



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, EURATOM, ECSC)

ADJUSTING THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE RATES FOR OFFICIALS ON MISSION
WITHIN THE EUROPEAN TERRITORY OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 13 OF ANNEX VII TO THE STAFF REGULATIONS OF OFFICIALS
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND INTRODUCING AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT
PROCEDURE

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The last general revision of the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission within the European territory of the Member States of the European Union , has been decided by the Council the 22 July 1991 (Regulation No 2232/91).

Those allowances were based on surveys carried out in the first quarter of 1990.

The scales fixed then no longer reflect prevailing economic conditions and this, compounded by the accession of three new Member States, means that the daily subsistence allowance rates and the ceilings for the reimbursement of hotel expenses for missions within the Member States urgently need revision.

The attached proposal for a Regulation updates the rates on the basis of the consumer price indices in the hotel and catering sector supplied by Eurostat and the exchange rates applied between 1990 and 1995.

However, applying this method of calculation to the entire period would have produced a different scale from the one used by Parliament, partly because Parliament has made an annual adjustment based on the values for the previous year and partly because column II of the scale is applied in Parliament to all grades other than A1 to A3 for missions to the seats of the Community institutions.

The attached proposal for a Regulation consequently takes as its point of departure Parliament's scale for 1996.

Moreover, the Staff Regulations make no provision for the regular updating of rates; this would make the allowances more realistic as they would better reflect the costs incurred by staff on mission. The Commission is therefore proposing to introduce a system for the regular adjustment of the scales on the basis of trends in price indices in the hotel and catering sector as published by Eurostat and the exchange rates used for implementation of the general budget of the Communities. This adjustment would be made annually by the Commission, which would then inform the other institutions.

1996 Daily subsistence allowances

	1991 Staff Reg. amounts BFR				Exchange rate to BFR Oct-90	1991 Staff Reg. amounts National currencies				Hotel and catering CPI Oct90- Nov95	1996 indexed amounts National currencies				Exchange rate to BFR Nov-95	1996 indexed amounts BFR			
	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades			A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades			A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades			A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades	
	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel		Daily allowanc e not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel	Daily allowanc e not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel		Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel		Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel
B	2635	3670	4690	4340	1	2635	3670	4690	4340	23.9%	3264,8	4547,1	5810,9	5377,3	1	3265	4547	5811	5377
DK	3130	5055	6120	5660	5,3912	580,576	937,64	1135,2	1049,9	12,4%	652,6	1053,9	1275,9	1180,0	5,3034	3461	5589	6767	6258
D	2465	3225	4225	3910	20,599	119,666	156,56	205,11	189,82	18,2%	141,45	185,06	242,44	224,36	20,565	2909	3806	4986	4614
GR	1680	2535	2880	2665	0,20915	8032,51	12120	13770	12742	112,7%	17085	25780	29289	27102	0,12481	2132	3218	3656	3383
E	2550	4685	5230	4840	0,32874	7756,89	14251	15909	14723	32,4%	10270	18869	21064	19493	0,23713	2435	4474	4995	4622
F	2395	3210	4300	3980	6,1532	389,228	521,68	698,82	646,82	18,0%	459,29	615,58	824,61	763,25	5,9219	2720	3645	4883	4520
IRL	2565	4415	5235	4840	55,287	46,3943	79,856	94,688	87,543	24,0%	57,529	99,021	117,41	108,55	46,801	2692	4634	5495	5080
I	2610	4945	5615	5195	0,027517	94850	179707	204056	188792	34,3%	127384	241347	274047	253548	0,018132	2310	4376	4969	4597
L	2535	3305	4435	4100	1	2535	3305	4435	4100	25,6%	3184	4151,1	5570,4	5149,6	1	3184	4151	5570	5150
NL	2625	4420	4955	4585	18,269	143,686	241,94	271,22	250,97	15,7%	166,24	279,92	313,81	290,37	18,351	3051	5137	5759	5329
A	2333	4029	3817	3817	2,9281	796,762	1376	1303,6	1303,6	22,4%	975,24	1684,2	1595,6	1595,6	2,9221	2850	4921	4662	4662
P	2000	3625	4150	3840	0,23150	8639,31	15659	17927	16587	51,1%	13054	23660	27087	25064	0,19490	2544	4611	5279	4885
FIN	4029	6150	6786	6786	8,6851	463,898	708,11	781,34	781,34	12,8%	523,28	798,75	881,35	881,35	6,8197	3569	5447	6011	6011
S	4029	6150	6786	6786	5,5939	720,249	1099,4	1213,1	1213,1	7,1%	771,39	1177,5	1299,2	1299,2	4,3761	3376	5153	5686	5686
UK	2510	4305	5755	5325	60,433	41,5336	71,236	95,229	88,114	33,3%	55,364	94,957	126,94	117,46	45,642	2527	4334	5794	5361

