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(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community[1], and in particular Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1)   There is a need for a comprehensive and comparable set of data on the transition from work to retirement in order to monitor progress towards the common objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and of the open method of coordination in the area of social protection and social inclusion. Both processes identify promotion of active ageing and prolongation of working life as priorities for action, in particular under guideline 7 of the Europe 2020 Integrated Guidelines ('Increasing labour market participation and reducing structural unemployment') and under the objective of adequate and sustainable pensions adopted by the European Council in March 2006 on the basis of the Commission communication 'Working together, working better: A new framework for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies in the European Union'.

(2)   Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress[2] supports the implementation of the European Employment Strategy. This programme financially supports the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in the fields of employment and social affairs from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013. In the field of pensions the programme provides for policy analysis, statistical information and advice.

(3)   Commission Regulation (EC) No 365/2008 of 23 April 2008 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, for the labour force sample survey provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98[3] includes an ad

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hoc module on transition from work to retirement. The list of variables for this module should be defined.

(4)   Reference should be made to Article 12(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009[4] on quality reporting and Commission Recommendation 2009/498/EC[5] on the report structure.

(5)   The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The detailed list of variables for the 2012 ad hoc module on transition from work to retirement to be added to the labour force sample survey shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, […]

For the Commission
The President

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[4]   OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 169.
[5]   OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 50.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY
Specifications of the 2012 ad hoc module on transition from work to retirement

1. Member States and regions concerned: all.

2. The variables will be coded as follows:

(The codes for the variables of the Labour Force Sample Survey in the column 'Filter' refer to Annex III to Commission Regulation (EC) No 377/2008 of 25 April 2008 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community as regards the codification to be used for data transmission from 2009 onwards, the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables and the definition of the reference quarters[6])

Name	Column	Code	Description	Filter
PENSION	197		**Person receives a pension**	Everybody aged 50-69 and (WSTATOR=1, 2 or (WSTATOR=3, 5 and (YEARPR-YEARBIR)>49))
		1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
PENSTYPE	198-205		**Type of pension(s)**	PENSION=1
PENSTYP1		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Statutory scheme	
PENSTYP2		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Occupational scheme	
PENSTYP3		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Personal scheme	
PENSTYP4		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Scheme unknown	
PENSTYP5		1: Yes; 0: No	Unemployment pension	
PENSTYP6		1: Yes; 0: No	Disability pension	
PENSTYP7		1: Yes; 0: No	Survivor's pension	
PENSTYP8		1: Yes; 0: No	Other pension(s) or type of pension unknown	
		99999999	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
EARLYRET	206		**Early retirement**	PENSTYP1=1 or PENSTYP2=1 or PENSTYP3=1 or PENSTYP4=1
		1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
AGEPENS	207-208		**Age at which person first received an old-age pension**	PENSTYP1=1 or PENSTYP2=1 or PENSTYP3=1 or PENSTYP4=1
			2 digits	
		99	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
REASNOT	209		**Main reason for not staying longer at work**	WSTATOR=3, 5 and SEEKWORK=3 and PENSION=1
		1	Favourable financial arrangements to leave	
		2	Lost job and/or could not find a job	
		3	Had reached the maximum retirement age	
		4	Had reached eligibility for a pension	
		5	Other job-related reasons	
		6	Own health or disability	

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[6]   OJ L 114, 26.4.2008, p. 57.

		7	Family or care-related reasons	
		8	Other	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
WORKLONG	210		**Wish to stay longer at work**	WSTATOR=3, 5 and SEEKWORK=3 and PENSION=1
		1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
REDUCHRS	211		**Person reduced working hours in a move towards full retirement**	(WSTATOR=1, 2 and aged 55-69) or (WSTATOR=3, 5 and SEEKWORK= 3 and PENSION=1)
		1	Yes, before receiving the first old-age pension	
		2	Yes, since or after receiving the first old-age pension	
		3	No	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
STAYWORK	212		**Main reason for staying at work**	WSTATOR=1, 2 and PENSION=1
		1	To establish or increase future retirement pension entitlements	
		2	To provide sufficient personal/household income	
		3	Combination of 1 and 2	
		4	Non-financial reasons, e.g. work satisfaction	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
PLANSTOP	213		**Plans to stop work**	WSTATOR=1, 2 and PENSION=1
		1	In up to 1 year	
		2	In more than 1 year up to 3 years	
		3	In more than 3 years up to 5 years	
		4	In more than 5 years up to 10 years	
		5	More than 10 years	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
BUILDPEN	214-217		**Pension rights built up so far**	PENSION=2, blank or (PENSTYP1 to PENSTYP4=0)
BUILDPEN1		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Statutory scheme	
BUILDPEN2		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Occupational scheme	
BUILDPEN3		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Personal scheme	
BUILDPEN4		1: Yes; 0: No	Old-age pension. Scheme unknown	
		9999	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
CONTWORK	218		**Expects to continue working/looking for a job after receiving old-age pension**	(WSTATOR=1, 2 or (WSTATOR=3, 5 and SEEKWORK=1, 2, 4)) and BUILDPEN≠0000, 9999 and PENSION=2, blank
		1	Yes, for financial reasons	
		2	Yes, for other reasons	
		3	No, stop immediately when receiving old-age pension	
		4	No, stop before receiving old-age pension	
		9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
		Blank	No answer or does not know	
	219-224		**Weighting factor for the 2012 ad hoc module (optional)**	Everybody aged 50-69 and (WSTATOR=1, 2 or (WSTATOR=3, 5 and (YEARPR-YEARBIR)>49))
		0000-9999	Columns 219-222 contain whole numbers	
		00-99	Columns 223-224 contain decimal places	

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