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REGULATION (EEC) No 2259/71 OF THE COUNCIL

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on the organisation of a survey on wages and salaries in industry

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof;

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas, in order to carry out the tasks entrusted to it under the Treaty, in particular by Articles 2, 3, 117, 118, 120 and 122 thereof, the Commission must be kept informed of the position and trend of wages and salaries in the six countries of the Community as regards both labour costs and workers' incomes;

Whereas statistical information available in each of the six countries does not provide a valid basis for comparison and surveys must therefore be based on uniform definitions and made according to a uniform method;

Whereas the best method of ascertaining the level, composition and trends of labour costs and workers' incomes in industry is to carry out specific Community surveys, as was done from 1959 onwards in implementation of Council Regulations Nos 10,¹ 14,² 28,³ 151,⁴ 101/66/EEC⁵ and (EEC) No 1899/68⁶ on the basis of accounting data for the years 1959 to 1964, 1966 and 1969;

Whereas, since expenditure by undertakings on wages, salaries and related costs is subject to substantial change, it seems difficult for the results of surveys to be projected beyond a certain period of time; whereas it is consequently desirable to carry out a fresh survey on the basis of data for the year

1972, in order to bring up to date the results of the preceding survey based on data for the year 1969;

Whereas it is important to obtain, by means of a single uniform survey, a complete picture of labour costs and workers' incomes in industry as a whole; whereas it is therefore necessary, in view of the scope of the investigation, to carry it out by means of random sampling, so that it does not constitute too heavy a burden on undertakings and on the budget of the European Communities;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Within the framework of its periodical surveys on labour costs and workers' incomes, the Commission shall carry out in 1973 on the basis of accounting data for 1972, a survey on labour costs (manual and clerical workers) and on workers' incomes in industry.

Article 2

The survey shall include all establishments or undertakings in industry and, where appropriate, small craft industry. It shall cover the whole field of industrial activity, including the energy and water sectors, the building industry and civil engineering. The scope of the survey shall be restricted to Divisions 1 to 5 of the Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Communities (NACE). The statistical unit shall be the establishment or undertaking, whatever its legal form, employing not less than ten workers.

The survey shall be carried out by means of random sampling.

Article 3

Employers shall, in respect of their undertakings or establishments dependent thereon which are listed for

¹ OJ No 56, 31.8.1960, p. 1199/60.

² OJ No 55, 16.8.1961, p. 1054/61.

³ OJ No 41, 28.5.1962, p. 1277/62.

⁴ OJ No 133, 13.12.1962, p. 2841/62.

⁵ OJ No 134, 22.7.1966, p. 2540/66.

⁶ OJ No 289, 29.11.1968, p. 4.

random sampling, supply the information needed to determine labour costs (manual and clerical workers) and 'workers' incomes on the basis of the accounting data for the whole of the year 1972.

Article 4

The survey shall cover:

- (a) cost of wages and salaries, including bonuses and allowances, and all incidental expenditure, in particular employers' contributions to social security and supplementary schemes, and other social payments, including the cost of vocational training of workers;
- (b) the number of persons employed in the establishments or undertakings;
- (c) the number of hours put in by workers.

Article 5

Information shall be gathered by the statistical offices of the Member States by means of questionnaires drawn up by the Commission in co-operation with those offices.

The Commission shall, in co-operation with those offices, determine the detailed procedure for the survey, and in particular the plan for random sampling. Furthermore, it shall lay down in the same way the starting and closing dates of the survey, and the time limit for replying to the questionnaires.

Persons required to supply information shall reply to the questionnaires truthfully, fully, and within the time limit set.

Article 6

The statistical offices of Member States shall analyse the replies to the questionnaires. They shall forward to the Commission the overall results of the survey excluding individual items of information; the results shall be broken down by branch of industry, by region and by category of establishment or undertaking according to size.

Article 7

Individual items of information supplied for purposes of the survey shall be used for statistical purposes only. It shall be prohibited to use the information for taxation purposes or to communicate it to third parties.

Member States shall take appropriate measures to provide sanctions against any infringement of:

- (a) the obligation to supply the information referred to in Article 3;
- (b) the obligation, under the first paragraph of this Article, to maintain secrecy as regards information obtained.

Article 8

The expenditure incurred by Member States in connection with the survey shall be entered against appropriations provided for that purpose in the budget of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 October 1971.

For the Council

The President

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