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I

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REGULATIONS

REGULATION (EC) No 1165/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 19 November 2008

concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Community surveys to produce statistics on the structure of agricultural holdings up to 2007.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 285(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Directive 93/23/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on pig production ⁽²⁾, Council Directive 93/24/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on bovine animal production ⁽³⁾ and Council Directive 93/25/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks ⁽⁴⁾ have been amended several times. Further amendments and simplifications now being necessary, these acts should, for reasons of clarity, be replaced by one single act.
- (2) In order to ensure that the common agricultural policy is properly administered, particularly where the beef, veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat, goatmeat and poultrymeat markets are concerned, the Commission requires regular data on trends in livestock and meat production.
- (3) Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings ⁽⁵⁾ provides for a programme of

- (4) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) ⁽⁶⁾, all Member States' statistics transmitted to the Commission which are broken down by territorial units are to use the NUTS classification. Consequently, in order to establish comparable regional statistics, the territorial units should be defined in accordance with the NUTS classification.
- (5) In order to limit the burden on Member States, regional data requirements should not exceed the requirements established by previous legislation (unless new regional levels have come into existence in the meantime) and regional data should be optional when regional livestock numbers are below certain thresholds.
- (6) In order to facilitate implementation of this Regulation, close cooperation is necessary between Member States and the Commission and this may be achieved in particular with the assistance of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics set up by Council Decision 72/279/EEC ⁽⁷⁾.
- (7) In order to ensure a smooth transition from the regime applicable under Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC, this Regulation should allow for the granting of a derogation for a period of up to one year and, in the case of sheep and goats, up to two years, to Member States where application of this Regulation to their national statistical

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 20 May 2008 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 27 October 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 149, 21.6.1993, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 149, 21.6.1993, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 149, 21.6.1993, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 56, 2.3.1988, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 179, 7.8.1972, p. 1.

systems would require major adaptations and would be likely to cause significant practical problems.

(c) production forecasts of beef, veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat.

(8) The measures for the production of statistics provided for in this Regulation are necessary for carrying out the activities of the Community. Since the objective of this Regulation, namely the establishment of a common legal framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on livestock and meat in Member States, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary to achieve that objective.

(9) In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community statistics ⁽¹⁾, which constitutes the reference framework for the provisions of this Regulation, it is necessary for the collection of statistics to conform to the principles of impartiality, meaning in particular objectivity and scientific independence, as well as transparency, reliability, relevance, cost-effectiveness and statistical confidentiality.

(10) The measures necessary for implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽²⁾.

(11) In particular, the Commission should be empowered to amend Annexes I, II, IV and V. Since such measures are of general scope and are designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation, *inter alia*, by supplementing it with new non-essential elements, they must be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(12) Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC should therefore be repealed.

(13) The Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics has been consulted,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Subject matter

The purpose of this Regulation is to establish a common legal framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on livestock and meat production in Member States, in particular:

- (a) statistics on bovine, pig, sheep and goat livestock;
- (b) slaughtering statistics on bovine animals, pigs, sheep, goats and poultry; and

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

1. 'agricultural holding' means an agricultural holding as defined in Article 2(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods ⁽³⁾;
2. 'sample survey' means a sample survey as defined in Article 2(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008;
3. the term 'bovine animal' means domestic animals of the species *Bos taurus* and *Bubalus bubalis*, including hybrids like Beefalo;
4. the term 'pig' means domestic animals of the species *Sus scrofa domestica*;
5. the term 'sheep' means domestic animals of the species *Ovis aries*;
6. the term 'goat' means domestic animals of the subspecies *Capra aegagrus hircus*;
7. the term 'poultry' means domestic birds of the species *Gallus gallus* (chickens), *Meleagris* spp. (turkeys), *Anas* spp. and *Cairina moschata* (ducks) and *Anser anser* dom. (geese). Domestic birds of the species *Coturnix* spp. (quails), *Phasianus* spp. (pheasants), *Numida meleagris* dom. (guinea-fowl), *Columbinae* spp. (pigeons), and *Struthio camelus* (ostriches) are included. It excludes, however, birds raised in confinement for hunting purposes and not for meat production;
8. the term 'slaughterhouse' means an officially registered and approved establishment used for slaughtering and dressing animals whose meat is intended for human consumption.

Other definitions for the purposes of the present Regulation are set out in Annex I.

SECTION I

LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

Article 3

Coverage

1. Each Member State shall produce statistics on the number of bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats held on agricultural holdings within its territory.

⁽³⁾ See page 14 of this Official Journal.

2. Member States conducting sample surveys shall cover sufficient agricultural holdings to account for at least 95 % of the entire population, as determined by the last survey on the structure of agricultural holdings.

Article 4

Frequency and reference period

1. The bovine livestock statistics shall be produced twice a year, with reference to a given day in May/June and a given day in November/December. Those Member States whose bovine-animal populations are below 1 500 000 head may produce these statistics only once a year, with reference to a given day in November/December.

