing (OOH [...]) is an important step towards improving the relevance and comparability of the HICP. The house price index is a necessary basis for compiling the OOH price index. In addition, the house price index is important indicator in its own right.</p>	
	<p>(7a) Early provisional information on the monthly HICP in the form of a rapid estimate is crucial for monetary policy in the euro area. <u>Therefore rapid estimate should be provided by the Member States in the euro area.</u></p>	<p>The recital supplemented with more clear reference to the Member States in the euro area.</p>
<p>(8) The reference period of price indices should be updated at regular intervals. Rules for common</p>	<p>(8) The reference period of the harmonised [...] indices should be updated at regular intervals. Rules</p>	

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<p>index reference periods of harmonised indices and their sub-indices integrated at different points in time should be established in order to ensure that the resulting indices are comparable and relevant.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>for common index reference periods of the harmonised indices and their sub-indices integrated at different points in time should be established in order to ensure that the resulting indices are comparable and relevant.</p>	
<p>(9) In order to enhance the gradual harmonisation of consumer price indices, pilot studies should be launched to assess the feasibility of using additional basic information or applying new methodological approaches.</p>	<p>(9) In order to enhance the gradual harmonisation of the [...] price indices, pilot studies should be launched to assess the feasibility of using improved basic information or applying new methodological approaches.</p>	
<p>(10) Guidance on the various stages of producing high-quality harmonised indices should be given in a methodological manual in order to help Member States to produce comparable indices of consumer prices. The methodological manual should be established by the Commission (Eurostat) in close cooperation with Member States within the European Statistical System and regularly updated. In the annual HICP inventory referred to in Article 9(2)(b) of this Regulation, Member States should inform the Commission (Eurostat) about divergences, if any, between the statistical methods used and those recommended in the</p>	<p>(10) Guidance on the various stages of producing high-quality harmonised indices should be given in methodological manuals in order to help Member States to produce comparable indices [...]. The methodological manuals should be established by the Commission (Eurostat) in close cooperation with Member States within the European Statistical System and [...] updated when necessary. In the annual [...] inventories referred to in Article 9(2)(b) of this Regulation, Member States should inform the Commission (Eurostat) about divergences, if any, between the statistical methods used and those</p>	

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methodological manual.	recommended in the methodological manuals.	
<p>(11) The Commission (Eurostat) should verify the sources and methods used by Member States to calculate harmonised indices and should monitor the implementation of the legal framework by Member States. For this purpose the Commission (Eurostat) should maintain a regular dialogue with the Member States' statistical authorities.</p>	<p>(11) The Commission (Eurostat) should verify the sources and methods used by Member States to calculate harmonised indices and should monitor the implementation of the legal framework by Member States. For this purpose the Commission (Eurostat) should maintain a regular dialogue with the Member States' statistical authorities.</p>	
<p>(12) Background information is essential for assessing whether the detailed harmonised indices provided by the Member States are sufficiently comparable. In addition, transparent compilation methods and practices used in Member States help all stakeholders to understand the harmonised indices and further improve their quality. A set of rules for reporting harmonised metadata should therefore be established.</p>	<p>(12) Background information is essential for assessing whether the detailed harmonised indices provided by the Member States are sufficiently comparable. In addition, transparent compilation methods and practices used in Member States help all stakeholders to understand the harmonised indices and further improve their quality. A set of rules for reporting harmonised metadata should therefore be established.</p>	
<p>(13) In order to ensure the quality of harmonised indices, confidential data and metadata should be exchanged between the Commission (Eurostat), national central banks and the European Central Bank in accordance with Regulation (EC) No</p>	<p>[...]</p>	

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223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁵ .	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.	
(14) Since the objective of the present Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards for harmonised indices, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the	(14) Since the objective of the present Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards for the harmonised indices, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the	The Presidency invites delegations to consider the need to add a new Recital to cover the data confidentiality issues if such case is possible when statistical unit is identifiable: <i>'European and national authorities shall treat obtained data as confidential and will use this data exclusively for statistical purposes in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.'</i>
(14) Since the objective of the present Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards for harmonised indices, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the	(14) Since the objective of the present Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards for the harmonised indices, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States but can be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the	According to the written comments received from the Member States it was proposed to supplement the Recital with more clear reference to the Member States in the euro area. Nevertheless, CLS considers that there is no need to repeat what has been said in the Recital

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European Statistics (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p.164).

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<p>Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in the same Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve this objective.</p>	<p>Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in the same Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve this objective.</p>	<p>7a. Moreover, this is a standard Recital about proportionality/subsidiarity and therefore standard language should be used.</p>
<p>(15) In order to ensure comparability at international level of the classification of individual consumption according to purpose used for the breakdown of HICP and to assure adaptation to changes of UN COICOP, to establish a threshold below which there is no obligation to provide sub-indices of harmonised indices and to establish a list of sub-indices that need not be produced by the Member States, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of harmonised indices. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and the Council.</p>	<p>(15) In order [...] to assure adaptation to changes of UN COICOP [...] the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of harmonised indices. It is of particular importance that the Commission carries out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and the Council.</p>	<p>Recital will be aligned with the respective Article of this Regulation.</p>