Calculation of 1991 amounts: A, FIN, S
BFR

	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades	
	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel
INSIDE EU	BF			
A	2333	4029	3817	3817
FIN	4029	6150	6786	6786
S	4029	6150	6786	6786
INSIDE EU	ECU			
Exchange rate	Oct-90	1 ecu = 42,4108		
A	55	95	90	90
FIN	95	145	160	160
S	95	145	160	160
x 2				
OUTSIDE EU	ECU			
1991 Comm. Reg. amounts				
Ceiling hotel allowances not incl. hotel				
ECU	all grades	A1-A3	other grades	
A	95	55	45	
FIN	145	95	80	
S	145	95	80	

	1995 EP amounts BFR				BASE amounts BFR				Proposed 1996 amounts BFR				
	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades		A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades		A1 to A3		A4 to A8 Other A1 to A3 and B grades		
	Daily allowan ce not incl. hotel	Daily allowan ce incl. hotel											
B	3215	4477	5722	5295	3215	4477	5722	5295	B	3265	4547	5811	5377
DK	3368	5439	6584	6089	3368	5439	6584	6089	DK	3461	5589	6767	6258
D	2953	3863	5061	4684	2953	3863	5061	4684	D	2953	3863	5061	4684
GR	2179	3288	3735	3456	2179	3288	3735	3456	GR	2179	3288	3735	3456
E	2743	5040	5627	5207	2743	5040	5627	5207	E	2743	5040	5627	5207
F	2717	3642	4878	4515	2717	3642	4878	4515	F	2720	3645	4883	4520
IRL	2772	4772	5657	5230	2772	4772	5657	5230	IRL	2772	4772	5657	5230
I	2819	5340	6064	5610	2819	5340	6064	5610	I	2819	5340	6064	5610
L	3055	3983	5344	4941	3055	3983	5344	4941	L	3184	4151	5570	5150
NL	3071	5171	5797	5365	3071	5171	5797	5365	NL	3071	5171	5797	5365
A	2333	4029	3817	3817	2333	4029	3817	3817	A	2850	4921	4662	4662
P	2530	4586	5250	4858	2530	4586	5250	4858	P	2544	4611	5279	4885
FIN	4029	6150	6786	6786	4029	6150	6786	6786	FIN	4029	6150	6786	6786
S	4029	6150	6786	6786	4029	6150	6786	6786	S	4029	6150	6786	6786
UK	2776	4762	6366	5890	2776	4762	6366	5890	UK	2776	4762	6366	5890

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Where the mission is to one of the seats of the institutions, the column "A1 to A3 and B" also applies to the other grades