2. The pig livestock statistics shall be produced twice a year, with reference to a given day in May/June and a given day in November/December. Those Member States whose pig populations are below 3 000 000 head may produce these statistics only once a year, with reference to a given day in November/December.

3. The sheep livestock statistics shall be produced once a year, with reference to a given day in November/December, by those Member States whose sheep populations are 500 000 head or above.

4. The goat livestock statistics shall be produced once a year, with reference to a given day in November/December, by those Member States whose goat populations are 500 000 head or above.

Article 5

Categories

The livestock statistics shall be produced for the categories set out in Annex II.

Article 6

Precision

1. Member States conducting sample surveys shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the extrapolated national survey results meet the precision requirements set out in Annex III.

2. A Member State which decides to use an administrative source shall inform the Commission in advance and shall provide details concerning the method to be used and the quality of the data from that administrative source.

3. A Member State which decides to use sources other than surveys shall ensure that information obtained from such sources is of at least equal quality to information obtained from statistical surveys.

Article 7

Transmission deadlines

1. Member States shall transmit to the Commission the provisional livestock statistics before:

- (a) 15 September of the same year for the May/June statistics;
- (b) 15 February of the following year for the November/December statistics.

2. Member States shall transmit to the Commission the definitive livestock statistics before:

- (a) 15 October of the same year for the May/June statistics;
- (b) 15 May of the following year for the November/December statistics.

Article 8

Regional statistics

The November/December statistics shall be broken down by NUTS 1 and NUTS 2 territorial units as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003. By way of exception they may be provided only by NUTS 1 territorial units for Germany and the United Kingdom. They are optional for territorial units having fewer than 75 000 bovine animals, 150 000 pigs, 100 000 sheep and 25 000 goats if these territorial units together constitute 5 % or less of the national population of the relevant animals.

SECTION II

SLAUGHTERING STATISTICS

Article 9

Coverage

Each Member State shall produce statistics relating to the number and carcass weight of bovine animals, pigs, sheep, goats and poultry slaughtered in slaughterhouses on its territory, whose meat is deemed fit for human consumption. It shall also supply estimates of the extent of slaughtering carried out other than in slaughterhouses, so that the statistics include all bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats slaughtered on its territory.

Article 10

Frequency and reference period

1. The statistics on slaughtering in slaughterhouses shall be produced monthly by each Member State. The reference period shall be the calendar month.

2. The statistics on slaughtering carried out other than in slaughterhouses shall be produced annually by each Member State. The reference period shall be the calendar year.

Article 11

Categories

The statistics on slaughtering shall be produced for the categories set out in Annex IV.

Article 12

Transmission deadlines

Member States shall transmit to the Commission the statistics:

- (a) on slaughtering in slaughterhouses within 60 days following the reference period;
- (b) on slaughtering carried out other than in slaughterhouses before 30 June of the following year.

SECTION III

MEAT PRODUCTION FORECASTS

Article 13

Coverage

Member States shall use the statistics mentioned in Sections I and II, and other available information, to produce forecasts of their supply of bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats. This supply shall be expressed as the gross indigenous production, which corresponds to the number of bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats slaughtered plus the balance of intra-Community and external trade in these live animals

Article 14

Frequency and reference period

1. The forecasts for bovine animals shall be produced twice a year by each Member State. Member States whose bovine-animal populations are below 1 500 000 head may produce these forecasts only once a year.
2. The forecasts for pigs shall be produced twice a year by each Member State. Member States whose pig populations are below 3 000 000 head may produce these forecasts only once a year.
3. The forecasts for sheep shall be produced once a year by Member States whose sheep populations are 500 000 head or above.
4. The forecasts for goats shall be produced once a year by Member States whose goat populations are 500 000 head or above.

5. The forecasts shall cover:

- (a) three semesters for bovine animals and four quarters for pigs for Member States that produce forecasts twice a year;
- (b) four semesters for bovine animals and six quarters for pigs for Member States that produce forecasts once a year;
- (c) two semesters for sheep and goats.

Article 15

Categories

The forecasts shall be produced for the categories set out in Annex V.

Article 16

Transmission deadlines

Member States shall transmit to the Commission the meat production forecasts:

- (a) before 15 February for forecasts for bovine animals from the beginning of the first semester of the current year to the end of the first semester of the following year, and before 15 September for forecasts from the beginning of the second semester of the current year to the end of the second semester of the following year for Member States that produce forecasts twice a year;
- (b) before 15 February for forecasts for bovine animals from the beginning of the first semester of the current year to the end of the second semester of the following year for Member States that produce forecasts once a year;
- (c) before 15 February for forecasts for pigs from the beginning of the first quarter to the end of the fourth quarter of the current year, and before 15 September for forecasts from the beginning of the third quarter of the current year to the end of the second quarter of the following year for Member States that produce forecasts twice a year;
- (d) before 15 February for forecasts for pigs from the beginning of the first quarter of the current year to the end of the second quarter of the following year for Member States that produce forecasts once a year;
- (e) before 15 February for forecasts for sheep and goats from the beginning of the first semester of the current year to the end of the second semester of the current year.