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<p>and the Council.</p> <p>(16) In order to ensure full comparability of consumer price indices, uniform conditions are needed for the breakdown of the HICP by ECOICOP categories, for the applied methodology in producing harmonised indices, for the information provided by statistical units, for providing weights and metadata on the weights, for the establishment of an annual calendar for the transmission of the harmonised indices and sub-indices, for the data and metadata exchange standards, for the uniform conditions for revisions, for improved basic information or improved methods based on the evaluation of pilot studies and for technical quality assurance requirements regarding the content of annual quality reports, the deadline for providing the report to the Commission (Eurostat) and the structure of the inventory in order to ensure such uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>(16) In order to ensure full comparability of the harmonised [...] indices, uniform conditions are needed for the application [...] of the ECOICOP for the purpose of the HICP and the HICP-CT, for the applied methodology in producing the harmonised indices, for the information provided by statistical units, for detailed rules on rescaling of the harmonised indices, for a list of sub-indices that need not be produced, for providing weights and metadata on the weights, [...] for the data and metadata exchange standards, for the uniform conditions for revisions, for [...] improved methods based on the evaluation of pilot studies and for technical quality assurance requirements regarding the content of annual quality reports, the deadline for providing the report to the Commission (Eurostat) and the structure of the inventory and the deadline for providing the inventory to the Commission (Eurostat). In order to ensure such uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should</p>	<p>Recital will be aligned with the respective Articles of this Regulation.</p>

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Council ⁶ .	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined. be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁶ .	
(17) In adopting implementing measures and delegated acts in accordance with this Regulation, the Commission should take the utmost account of cost-effectiveness.	(17) In adopting implementing measures and delegated acts in accordance with this Regulation, the Commission should conduct where appropriate cost-effectiveness analysis [...] and ensure that these measures and acts do not impose a significant additional burden on Member States or respondents.	
(18) In the context of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the European Statistical System Committee has been asked to provide its professional guidance.	(18) In the context of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the European Statistical System Committee has been asked to provide its professional guidance.	
(19) Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 should be repealed.	(19) Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 should be repealed.	
HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:	HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:	
Article 1 - Subject matter	Article 1 - Subject matter	

⁶ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

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<p>This Regulation lays down a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP) and of housing prices (HPI) at Union, national and sub-national level.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>This Regulation lays down a common framework for the development, production and dissemination of harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP, HICP-CT, OOH price index) and of the house price index (HPI) at Union and national level [...].</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
<p>Article 2 - Definitions</p>	<p>Article 2 - Definitions</p>	
<p>For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions apply:</p>	<p>For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions apply:</p>	
<p>(a) 'Development of statistics' means establishing and improving statistical methods, standards and procedures used in the production and dissemination of statistics, with the aim of designing new statistical measures and indicators;</p>	<p>[...]</p>	<p>Deletion agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>
<p>(b) 'Production of statistics' means all steps involved in compiling statistics, including collecting, storing, processing and analysing statistics;</p>	<p>[...]</p>	<p>Deletion agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>
<p>(c) 'dissemination of statistics' means the activity of making statistics, statistical analyses and non-confidential information accessible to users;</p>	<p>[...]</p>	<p>Deletion agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>

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<p>(d) 'products' means goods and services as defined in Annex A, point 3.01 of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷ (hereinafter referred to as 'ESA 2010');</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>(d) 'products' means goods and services as defined in Annex A, point 3.01 of Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷ (hereinafter referred to as 'ESA 2010');</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>
<p>(e) 'consumer prices' means the purchase prices paid by households to purchase individual products by means of monetary transactions;</p>	<p>(e) 'consumer prices' means the purchase prices paid by households to purchase individual products by means of monetary transactions;</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>
	<p>(..) <u>'house prices' means the transaction prices of dwellings purchased by households;</u></p>	<p>New definition added as proposed by several Member States during the meeting and in the written comments.</p>
<p>(f) 'purchase price' means the price actually paid by the purchaser for products, including any taxes less subsidies on the products, after deduction of discounts for bulk or off-peak purchases from standard prices or charges, excluding interest or services charges added under credit arrangements and any extra charges incurred as a result of failing to pay within the period specified at the time of</p>	<p>(f) 'purchase price' means the price actually paid by the purchaser for products, including any taxes less subsidies on the products, after deduction of discounts [...] from standard prices or charges, excluding interest or services charges added under credit arrangements and any extra charges incurred as a result of failing to pay within the period specified at the time of purchase;</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>

⁷ Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union (OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1).

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purchase;	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.	
(g) 'harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP)' means the comparable indices of consumer prices produced by each Member State;	(..) 'administered prices' means prices that are either directly set or influenced to a significant extent by the government;	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
(h) 'harmonised indices of consumer prices at constant tax rates (HICP-CT)' means indices that measure changes in consumer prices over a period of time excluding the impact of changes in tax rates on products during that period of time;	(g) 'harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP)' means the comparable index of consumer prices produced by each Member State; (h) 'harmonised index of consumer prices at constant tax rates (HICP-CT)' means index that measure changes in consumer prices [...] without the impact of changes in rates of taxes [...] on products over the same [...] period of time;	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS. Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
(i) 'administered prices' means prices that are either directly set or influenced to a significant extent by the government;	[...]	As agreed in the 18/2 CWPS definition (i) moved up after definition (f).
	(..) 'tax rate' refers to a tax parameter and may be a certain percentage of the price or an absolute tax amount levied on a physical unit;	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	
(j) 'owner-occupied housing price index (OOH index)' means an index that measures changes in the transaction prices of dwellings new to the household sector and of other products that the households acquire in their role as owner-occupiers;	(j) 'owner-occupied housing price index (OOH price index)' means an index that measures changes in the transaction prices of dwellings new to the household sector and of other products that the households acquire in their role as owner-occupiers;	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
(k) 'house price index (HPI)' means an index that measures changes in the transaction prices of dwellings purchased by households;	(k) 'house price index (HPI)' means an index that measures changes in the transaction prices of dwellings purchased by households;	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
(l) 'sub-index of the HICP' means a price index for any of the categories of the European classification of individual consumption according to purpose (hereinafter referred to as 'ECOICOP') as established in the Annex;	(l) 'sub-index of the HICP or the HICP-CT' means a price index for any of the categories of the European classification of individual consumption according to purpose (hereinafter referred to as 'ECOICOP') as established in the Annex;	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
(m) 'harmonised indices' means the HICP, HICP-CT, OOH indices and HPI;	(m) 'harmonised indices' means the HICP, the HICP-CT, the OOH price index and the HPI;	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
	<p>(..) 'rapid estimate of the HICP' means an early estimate of the HICP <u>by the Member States in the euro area that may be based on provisional information and appropriate modelling;</u></p>	<p>Definition modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p> <p>Taking into consideration concerns regarding compilation of rapid estimate expressed by the Member States the</p>