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Financial statement

1. Difference between current and proposed allowances

	Number of allowances per year	Difference per allowance BFR	Total difference per year million BFR
Belgium	18 457,00	1 121,00	20,70
Denmark	2 430,00	647,00	1,60
Germany	15 561,00	836,00	13,00
Greece	9 103,00	855,00	7,80
Spain	8 258,00	397,00	3,30
France	26 042,00	583,00	15,20
Ireland	2 761,00	422,00	1,20
Italy	14 518,00	449,00	6,50
Luxembourg	7 081,00	1 135,00	8,00
Netherlands	4 332,00	842,00	3,60
Austria	2 542,00	1 131,00	2,90
Portugal	4 373,00	1 129,00	4,90
Finland	1 851,00	509,00	0,90
Sweden	2 237,00	509,00	1,10
United Kingdom	14 186,00	611,00	8,70
		Total million BFR	99,4

Exchange rate at 1.5.96 1 ECU = 39,2289

Total million ECU 2,53

2. Budget items concerned: A-1300(96%); A-1040(4%)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities laid down by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68,¹ as last amended by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2963/95,² and in particular Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations and Articles 22 and 67 of the Conditions of Employment,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission after consulting the Staff Regulations Committee,³

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,⁴

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Justice,⁵

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors,⁶

¹ OJ L 56, 4.3.1969, p.1.

² OJ L 310, 22.12.1995, p.1.

³ Avis n° 158/96 du 3/6/96

⁴ OJ

⁵ OJ

⁶ OJ

Whereas the rates of daily subsistence allowance for officials on mission should be adjusted in order to take account of the increased costs recorded since 1991 in the different places of employment in the Member States;

Whereas, in the case of missions to the seats of the Community institutions, the European Parliament's practice of applying the same rates for officials in all grades, except grades A1, A2 and A3, should be emulated;

Whereas daily allowance rates should be fixed for missions to Austria, Finland and Sweden;

Whereas, in the interests of equal treatment, the scale of rates should be aligned on those already applied by the European Parliament;

Whereas a procedure should be introduced for the regular adjustment of daily subsistence allowance rates for missions to take account of changes in prices and exchange rates,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

1. The scale in paragraph 1(a) is replaced by the following:

(in BFR)

Member States	I	II	III
	Grades A1 to A3 and LA3	Grades A4 to A8, LA4 to LA8 and category B	Other grades
Belgium	3265	5811	5377
Denmark	3461	6767	6258
Germany	2953	5061	4684
Greece	2179	3735	3456
Spain	2743	5627	5207
France	2720	4883	4520
Ireland	2772	5657	5230
Italy	2819	6064	5610
Luxembourg	3184	5570	5150
Netherlands	3071	5797	5365
Austria	2850	4662	4662
Portugal	2544	5279	4885
Finland	4029	6786	6786
Sweden	4029	6786	6786
United Kingdom	2776	6366	5890

2. The following subparagraph (c) is added to paragraph 1:

"In the case of missions to one of the seats of the institutions, Column II of the foregoing scale shall apply to categories C and D".

3. The first sentence of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"In addition to the rates set out in Column I of the foregoing scale, the hotel bill covering room, service and taxes, but excluding breakfast, shall be reimbursed up to a maximum of

Belgian francs	4547	for	Belgium
Belgian francs	5589	for	Denmark
Belgian francs	3863	for	Germany
Belgian francs	3288	for	Greece
Belgian francs	5040	for	Spain
Belgian francs	3645	for	France
Belgian francs	4772	for	Ireland
Belgian francs	5340	for	Italy
Belgian francs	4151	for	Luxembourg
Belgian francs	5171	for	the Netherlands
Belgian francs	4921	for	Austria
Belgian francs	4611	for	Portugal
Belgian francs	6150	for	Finland
Belgian francs	6150	for	Sweden
Belgian francs	4762	for	the United Kingdom".

4. The following subparagraph is added to paragraph 9:

"The rates set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be adjusted by the Commission by 31 March each year on the basis of the hotel and catering price indices published by Eurostat in November of the preceding year and the relevant exchange rates. It shall notify the other institutions accordingly. The decision shall take effect on the first day of the month following its adoption."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels

**For the Council
The President**

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