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 17

Quality assessment and reports

1. For the purposes of this Regulation, the following quality assessment dimensions shall apply to the data to be transmitted:

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

2. Every three years, and for the first time by 1 July 2011, Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with a report on the quality of the data transmitted.

3. The quality reports shall describe:

- (a) the organisation of the surveys covered by this Regulation and the methodology applied;
- (b) the level of precision achieved for the sample surveys referred to in this Regulation;
- (c) the quality of sources other than surveys which are used; and
- (d) the quality of the forecasts referred to in this Regulation.

4. Member States shall inform the Commission of any methodological or other change which would have a considerable effect on the statistics. This shall be done not later than three months after such change enters into force.

5. The principle that additional costs and burdens remain within reasonable limits shall be taken into account.

Article 18

Implementing measures

1. The measures designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation, *inter alia*, by supplementing it, and which relate to modifications of Annexes I, II, IV and V, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 19(2).

2. The principle that the benefits of modifications must outweigh their costs, and the principle that additional costs and burdens remain within reasonable limits shall be taken into account.

Article 19

Committee procedure

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5a(1) to (4) and Article 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

Article 20

Derogation

1. Where the application of this Regulation to the national statistical system of a Member State necessitates major adaptations and is likely to cause significant practical problems, the Commission may grant a derogation from its application until 1 January 2010 or, in the case of statistics on sheep and goats, until 1 January 2011.

2. Such Member States shall inform the Commission thereof not later than 21 March 2009.

Article 21

Repeal

1. Without prejudice to paragraph 3 of this Article, Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC shall be repealed.

2. References to the repealed directives shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

Article 22

3. By way of derogation from Article 22(2), a Member State having been granted a derogation in accordance with Article 20 shall continue to apply the provisions of Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC for the duration of the derogation period.

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2009.

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

Done at Strasbourg, 19 November 2008.

For the European Parliament

For the Council

The President

The President

H.-G. PÖTTERING

J.-P. JOUYET

ANNEX I

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **categories of bovine animals**

	Annex II	Annexes IV and V
Calves		Bovine animals aged 8 months or under
Young cattle		Bovine animals aged over 8 but not over 12 months
Calves and young cattle for slaughter	Calves and young cattle aged not over 12 months old for slaughter	
Bulls		Non-castrated male bovine animals not included under calves and young cattle
Bullocks		Castrated male bovine animals not included under calves and young cattle
Heifers	Female bovine animals that have not yet calved and which are not included under calves and young cattle	Female bovine animals that have not yet calved and which are not included under calves and young cattle
Heifers for slaughter	Heifers raised for meat production	
Other heifers	Heifers raised for breeding and intended to replace dairy or other cows	
Cows	Female bovine animals that have calved (including any aged under two years)	Female bovine animals that have calved
Dairy cows	Cows kept exclusively or principally for the production of milk for human consumption and/or for processing into dairy products, including cull cows for slaughter (whether fattened or not between last lactation and slaughter)	
Other cows	Cows other than dairy cows, possibly including any draught cows	

2. **categories of sheep**

Ewes and ewe lambs put to the ram: females of the ovine species which have already lambed at least once as well as those which have been put to the ram for the first time.

Milk ewes: ewes kept exclusively or principally for the production of milk for human consumption and/or for processing into dairy products, including cast milk sheep (whether fattened or not between last lactation and slaughter).

Other ewes: ewes other than milk ewes.

Lambs: male or female sheep under 12 months old.

3. **the term 'carcass'**
- (a) for bovine animals means the whole body of a slaughtered animal as presented after bleeding, evisceration and skinning, presented without the head (separated from the carcass at the atloido-occipital joint); without the feet (severed at the carpametacarpal or tarsometatarsal joints); without the organs contained in the thoracic and abdominal cavities with or without the kidneys, the kidney fat and the pelvic fat; and without the sexual organs and the attached muscles and without the udder or the mammary fat;
 - (b) for pigs means the body of a slaughtered pig, bled and eviscerated, whole or divided down the mid-line, without tongue, bristles, hooves, sexual organs, flare fat, kidneys and diaphragm;
 - (c) for sheep and goats means the whole body of a slaughtered animal as presented after bleeding, evisceration and skinning, presented without the head (separated at the atloido-occipital joint); without the feet (severed at the carpametacarpal or tarsometatarsal joints); without the tail (severed between the sixth and seventh caudal vertebrae); without the organs contained in the thoracic and abdominal cavities (except the kidneys and kidney fat); and without the udder and sexual organs; the kidneys and kidney fat are part of the carcass;
 - (d) for poultry means the animal plucked and drawn, without head and feet and without neck, heart, liver and gizzard, known as '65 % chicken', or otherwise presented.
4. The term 'carcass weight' means the weight of the cold carcass which, for pigs, notably, is obtained by subtracting 2 % from the weight recorded warm 45 minutes, at the latest, after the pig is bled, and which for cattle is obtained by subtracting 2 % from the weight recorded warm 60 minutes, at the latest, after the animal is bled.
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ANNEX II