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<p>(n) 'Laspeyres index' means a price index of the form</p> $P_L = \frac{\sum (P_m \bullet Q_{t_0})}{\sum (P_{t_0} \bullet Q_{t_0})}$ <p>where P is the relative index of the price levels in two periods, Q are the quantities consumed, t₀ is the base period and t_n the period for which the index is</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	<p>Presidency proposes another wording alternative.</p> <p><u>Alternative 1</u>: <i>'rapid estimate of the HICP' means an early estimate of the HICP by the Member States in the euro area that may be based on provisional information and, if necessary, appropriate modelling.</i></p> <p><u>Proposal</u>: It is also proposed by Member States to use <i>'flash estimate'</i> for consistency with national accounts instead of <i>'rapid estimate'</i>.</p>
<p>[...]</p>	<p>[...]</p>	<p>Deletion agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>

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<p>computed;</p> <p>(o) 'Laspeyres-type index' means an index that measures average price changes on the basis of unchanged expenditure compared to the base period, i.e. holding the consumption pattern of households constant as of the base period;</p> <p>(p) 'index reference period' means the period for which the index is set to 100 index points;</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>(o) 'Laspeyres-type index' means a price index that measures the average change in prices from the price reference period to a comparison period using expenditure shares from some period prior to the price reference period, and where the expenditure shares are adjusted to reflect the prices of the price reference period.</p> <p>A 'Laspeyres-type index' is defined as:</p> $P^{0,t} = \sum \frac{p^t}{p^0} \cdot w^{0,b}$ <p>The price of a product is denoted by p; the price reference period is 0, the comparison period is t. Weights w are expenditure shares of a period b prior to the price reference period and are adjusted to reflect the prices of the price reference period 0;</p> <p>(p) 'index reference period' means the period for which the index is set to 100 index points;</p>	<p>During the 29/04 CWPS several Member States indicated that definition should be more clear.</p> <p>According to the results from comments received from the Member States the Presidency still proposes to keep the formula as in the document No 7893/15.</p> <p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>(..) <u>'price reference period' means the period to which the price of comparison period is referred to;</u> <u>For monthly indices the price reference period is December of the previous year, for quarterly indices the price reference period is the fourth quarter of the previous year.</u></p>	<p>According to the comments during the 29/04 CWPS, it is proposed to add a new definition.</p> <p>According to the written comments received from delegations there are two more alternatives for Delegations' consideration:</p> <p><u>Alternative 1: 'price reference period' means the period to which the price of comparison period is referred to'</u></p> <p><u>Alternative 2: 'price reference period' is the period from which the current price change is measured and for which prices appear in the denominators of the price relatives.</u></p> <p><i>For monthly indices the price reference period is December of the preceding year, for quarterly indices the price reference period is the fourth quarter of the preceding year.</i></p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	<p>The Presidency had received the proposal to add a new definition on weights reference period (definition slightly modified to cover all harmonised indices):</p> <p>(..) <i>'weights reference period' means the 12-month period of consumption or expenditure from which the weights are estimated for the compilation of the harmonised indices;</i></p> <p>The Presidency invites the Member States to reconsider the necessity of definition as there is no further application of the term.</p>
<p>(q) 'basic information' with reference to HICP and HICP-CT means data covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – all purchase prices of products which need to be taken into account in order to compute HICP sub-indices in accordance with this Regulation, – all characteristics that determine the product 	<p>(q) 'basic information' with reference to HICP and HICP-CT means data covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – [...] purchase prices of products which need to be taken into account in order to compute [...] sub-indices in accordance with this Regulation, – [...] characteristics that determine the product 	<p>Definition modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>

