

Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 31 March 2004 on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods
between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91

[^{F1}Article 13

Quality

1 For the purposes of this Regulation, the following quality criteria shall apply to the statistics to be transmitted:

- a ‘relevance’, which refers to the degree to which statistics meet current and potential needs of the users;
- b ‘accuracy’, which refers to the closeness of estimates to the unknown true values;
- c ‘timeliness’, which refers to the period between the availability of the information and the event or phenomenon it describes;
- d ‘punctuality’, which refers to the delay between the date of release of the data and the target date (the date by which the data should have been delivered);
- e ‘accessibility’ and ‘clarity’, which refer to the conditions and modalities by which users can obtain, use and interpret data;
- f ‘comparability’, which refers to the measurement of the impact of differences in applied statistical concepts, measurement tools and procedures where statistics are compared between geographical areas, sectoral domains or over time;
- g ‘coherence’, which refers to the adequacy of the data to be reliably combined in different ways and for various uses.

2 Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with an annual report on the quality of the statistics transmitted.

3 In applying the quality criteria laid down in paragraph 1 to the statistics covered by this Regulation, the modalities and structure of the quality reports shall be defined in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in Article 14(2).

The Commission (Eurostat) shall assess the quality of the statistics transmitted.

[^{F24} The Commission shall adopt, by means of implementing acts, any measures necessary to ensure the quality of the statistics transmitted in accordance with the quality criteria, avoiding excessive costs for the national authorities.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EC\) No 222/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 638/2004 on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States.](#)
- F2** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) No 659/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 638/2004 on Community statistics relating to trading of goods between Member States as regards conferring delegated and implementing powers on the Commission for the adoption of certain measures, the communication of information by the customs](#)

Changes to legislation: There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

administration, the exchange of confidential data between Member States and the definition of statistical value.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Art. 13 revoked by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 2\(2\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Annex para. 1(a) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Annex para. 3(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- Annex para. 8 words omitted by virtue of [S.I. 2019/47, reg. 3\(2\)\(f\)](#) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2020/1624 reg. 8\(3\)](#)
- Annex para. 1(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex para. 2(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Annex para. 3(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 2(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(e) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 2(f) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(b\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 2(g) revoked by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Art. 6(b)(c) revoked by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(h\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(h\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(h\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(h\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(i\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 7(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(i\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(k\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(k\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(l\)](#)
- Art. 9(2)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/47 reg. 3\(1\)\(m\)](#)