CATEGORIES OF LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

Bovine animals

- bovine animals aged not over 1 year:
 - calves and young cattle for slaughter
 - other:
 - male
 - female
- bovine animals aged over 1 year but under 2 years (except females that have calved):
 - male
 - female (heifers; animals that have not yet calved):
 - animals for slaughter
 - other
- bovine animals of 2 years and over:
 - male
 - female:
 - heifers:
 - heifers for slaughter
 - other
 - cows (bovine animals that have calved, including those that are under 2 years old):
 - dairy cows
 - other
- buffaloes:
 - female breeding buffaloes
 - other buffaloes

Pigs

- piglets with a live weight of less than 20 kg
- pigs with a live weight of 20 kg or more but less than 50 kg
- fattening pigs, including cull boars and cull sows with a live weight:
 - of 50 kg or more but less than 80 kg
 - of 80 kg or more but less than 110 kg
 - of 110 kg or more
- breeding pigs with a live weight of 50 kg and over:
 - boars
 - covered sows, of which:
 - sows covered for the first time

- other sows, of which:
 - gilts not yet covered

Sheep

- ewes and ewe lambs put to the ram:
 - milk ewes and milk ewe lambs put to the ram
 - other ewes and ewe lambs put to the ram
- other sheep

Goats

- goats which have already kidded and goats which have been mated:
 - goats which have already kidded
 - goats mated for the first time
 - other goats
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ANNEX III

PRECISION REQUIREMENTS

In the case of livestock surveys, the sampling errors for the results of each Member State shall not exceed (with a confidence interval of 68 %):

- (a) 1 % of the total number of bovine animals (5 % where the bovine-animal population is below 1 000 000 head);
 - (b) 1,5 % of the total number of cows (5 % where the cow population is below 500 000 head);
 - (c) 2 % of the total number of pigs (5 % where the pig population is below 1 000 000 head); and
 - (d) 2 % of the total number of sheep and of goats (5 % where the sheep and the goat population is below 1 000 000 head).
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ANNEX IV

CATEGORIES OF SLAUGHTERING STATISTICS**Bovine animals**

- calves
- young cattle
- heifers
- cows
- bulls
- bullocks

Pigs

No breakdown

Sheep

- lambs
- others

Goats

No breakdown

Poultry

- chickens
 - turkeys
 - ducks
 - others
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ANNEX V

CATEGORIES OF MEAT PRODUCTION FORECASTS**Bovine animals**

- calves and young cattle
- heifers
- cows
- bulls and bullocks

Pigs

No breakdown

Sheep

No breakdown

Goats

No breakdown

**REGULATION (EC) No 1166/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 19 November 2008**

**on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council
Regulation (EEC) No 571/88**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 285(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings ⁽²⁾ provides for a programme of Community surveys to provide statistics on the structure of agricultural holdings up to 2007.
- (2) The programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, carried out on a Community basis since 1966/67, should be continued in order to examine trends at Community level. In the interests of clarity, Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 should be replaced by this Regulation.
- (3) For the purposes of updating the basic registers of agricultural holdings and the other information required for the stratification of sample surveys, a census of agricultural holdings in the Community is necessary at least every ten years. The last census prior to the adoption of this Regulation took place in 1999/2000.
- (4) There is a need to collect data on the implementation of measures associated with rural development, as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) ⁽³⁾.
- (5) In its conclusions of 19 December 2006 on agri-environmental indicators, the Council recognised the need for comparable data on agricultural activities, at the appropriate geographical level, and covering the whole Community. The Council asked the Commission to undertake the measures set out in the Commission Communication of 15 September 2006 ⁽⁴⁾ which include the production of statistical data, particularly regarding farm management practices and the use of farm inputs.

(6) There is a lack of statistical information on the different agricultural production methods at the level of individual holdings. Therefore there is a need for improvements to the collection of information on agricultural production methods linked to structural information on agricultural holdings, to provide additional statistics for the development of agri-environmental policy and to improve the quality of agri-environmental indicators.

(7) Comparable statistics from all Member States on the structure of agricultural holdings are important in determining the development of agricultural policy in the Community. Therefore standard classifications and common definitions should be used insofar as possible for survey characteristics.

(8) The implementation of the farm structure survey in 2010 and the decennial population census in 2011 would place a heavy burden on the statistical resources of Member States if the periods of fieldwork for these two major surveys overlapped. A derogation should therefore be provided for in order to enable Member States to implement the farm structure survey in 2009.