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<p>price and any other characteristics relevant to the consumer purpose in question,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – information on taxes and excise duties levied, – information as to whether a price is fully or partially administered, and – all weights reflecting the level and structure of the consumption of the products concerned. 	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>price [...],</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – information on taxes and excise duties levied, – information as to whether a price is fully or partially administered, and – [...] weights reflecting the level and structure of the consumption of the products concerned. 	
<p>(r) 'basic information' with reference to OOH indices and HPI means data covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – all transaction prices of dwellings purchased by households which need to be taken into account to compute HPI indices in accordance with this Regulation, – all characteristics which determine the dwelling price or other relevant characteristics. 	<p>(r) 'basic information' with reference to the OOH price index [...] means data covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – [...] transaction prices of dwellings new to the household sector and of other products that the households acquire in their role as owner-occupiers [...] which need to be taken into account to compute the OOH price index in accordance with this Regulation, – [...] characteristics which determine the dwelling price [...] <u>and the prices of other products that the household acquire in their role as owner-occupiers.</u> 	<p>Definition modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>– weights reflecting the level and structure of the relevant housing expenditure categories.</p>	
	<p>(..) 'basic information' with reference to the HPI means data covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – transaction prices of dwellings purchased by households which need to be taken into account to compute the HPI in accordance with this Regulation, – characteristics which determine the dwelling price, – weights reflecting the level and structure of the relevant housing expenditure categories. 	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
<p>(s) 'household' means a household as defined in Annex A, paragraph 2.119 (a) and (b) of ESA 2010, irrespective of nationality or residence status;</p>	<p>(s) 'household' means a household as defined in Annex A, paragraph 2.119 (a) and (b) of ESA 2010, irrespective of nationality or residence status;</p>	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
<p>(t) 'economic territory of the Member State' means the territory as defined in Annex A, paragraph 2.05 of ESA 2010, with the exception that the extraterritorial enclaves situated within the</p>	<p>(t) 'economic territory of the Member State' means the territory as defined in Annex A, paragraph 2.05 of ESA 2010, with the exception that the extraterritorial enclaves situated within the</p>	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.

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<p>boundaries of the country are included and the territorial enclaves situated in the rest of the world are excluded;</p>	<p>boundaries of the country are included and the territorial enclaves situated in the rest of the world are excluded;</p>	
<p>(u) 'household final monetary consumption expenditure' means that part of final consumption expenditure incurred by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – households, – in monetary transactions, – on the economic territory of the Member State, – on products that are used for the direct satisfaction of individual needs or wants, as defined in Annex A paragraph 3.101 of ESA 2010, – in one or both of the time periods being compared; 	<p>(u) 'household final monetary consumption expenditure' means that part of final consumption expenditure incurred [...]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – by households, – in monetary transactions, – on the economic territory of the Member State, – on products that are used for the direct satisfaction of individual needs or wants, as defined in Annex A paragraph 3.101 of ESA 2010, – in one or both of the time periods being compared; 	<p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>
<p>(v) 'significant change of production method' means a change that is estimated to affect the annual rate of change of a given Harmonised Index</p>	<p>(v) 'significant change of production method' means a change that is estimated to affect the annual rate of change of a given harmonised index</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>

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<p>or part thereof in any period by more than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 0.1 percentage points for the all-items HICP or the OOH or HPI, – 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 or 0.6 percentage points for any ECOICOP division, group, class or sub-class (5-digit) respectively. 	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>or part thereof in any period by more than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 0.1 percentage point for the all-items HICP, [...] the HICP-CT, [...] the OOH price index or the HPI, – 0.3, 0.4, 0.5 or 0.6 percentage points for any ECOICOP division, group, class or sub-class (5-digit) respectively for the HICP or the HICP-CT. 	
<p>Article 3 - Compilation of the harmonised indices</p>	<p>Article 3 - Compilation of the harmonised indices</p>	
<p>1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with all harmonised indices as defined in Article 2(m).</p>	<p>1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with all harmonised indices as defined in Article 2(m).</p>	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
<p>2. Harmonised indices shall be compiled using a Laspeyres-type formula.</p>	<p>2. The harmonised indices shall be [...] annually chain-linked Laspeyres-type indices.</p>	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
<p>3. The HICP and HICP-CT shall be based on the price changes and weights of products included in household final monetary consumption expenditure.</p>	<p>3. The HICP and the HICP-CT shall be based on the price changes and weights of products included in household final monetary consumption expenditure.</p>	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
<p>4. The HICP shall not cover transactions between</p>	<p>4. The HICP and the HICP-CT shall not cover</p>	During the 29/4 CWPS it was proposed

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<p>households, except in the case of rentals paid by tenants to private landlords, where the latter act as market producers of services purchased by households (tenants).</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>transactions between households, except in the case of rentals paid by tenants to private landlords, where the latter act as market producers of services purchased by households (tenants).</p>	<p>to add sentence for consistency reasons: <i>'The OOH price index shall not cover transactions of owner-occupied dwellings between households.'</i></p> <p>The Presidency would like to point out that from a linguistic point of view incorporation of the OOH price index into the paragraph would be very difficult due to exceptions related to the HICP and the HICP-CT. Moreover the requirement, that the OOH price index shall not cover the transactions between households is absolutely clear from definitions (j) and (r).</p>
<p>5. HICP sub-indices shall be compiled for the categories of ECOICOP. Uniform conditions for the breakdown of the HICP by ECOICOP categories shall be adopted by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>5. The HICP and the HICP-CT sub-indices shall be compiled for the categories of ECOICOP. Uniform conditions for the application [...] of the ECOICOP for the purpose of the HICP and the HICP-CT [...] shall be adopted by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article</p>	<p>During the 29/4 CWPS and in written comments alternative wording was proposed:</p> <p><i>'The HICP and the HICP-CT sub-indices shall be compiled for the categories of ECOICOP. Uniform conditions for the application [...] of the selected ECOICOP categories for the purpose of the HICP</i></p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>11(2).</p>	<p><i>and the HICP-CT [...] shall be adopted by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).'</i></p> <p>The Presidency considers that additional wording changes the substance of the implementing act. Therefore the Presidency proposes to keep the current wording.</p>
	<p>6. The breakdowns of the OOH price index, the HPI and the rapid estimate of the HICP by the Member States in the euro area shall be adopted by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>The Paragraph modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p> <p>According to the comments received from delegations during the 29/4 CWPS and in written comments there is another alternative:</p> <p><u>Alternative 1:</u> to add Annex on breakdowns of the OOH price index, the HPI and the rapid estimate of the HICP.</p> <p>However, the Presidency proposes to proceed with the implementing acts to</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	<p>ensure the flexibility in terms of possible amendments of the breakdowns of the indices covered by this paragraph. If the breakdowns are included in the Annex of this Regulation the amendments would be possible only by delegated acts or by ordinary legislative procedure.</p>
	<p>7. Each year, Member States shall update sub-index weights for the harmonised indices. Uniform conditions for the quality of weights of the harmonised indices shall be laid down by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
<p>Article 4 - Comparability of the harmonised indices</p>	<p>Article 4 - Comparability of the harmonised indices</p>	
<p>1. For HICP or OOH indices to be considered comparable, any difference across countries at all levels of detail shall only reflect differences in</p>	<p>1. For the harmonised indices to be considered comparable, any difference across countries at all levels of detail shall only reflect differences in</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.</p>