(9) Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics ⁽⁵⁾ constitutes the reference framework for the provisions of this Regulation in particular as regards conformity to standards of impartiality, reliability, relevance, cost-effectiveness, statistical confidentiality and transparency. Council Regulation (Euratom, EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities ⁽⁶⁾ constitutes a reference framework for the transmission and protection of confidential statistical data provided for under this Regulation, in order to ensure that no unlawful disclosure and non-statistical use take place when Community statistics are produced and disseminated.

(10) The use of the agricultural holding's location by the Commission should be limited to statistical analyses and should exclude drawing samples and carrying out surveys. The necessary protection of confidentiality of data should be ensured, among other means, by limiting the precision

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 21 May 2008 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 20 October 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 56, 2.3.1988, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ Entitled 'Development of agri-environmental indicators for monitoring the integration of environmental concerns into the common agricultural policy'.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 151, 15.6.1990, p. 1.

of the location parameters and by appropriate aggregation when publishing statistics.

- (11) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 ⁽¹⁾ established the statistical classification of economic activities in the Community.
- (12) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) ⁽²⁾, territorial units should be defined in accordance with the NUTS classification.
- (13) In order to reduce the burden of data collection for respondents and Member States insofar as possible, the possibility of using sample surveys and administrative sources should be provided for.
- (14) In order to carry out the surveys, considerable funding will be required from both the Member States and the Commission over a number of years, a large proportion of which will be used to meet the requirements of the Community.
- (15) It is recognised that the requirements of the satellite recognition and identification of agricultural holdings present significant methodological and technical difficulties in many Member States.
- (16) Provision should therefore be made for a Community subsidy to assist this programme of surveys through the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund under Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽³⁾.
- (17) This Regulation establishes a financial envelope for the entire duration of the programme which constitutes the prime reference for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure, within the meaning of point 37 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management ⁽⁴⁾.
- (18) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely the systematic production of Community statistics on the structure of agricultural holdings and on agricultural production methods, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore, by reason of the scale and effects of this Regulation, be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of
- proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.
- (19) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽⁵⁾.
- (20) In particular, the Commission should be empowered to define the coefficients for the livestock units, to define the characteristics and to adapt the Annexes to this Regulation. Since those measures are of general scope and are designed to amend non-essential elements of this Regulation, by supplementing it with new non-essential elements, they must be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 5(a) of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (21) The Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics set up by Council Decision 72/279/EEC ⁽⁶⁾ has been consulted,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation establishes a framework for the production of comparable Community statistics on the structure of agricultural holdings and for a survey on agricultural production methods.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'agricultural holding' or 'holding' means a single unit, both technically and economically, which has a single management and which undertakes agricultural activities listed in Annex I within the economic territory of the European Union, either as its primary or secondary activity;
- (b) 'livestock unit' means a standard measurement unit that allows the aggregation of the various categories of livestock in order to enable them to be compared. Livestock units are defined on the basis of the feed requirements of the individual animal categories, for which the coefficients shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 15(2);

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 293, 24.10.1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 179, 7.8.1972, p. 1.

- (c) 'sample surveys' means statistical surveys based on stratified random sampling which are designed to provide representative statistics concerning agricultural holdings at regional and national levels. The stratification shall include the size and type of the agricultural holding to ensure that agricultural holdings of different sizes and types are adequately represented;
- (d) 'region' means the NUTS 2 territorial unit defined in Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003;
- (e) 'location of the holding' means the latitude and longitude coordinates within an arc of 5 minutes that avoid the direct identification of an individual holding. If a latitude and longitude location contains only one agricultural holding, then this holding shall be attributed to a neighbouring location, which contains at least one other agricultural holding.

Article 3

Coverage

1. The surveys specified in this Regulation shall cover:
 - (a) agricultural holdings where the agricultural area utilised for farming is one hectare or more;
 - (b) agricultural holdings where the agricultural area utilised for farming is less than one hectare, if those holdings produce a certain proportion for sale or if their production unit exceeds certain physical thresholds.
2. However, Member States which use a survey threshold above one hectare shall fix this threshold at a level that excludes only the smallest agricultural holdings which together contribute 2 % or less to the total utilised agricultural area excluding common land and 2 % or less to the total number of farm livestock units.
3. In any case, all agricultural holdings reaching one of the physical thresholds specified in Annex II shall be covered.

Article 4

Data sources

1. Member States shall use information from the Integrated Administration and Control System provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003⁽¹⁾, the System for the Identification and Registration of Bovine Animals provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000⁽²⁾ and the organic farming registers set up pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007⁽³⁾ provided this information is of at least equal quality to information obtained from statistical surveys. Member States may also use

administrative sources associated with the cultivation of genetically modified crops and the specific rural development measures referred to in Annex III.

2. If a Member State decides to use an administrative source other than those specified in paragraph 1, the Member State shall inform the Commission in advance and shall provide details concerning the method to be used and the quality of the data from this administrative source.