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price changes or expenditure patterns.	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined. price changes or expenditure patterns.	
2. Any sub-indices of the harmonised indices that deviate from the concepts or methods of this Regulation shall be deemed comparable if they result in an index that is estimated to differ systematically by:	2. Any sub-indices of the harmonised indices that deviate from the concepts or methods of this Regulation shall be deemed comparable if they result in an index that is estimated to differ systematically by:	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
(a) less than or equal to 0.1 per cent on average over one year against the previous year from an index compiled following the methodological approach of this Regulation, in the case of HICP;	(a) less than or equal to 0.1 percentage point on average over one year against the previous year from an index compiled following the methodological approach of this Regulation, in the case of the HICP and the HICP-CT ;	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
(b) less than or equal to one per cent on average over one year against the previous year from an index compiled following the methodological approach of this Regulation, in the case of OOH and HPI.	(b) less than or equal to one percentage point on average over one year against the previous year from an index compiled following the methodological approach of this Regulation, in the case of the OOH price index and the HPI .	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.
Where such a calculation is not possible, the consequences of using a methodology which deviates from the concepts or methods of this	Where such a calculation is not possible, the consequences of using a methodology which deviates from the concepts or methods of this	Text agreed in the 18/2 CWPS.

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Regulation must be set out in detail.	Regulation must be set out in detail.	
3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 for the modification of the Annex in order to ensure comparability of the harmonised indices at international level.	3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 for the modification of the Annex to ensure comparability of the harmonised indices at international level according to adaptations of the UN COICOP.	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
4. In order to ensure uniform conditions, the appropriate methodology for producing comparable harmonised indices shall be defined by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).	4. In order to ensure uniform conditions and continuity in producing comparable harmonised indices and for purposes of achieving the objectives of this Regulation the appropriate methodology <u>and improved methods based on voluntary pilot studies as referred to in Article 8</u> shall be defined by means of implementing acts. [...].	According to the written comments received from the Member States the link between Article 4(4) and Article 8 is established.
	4(a) Such implementing acts shall concern: - <u>merging and streamlining the existing provisions of those legal acts remaining in force after the repeal of Regulation (EC) No</u>	The list has been modified in order to align the paragraph with other Articles where implementing powers are stipulated.

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p><u>2494/95;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Sampling and representativity;</u> - <u>Collection and treatment of prices;</u> - <u>Replacements and quality adjustment;</u> - <u>Index compilation;</u> - <u>Revisions;</u> - <u>Special indices;</u> - <u>Treatment of products in specific areas.</u> <p><u>The Commission shall ensure that those implementing acts do not impose a significant additional burden on the Member States and on the respondents.</u></p> <p>Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	
Article 5 - Data requirements	Article 5 - Data requirements	

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<p>1. Member States shall collect basic information representative of their country for harmonised indices and their sub-indices.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>1. Basic information collected by Member States for the harmonised indices and their sub-indices shall be representative of their country.</p>	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.
<p>2. The information shall be obtained from statistical units as defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93⁸.</p>	<p>2. The information shall be obtained from statistical units as defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93⁸ or from other sources, provided that the comparability requirements for indices referred to in article 4 of this Regulation are met.</p>	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.
<p>3. The statistical units that provide information on products included in household final monetary consumption expenditure shall cooperate in the collection or provision of basic information as required. The statistical units shall give accurate and complete information, including in electronic form if requested. On request of the national bodies responsible for compiling official statistics, the statistical units shall provide information in electronic form, such as scanner data, and at the level of detail necessary in order to produce harmonised indices and to evaluate compliance</p>	<p>3. The statistical units that provide information on products included in household final monetary consumption expenditure shall cooperate in the collection or provision of basic information as required. The statistical units shall give accurate and complete basic information [...] to [...] the national bodies responsible for compiling the harmonised indices.</p>	Paragraph modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS

⁸ Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93 of 15 March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the Community (OJ L 76, 30.3.1993, p. 1).