Article 5

Precision requirements

1. Member States conducting sample surveys shall ensure that the weighted survey results are statistically representative of agricultural holdings within each region and are designed to meet the precision requirements set out in Annex IV.
2. In duly justified cases the Commission shall allow Member States exceptions to the precision requirements referred to in paragraph 1 for specific regions.

CHAPTER II

STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

Article 6

Farm structure surveys

1. In 2010, 2013 and 2016, Member States shall carry out surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings, hereinafter 'farm structure surveys'.
2. The farm structure survey in 2010 shall be carried out in the form of a census. However, sample surveys may be used for the characteristics concerning other gainful activities carried out by the labour force, listed in Annex III Section V(ii).
3. The farm structure surveys in 2013 and 2016 may be carried out as sample surveys.

Article 7

Survey characteristics

1. Member States shall provide information on the characteristics listed in Annex III.
2. The Commission may, in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 15(2), amend the list of characteristics set out in Annex III for the farm structure surveys for 2013 and 2016.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products (OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 (OJ L 189, 20.7.2007, p. 1).

3. If a Member State determines that a characteristic has a low or zero prevalence, the characteristic may be excluded from the data collection. That Member State shall inform the Commission in the calendar year immediately preceding the survey year about any characteristic excluded from the data collection.

4. The definitions of the characteristics shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 15(2).

Article 8

Reference periods

The reference periods for the farm structure surveys in the survey years 2010, 2013 and 2016 shall be defined as follows:

- (a) for land characteristics specified in Annex III, a period of 12 months ending on a reference day between 1 March and 31 October of the survey year;
- (b) for livestock characteristics specified in Annex III, a reference day between 1 March and 31 December of the survey year;
- (c) for labour force characteristics specified in Annex III, a period of 12 months ending on a reference day between 1 March and 31 October of the survey year;
- (d) for rural development measures specified in Annex III, a period of three years ending on 31 December of the survey year.

Article 9

Transmission

1. Member States shall transmit to the Commission validated survey data for the farm structure survey for 2010 by 31 March 2012.
2. For the farm structure surveys in the survey years 2013 and 2016, Member States shall transmit validated survey data to the Commission within 12 months of the end of the survey year.
3. Data relating to the rural development measures referred to in Annex III, and based on administrative records, may be transmitted to the Commission separately within 18 months of the end of the survey year.
4. The farm structure survey data transmitted to the Commission shall be in electronic form and at the level of individual agricultural holdings.
5. The Commission shall determine the format for the transmission of the survey data.
6. The farm structure survey data shall not be used by the Commission for drawing samples or for carrying out surveys.

Article 10

Sampling frame

For the purposes of updating the sampling frame for the farm structure surveys in 2013 and 2016, Member States shall provide the national authorities responsible for farm structure surveys with access to information on agricultural holdings contained in administrative files compiled on their national territory.

CHAPTER III

STATISTICS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION METHODS

Article 11

Survey on agricultural production methods

1. Member States shall carry out a survey on agricultural production methods used by agricultural holdings. This survey may be carried out as a sample survey.
2. In duly justified cases, the Commission may allow a Member State to carry out the sample survey using separate sub-samples.
3. Member States shall provide information on the characteristics of the agricultural production methods listed in Annex V.
4. For each holding surveyed, Member States shall also provide an estimation of the volume of water used for irrigation on the holding (in cubic metres). The estimation may be produced by means of a model.
5. The Commission shall provide Member States with methodological and other support in order to construct the model referred to in paragraph 4. In addition, the Commission shall promote the necessary cooperation and sharing of experiences between Member States in order to obtain comparable results.
6. If a Member State determines that a characteristic has a low or zero prevalence, the characteristic may be excluded from the data collection. That Member State shall inform the Commission in the calendar year immediately preceding the survey year about any characteristic excluded from the data collection.
7. The definitions of the characteristics shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 15(2).
8. The reference period shall coincide with the reference periods used for the characteristics of the farm structure survey in 2010.
9. The results of this survey shall be linked to the data obtained from the farm structure survey in 2010 at the level of individual agricultural holdings. The combined validated data set shall be transmitted to the Commission in electronic form by 31 December 2012 at the latest.

10. The Commission shall determine the format for the transmission of the survey data.

11. The data on agricultural production methods shall not be used by the Commission for drawing samples or for carrying out surveys.

CHAPTER IV

REPORTS, FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTING MEASURES

Article 12

Reports

1. National methodological reports shall be provided by Member States for the surveys covered by this Regulation, describing:

- (a) the organisation and methodology applied;
- (b) the levels of precision achieved for the sample surveys referred to in this Regulation;
- (c) information on the quality of any administrative data sources used; and
- (d) the inclusion and exclusion criteria applied to meet the coverage requirements specified in Article 3.

2. The national methodological reports shall be submitted to the Commission with the validated survey results, in accordance with the deadlines specified in Article 9(1) and (2).

3. In addition to the national methodological reports required at the end of each survey, Member States shall provide the Commission with any additional information that may be required concerning the organisation and methodology of the survey.