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<p>with the comparability requirements and the quality of the harmonised indices. Uniform conditions for providing this information shall be established by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	
	<p>3(a) On request of the national bodies responsible for compiling <u>the harmonised indices</u>, the statistical units shall provide [...], where available, electronic records of transactions, such as scanner data, and at the level of detail necessary in order to produce harmonised indices and to evaluate compliance with the comparability requirements and the quality of the harmonised indices. [...]</p>	<p>According to discussion during the 29/4 CWPS and written comments from the Member States the Presidency proposes to delete the sentence on implementing acts.</p> <p>However following the written comments the Presidency can propose three more alternatives concerning the last sentence:</p> <p><u>Alternative 1</u>: – to keep the sentence but change the wording:</p> <p><i>'The Commission shall may establish, by means of implementing acts, uniform description of format and content of</i></p>

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<p>4. The harmonised indices and their sub-indices shall be scaled to the common index reference</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	<p><i>electronic records of transactions to the extent necessary to produce the HICP and the HICP-CT comparable among the Member States.</i> ;</p> <p><u>Alternative 2</u>: – to change the wording in the sentence: ‘The Commission shall establish, by means of implementing acts, <u>basic definitions and minimum standards of electronic records of transactions to the extent necessary to produce the HICP and the HICP-CT comparable among the Member States</u>’.</p> <p><u>Alternative 3</u>:</p> <p>‘The Commission shall establish, by means of implementing acts, <u>uniform description of electronic records of transactions to the extent necessary to produce the HICP and the HICP-CT comparable among the Member States</u>.’</p>
<p>4. The harmonised indices shall be scaled to the common index reference</p>	<p>4. <u>The common index reference period for the harmonised indices shall be set at 2015 = 100.</u></p>	<p>Although this paragraph was already agreed in the 17/3 CWPS, the Presidency</p>

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<p>period 2015. This scaling shall take effect with the index for January 2016.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p><u>The index reference period shall be used for the full time series of all harmonised indices and their sub-indices. This scaling shall take effect with the index for January 2016 for the monthly indices and for quarterly indices with the index for the first quarter of year 2016.</u></p>	<p>has recognised an inconsistency. The coverage of this paragraph should be improved and should be applicable to all indices as the agreed wording was applicable only for monthly indices.</p> <p>There is another alternative concerning the paragraph:</p> <p><u>Alternative 1:</u> – to change the wording accordingly:</p> <p><i>‘The common index reference period for the harmonised indices shall be set at 2015 = 100. The index reference period shall be used for the full time series of all harmonised indices and their sub-indices.’</i></p>
<p>5. The harmonised indices and their sub-indices shall be rescaled to a new common index reference period in cases of a major methodological change of harmonised indices or every 10 years starting from 2015. The rescaling to the new index reference period shall take</p>	<p>5. The harmonised indices and their sub-indices shall be rescaled to a new common index reference period in cases of a major methodological change of the harmonised indices, which has been adopted in accordance with this Regulation₂ or every 10 years after the</p>	<p>The paragraph modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p> <p>In addition, the Presidency proposes to modify the paragraph to include also rescaling of the quarterly indices.</p>

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<p>effect with the index for January of the following calendar year. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 to establish detailed rules on rescaling of harmonised indices linked to major methodological changes.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>last rescaling starting from 2015. The rescaling to the new index reference period shall take effect for the monthly indices with the index for January of the second year after the index reference period [...] and for quarterly indices with the index for the first quarter of the second year after the index reference period [...]. Detailed rules on rescaling of the harmonised indices [...] shall be established by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	
<p>6. In order not to impose an unnecessary burden on Member States and to the extent that the sub-indices of harmonised indices are only significant above a certain threshold, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 in order to establish a threshold below which there is no obligation to provide those sub-indices.</p>	<p>6. In order not to impose an unnecessary burden on Member States and to the extent that the sub-indices of the harmonised indices are only significant above a certain threshold, Member States shall not be obliged to produce and transmit:</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
	<p>(a) the HICP and the HICP-CT sub-indices accounting for less than one part in a</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>thousand of the total expenditure [...]. [...]</p>	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
<p>7. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 in order to establish a list of sub-indices of ECOICOP that need not be produced by the Member States, either because they do not cover private consumption or because the degree of methodological harmonisation is not sufficient.</p>	<p>(b) the OOH price index and the HPI sub-indices accounting for less than one part in a hundred of the total housing expenditure.</p> <p>7. Sub-indices of ECOICOP that need not be produced by the Member States, either because they do not cover household final consumption or because the degree of methodological harmonisation is not sufficient shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) narcotics; b) imputed rentals of owner-occupiers; c) other imputed rentals; d) games of chances; e) prostitution; f) life insurance; g) FISIM. <p><u>The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 10 in</u></p>	<p>Taking into account the discussion during the last meeting as well as CLS opinion regarding implementing acts the Presidency proposes to supplement the paragraph with the reference to delegated acts in order to foresee more flexibility in amending the list.</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p><u>order to amend the list of sub-indices of ECOICOP that need not be produced by the Member States.</u></p>	
<p>Article 6 - Frequency</p>	<p>Article 6 - Frequency</p>	
<p>1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with HICP, HICP-CT and their respective sub-indices at monthly intervals, including those sub-indices produced at longer intervals.</p>	<p>1. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the HICP, the HICP-CT and their respective sub-indices at monthly intervals, including those sub-indices produced at longer intervals.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with OOH indices and HPI at quarterly intervals. They may be provided at monthly intervals on a voluntary basis.</p>	<p>2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the OOH price index and the HPI at quarterly intervals. They may be provided at monthly intervals on a voluntary basis.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>3. Member States are not obliged to produce sub-indices at monthly or quarterly intervals where less frequent data collection fulfils the comparability requirements of Article 4. Member States shall inform the Commission (Eurostat) of the ECOICOP and OOH categories that they intend to collect at intervals less frequent than, respectively, monthly or quarterly.</p>	<p>3. Member States are not obliged to produce sub-indices at monthly or quarterly intervals where less frequent data collection fulfils the comparability requirements of Article 4. Member States shall inform the Commission (Eurostat) of the ECOICOP, the OOH price index and the HPI categories that they intend to collect at intervals less frequent than, respectively, monthly or</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>

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	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.	
4. Each year, Member States shall review and update sub-index weights for the harmonised indices. Uniform conditions for providing weights and metadata on the weights shall be established by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).	quarterly. 4. Each year, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with updated sub-index weights for the harmonised indices.	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
Article 7 - Deadlines, exchange standards and revisions	Article 7 - Deadlines, exchange standards and revisions	
1. Member States shall provide harmonised indices and all sub-indices to the Commission (Eurostat) no later than 20 calendar days after the end of the reference month for monthly series and 85 calendar days after the end of the reference quarter for quarterly series.	1. Member States shall provide harmonised indices and all sub-indices to the Commission (Eurostat) no later than 15 calendar days for the February to December indices and 20 calendar days for the January indices after the end of the [...] month for which indices are calculated [...] and 85 calendar days after the end of the [...] quarter for which indices are calculated [...] .	Paragraph modified as proposed in the 29/4 CWPS
	1(a) Member States shall provide the updated weights for the monthly indices each year no	Paragraph modified as proposed in the

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>later than [...] 13 February. The weights for the quarterly indices shall be provided each year no later than 15 June of the year following the year the weights take effect.</p>	29/4 CWPS
	<p>1(b) <u>The Member States in the euro area shall provide a rapid estimate of the HICP not later than the penultimate day [...]</u> of the month to which it refers.</p>	<p>According to the discussion during the 29/4 CWPS and written comments from the Member States there are two more alternatives:</p> <p><u>Alternative 1:</u> – the last day of the month;</p> <p><u>Alternative 2:</u> – three calendar days before the end of the month.</p>
<p>2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the data and metadata required by this Regulation in accordance with data and metadata exchange standards.</p>	<p>2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with the data and metadata required by this Regulation in accordance with data and metadata exchange standards.</p>	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.
<p>3. Sub-indices of harmonised indices that have already been published may be revised.</p>	<p>3. Harmonised indices and their sub-indices [...] that have already been published may be revised.</p>	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.

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<p>4. The establishment of an annual calendar for submitting harmonised indices and sub-indices referred to in paragraph 1, the data and metadata exchange standards referred to in paragraph 2, and the uniform conditions for revision as referred to in paragraph 3 shall be specified in detail by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>4. [...] The data and metadata exchange standards referred to in paragraph 2, and the uniform conditions for revision as referred to in paragraph 3 shall be specified in detail by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
	<p>Article ... - Dissemination</p>	
	<p>(..) The Commission (Eurostat) shall disseminate harmonised indices and their sub-indices, unless Member State has <u>put restriction on publication.</u> [...]</p>	<p>According to the discussion during the 29/4 CWPS the Presidency proposes to use general wording for publication restrictions.</p>
<p>Article 8 - Pilot studies</p>	<p>Article 8 - Pilot studies</p>	
<p>1. Whenever improved basic information is required for the compilation of harmonised indices, or when the need for improved comparability of indices is identified in the</p>	<p>1. Whenever improved basic information is required for the compilation of the harmonised indices, or when the need for improved comparability of indices is identified in the</p>	<p>According to the discussion during the 29/4 CWPS the Presidency proposes to add additional wording which has been agreed with the CLS on possible financial</p>

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<p>methods referred to in Article 4(2), the Commission (Eurostat) may launch pilot studies to be carried out on a voluntary basis by the Member States.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>methods referred to in Article 4(4), the Commission (Eurostat) may launch pilot studies, which may be financed by the general budget of the Union, to be carried out on a voluntary basis by the Member States.</p>	<p>support for pilot studies.</p>
<p>2. The pilot studies shall assess the feasibility of obtaining improved basic information or adopting new methodological approaches.</p>	<p>2. The pilot studies shall assess the feasibility of obtaining improved basic information or adopting new methodological approaches.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>3. The results of the pilot studies shall be evaluated by the Commission (Eurostat) in close cooperation with the Member States and main users of harmonised indices, taking into account the benefits of having improved price information relative to the additional costs of collection and compilation.</p>	<p>3. The results of the pilot studies shall be evaluated by the Commission (Eurostat) in close cooperation with the Member States and main users of the harmonised indices, taking into account the benefits of having improved basic information or new methodological approaches relative to the additional costs of production of harmonised indices [...].</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>4. Based on the evaluation of the pilot studies, improved basic information or improved methods shall be introduced by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article</p>	<p>[...]</p>	<p>The Presidency proposes to delete the paragraph as Article 4(4) already includes provisions regarding implementing acts based on evaluation of pilot studies.</p>

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11(2).	Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.	
Article 9 - Quality assurance	Article 9 - Quality assurance	
1. Member States shall ensure the quality of the harmonised indices provided. For the purposes of this Regulation, the standard quality criteria set out in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 shall apply.	1. Member States shall ensure the quality of the harmonised indices provided. For the purposes of this Regulation, the standard quality criteria set out in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 shall apply.	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.
2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with:	2. Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with:	
(a) an annual standard quality report covering the quality criteria referred to in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009;	(a) an annual standard quality report covering the quality criteria referred to in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009;	Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.
(b) an annual inventory with details of data sources, definitions and methods used, including details of any divergences between the statistical methods used and those recommended in the methodological manual; and	(b) an [...] inventory updated annually with details of data sources, definitions and methods used, including details of any divergences between the statistical methods used and those recommended in the methodological manual; and	Paragraph modified as agreed in the 29/4 CWPS