Article 13

Community contribution

1. Member States shall receive a maximum financial contribution of 75 % from the Community towards the cost of carrying out the surveys defined in this Regulation, subject to the maximum amounts defined in paragraphs 3 and 4.

2. Upon the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall provide the necessary technical and advisory assistance in respect of the satellite recognition of agricultural holdings, to those Member States which submit applications.

3. For the combined costs of the farm structure survey in 2010 and the survey on agricultural production methods, the Community contribution shall be limited to the maximum amounts specified below:

- EUR 50 000 each for Luxembourg and Malta;
- EUR 1 000 000 each for Austria, Ireland and Lithuania;
- EUR 2 000 000 each for Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Portugal and the United Kingdom;
- EUR 3 000 000 each for Greece, Spain and France;

- EUR 4 000 000 each for Italy, Poland and Romania; and
- EUR 300 000 each for all other Member States.

4. For the farm structure surveys in 2013 and 2016, the maximum amounts specified in paragraph 3 shall be reduced by 50 %.

5. The Community financial contribution is financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund under Article 3(2), point (e) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005.

Article 14

Financial framework

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of this programme of surveys, including the appropriations necessary for the management, maintenance and development of the database systems used within the Commission to process the data supplied by Member States under the provisions of this Regulation, shall be EUR 58 850 000 for the period 2008-2013.

2. The amount for the period 2014-2018 shall be fixed by the budgetary and legislative authority on a proposal from the Commission on the basis of the new financial framework for the period commencing in 2014.

3. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial framework.

Article 15

Committee

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics established by Decision 72/279/EEC.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5a(1) to (4) and Article 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

Article 16

Derogations

1. By way of derogation from Articles 6(1) and (2), 8, 9(1), 11(8) and (9), 13(3), Annex III and Annex IV, the references to the year 2010 shall be replaced by references to the year 2009 for Greece, Spain and Portugal.

2. By way of derogation from Article 9(1), the reference to 31 March 2012 shall be replaced by:

- (a) 31 March 2011 for Greece and Portugal;
- (b) 30 June 2011 for Spain;
- (c) 30 June 2012 for Italy and Romania.

3. By way of derogation from Article 11(9), the reference to 31 December 2012 shall be replaced by 31 December 2011 for Greece, Spain and Portugal.

*Article 17***Repeal**

1. Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 shall be repealed.
2. References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

*Article 18***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2009.

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

Done at Strasbourg, 19 November 2008.

For the European Parliament

The President

H.-G. PÖTTERING

For the Council

The President

J.-P. JOUYET

ANNEX I

List of agricultural activities referred to in the definition of an agricultural holding

The following activities (which may be either primary or secondary activities) are based on the European Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE Rev. 2) for crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities and are used to define an agricultural holding:

Description of activity	NACE Rev. 2 code	Additional notes on activities included or excluded when defining agricultural activities
Growing of non-perennial crops	01.1	
Growing of perennial crops	01.2	Agricultural holdings which produce wine or olive oil from self-produced grapes or olives are included within the scope of this Regulation.
Plant propagation	01.3	
Animal production	01.4	All activities classified under 01.49 of NACE Rev. 2 (Raising of other animals) shall be excluded from the scope of this Regulation, except: (i) the raising and breeding of ostriches, emus and rabbits; (ii) bee-keeping and production of honey and beeswax.
Mixed farming	01.5	
Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities	01.6	In general, all holdings which carry out activities under 01.6 of NACE Rev. 2 are excluded from the scope of this Regulation if they are undertaken exclusively. However, holdings exclusively maintaining agricultural land in good agricultural and environmental condition (under 01.61 of NACE Rev. 2) are included in the scope of this Regulation.

ANNEX II

Thresholds for the farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods

	Characteristics	Threshold
Utilised agricultural area	Arable land, kitchen gardens, permanent grassland, permanent crops	5 ha
Permanent outdoor crops	Fruit, berry, citrus and olive plantations, vineyards and nurseries	1 ha
Other intensive production	Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries, which are outdoors or under low (not accessible) protective cover	0,5 ha
	Tobacco	0,5 ha
	Hops	0,5 ha
	Cotton	0,5 ha
Crops under glass or other (accessible) protective cover	Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries	0,1 ha
	Flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries)	0,1 ha
Bovine animals	All	10 Head
Pigs	All	50 Head
	Breeding sows	10 Head
Sheep	All	20 Head
Goats	All	20 Head
Poultry	All	1 000 Head