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<p>(c) further related information at the level of detail necessary to evaluate compliance with the comparability requirements and the quality of the harmonised indices if requested by the Commission (Eurostat).</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>(c) further related information at the level of detail necessary to evaluate compliance with the comparability requirements and the quality of the harmonised indices if requested by the Commission (Eurostat).</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
<p>3. If a Member State intends to introduce a significant change in the production methods of the harmonised indices or part thereof, the Member State shall inform the Commission (Eurostat) at the latest three months before any such change would enter into force. The Member State shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with a quantification of the impact of the change.</p>	<p>3. If a Member State intends to introduce a significant change in the production methods of the harmonised indices or part thereof, the Member State shall inform the Commission (Eurostat) at the latest three months before any such change would enter into force. The Member State shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with a quantification of the impact of the change.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
<p>4. Technical quality assurance requirements regarding the content of the standard annual quality report, the deadline for providing the report to the Commission (Eurostat) and the structure of the inventory shall be established by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 11(2).</p>	<p>4. Technical quality assurance requirements regarding the content of the annual standard quality report, the deadline for providing the report to the Commission (Eurostat) and the structure of the inventory and the deadline for providing the inventory to the Commission (Eurostat), shall be established by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>

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Article 10 - Exercise of the delegation	Article 10 - Exercise of the delegation	
1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.	1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.
	1(a) When exercising its powers delegated in Article 4(3), the Commission shall ensure that the delegated acts do not impose a significant additional burden on the Member States and on the respondents. In addition, the Commission shall duly justify the actions provided for in those delegated acts, conducting where appropriate cost-effectiveness analysis, including an assessment of the burden on respondents and of the production costs in accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. It is of particular importance that the Commission follows its usual practise and carries out consultations with experts, including Member	Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>States' experts, before adopting those delegated acts.</p>	
<p>2. The delegation of powers referred to in Articles 4(3) and 5(5) to (7) shall be conferred for an indeterminate period of time.</p>	<p>2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 4(3) [...] shall be conferred on the Commission for [...] a period of 5 years from [Publication office: please insert the exact date of the entry into force of the amending Regulation].</p> <p>The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power no later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension no later than three months before the end of each period.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>3. The delegation of powers referred to in Articles 4(3) and 5(5) to (7) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the</p>	<p>3. The delegation of powers referred to in Article 4(3) [...] may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>

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<p>publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of the delegated acts already in force.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of the delegated acts already in force.</p>	
<p>4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.</p>	<p>4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 4(4) and 5(5) to (7) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed by either the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.</p>	<p>5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 4(3) [...] shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed by either the European Parliament or the Council within a period of three months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by three months at the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
<p>Article 11 - Committee</p>	<p>Article 11 - Committee</p>	

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<p>1. The Commission shall be assisted by the European Statistical System Committee established by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. That Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.</p> <p>2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>1. The Commission shall be assisted by the European Statistical System Committee established by Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. That Committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.</p> <p>2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.</p> <p>3. Where the Committee delivers no opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and the third subparagraph of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p> <p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p> <p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p>
		<p>Text agreed in the 17/3 CWPS.</p> <p>According to the written comments it is proposed to add a new paragraph: <i>'Implementing measures to be adopted in this Regulation shall take the greatest account of cost effectiveness and on condition that no major additional resources are needed in a Member State.'</i></p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p>	<p>The Presidency considers that the standard wording of the Article on implementing acts always differs from the Article on delegated acts. Therefore the reference on cost effectiveness in case of implementing acts is usually mentioned in the recital.</p>
<p>Article 12 - Repeal</p> <p>1. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, Member States shall continue to provide harmonised indices in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 up to the transmissions of data referring to 2015.</p> <p>2. Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 is repealed with effect from 1 January 2016. References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as being made to this Regulation.</p>	<p>Article 12 - Repeal</p> <p>1. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, Member States shall continue to provide the harmonised indices in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 up to the transmissions of data referring to 2015.</p> <p>2. Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 is repealed with effect from 1 January 2016. References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as being made to this Regulation.</p> <p>3. Regulation (EC) No 1749/96, Regulation (EC) No 2214/96, Regulation (EC) No 1687/98, Regulation (EC) No 1688/98, Regulation (EC) No</p>	<p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p> <p>Text agreed in the 29/4 CWPS.</p>
		<p>In the paragraph the Presidency proposes to keep the wording as</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>2646/98, Regulation (EC) No 1617/1999, Regulation (EC) No 1749/1999, Regulation (EC) No 2166/1999, Regulation (EC) No 2601/2000, Regulation (EC) No 2602/2000, Regulation (EC) No 1920/2001, Regulation (EC) No 1921/2001, Regulation (EC) No 1708/2005, Regulation (EC) No 701/2006, Regulation (EC) No 1334/2007, Regulation (EC) No 330/2009, Regulation (EC) No 1114/2010, Regulation (EC) No 93/2013, Regulation (EC) No 119/2013 are repealed from the date of application of the implementing acts referred to in Articles 3 to 9. In case of conflict between any of the regulations referred previously and this regulation, this regulation shall prevail.</p>	proposed by the CLS.
<p>Article 13 - Entry into force</p>	<p>Article 13 - Entry into force</p>	
<p>This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p>It shall take effect for the first time to data referring to January 2016.</p>	<p>This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p>It shall take effect for the first time to data referring to January 2016.</p>	

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<p>This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.</p> <p>Done at Brussels, For the European Parliament For the Council The President The President</p>	<p>Changes to the Commission proposal are indicated in bold. Deleted text is marked with square brackets [...]. New modifications introduced compared to document 7893/15 are indicated as bold/underlined.</p> <p>This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.</p> <p>Done at Brussels, For the European Parliament For the Council The President The President</p>	