ANNEX III

List of farm structure survey characteristics

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
I. General characteristics	
– Location of the holding	
-- Latitude (within an arc of 5 minutes or less)	Degrees: Minutes
-- Longitude (within an arc of 5 minutes or less)	Degrees: Minutes
– Legal personality of the holding	
-- Is the legal and economic responsibility of the holding assumed by:	
--- a natural person who is a sole holder, where the holding is independent?	Yes/No
---- If the answer to the previous question is 'yes', is this person (the holder) also the manager?	Yes/No
----- If this person is not the manager, is the manager a member of the holder's family?	Yes/No
----- If the manager is a member of the holder's family, is the manager the spouse of the holder? ⁽¹⁾	Yes/No
--- one or more natural persons who is/are a partner, where the holding is a group holding?	Yes/No
--- a legal person?	Yes/No
– Type of tenure (in relation to the holder) and farming system	
-- Utilised agricultural area:	
--- For owner farming	ha
--- For tenant farming	ha
--- For share farming or other modes	ha
-- Organic farming	
--- The total utilised agricultural area of the holding on which organic farming production methods are applied and certified according to national or European Community rules	ha
--- The total utilised agricultural area of the holding that is under conversion to organic farming production methods to be certified according to national or European Community rules	ha
--- Area of the holding on which organic farming production methods according to national or European Community rules are either applied and certified or under conversion to be certified:	
---- Cereals for the production of grain (including seed)	ha
---- Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)	ha
---- Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)	ha
---- Sugar beet (excluding seed)	ha
---- Oil seed crops	ha
---- Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries	ha
---- Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazings	ha
---- Fruit and berry plantations	ha

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
----- Citrus plantations	ha
----- Olive plantations	ha
----- Vineyards	ha
----- Other crops (fibre crops, etc.)	ha
--- Organic production methods applied to animal production and certified according to national or European Community rules:	
----- Bovine animals	Head
----- Pigs	Head
----- Sheep and goats	Head
----- Poultry	Head
----- Other animals	Yes/No
-- Destination of the holding's production:	
--- Household consumes more than 50 % of the value of the final production of the holding	Yes/No
--- Direct sale to final consumers represents more than 50 % of the total sales of the holding (!)	Yes/No

II. Land

- Arable land	
-- Cereals for the production of grain (including seed):	
--- Common wheat and spelt	ha
--- Durum wheat	ha
--- Rye	ha
--- Barley	ha
--- Oats	ha
--- Grain maize	ha
--- Rice	ha
--- Other cereals for the production of grain	ha
-- Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)	ha
--- of which peas, field beans and sweet lupins	ha
-- Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)	ha
-- Sugar beet (excluding seed)	ha
-- Fodder roots and brassicas (excluding seed)	ha
-- Industrial crops:	
--- Tobacco	ha
--- Hops	ha
--- Cotton	ha
--- Rape and turnip rape	ha
--- Sunflower	ha
--- Soya	ha
--- Linseed (oil flax)	ha

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
--- Other oil seed crops	ha
--- Flax	ha
--- Hemp	ha
--- Other fibre crops	ha
--- Aromatic plants, medicinal and culinary plants	ha
--- Other industrial crops not mentioned elsewhere	ha
-- Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries of which:	
--- Outdoor or under low (not accessible) protective cover	ha
---- Open field	ha
---- Market gardening	ha
--- Under glass or other (accessible) protective cover	ha
-- Flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries):	
--- Outdoor or under low (not accessible) protective cover	ha
--- Under glass or other (accessible) protective cover	ha
-- Plants harvested green:	
--- Temporary grass	ha
--- Other plants harvested green:	
---- Green maize	ha
---- Leguminous plants	ha
---- Other plants harvested green not mentioned elsewhere	ha
-- Arable land seed and seedlings	ha
-- Other arable land crops	ha
-- Fallow land without any subsidies	ha
-- Fallow land subject to the payment of subsidies, with no economic use	ha
- Kitchen gardens	ha
- Permanent grassland	ha
-- Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazings	ha
-- Rough grazings	ha
-- Permanent grassland no longer used for production purposes and eligible for the payment of subsidies	ha
- Permanent crops	
-- Fruit and berry plantations	ha
--- Fruit species, of which:	ha
---- Fruit of temperate climate zones	ha
---- Fruit of subtropical climate zones	ha
--- Berry species	ha
--- Nuts	ha
-- Citrus plantations	ha
-- Olive plantations	ha

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
--- Normally producing table olives	ha
--- Normally producing olives for oil production	ha
-- Vineyards, of which normally producing:	ha
--- Quality wine	ha
--- Other wines	ha
--- Table grapes	ha
--- Raisins	ha
-- Nurseries	ha
-- Other permanent crops	ha
--- of which Christmas trees ⁽¹⁾	ha
-- Permanent crops under glass	ha
- Other land	
-- Unutilised agricultural land	ha
-- Wooded area	ha
--- of which short rotation coppices	ha
-- Other land (land occupied by buildings, farmyards, tracks, ponds, quarries, infertile land, rock, etc.)	ha
- Mushrooms, irrigated area, energy crops and genetically modified crops	
-- Mushrooms	ha
-- Irrigated area	
--- Total irrigable area	ha
--- Total cultivated area irrigated at least once during the previous 12 months	ha
-- Energy crops (for the production of biofuels or other renewable energy)	ha
--- of which on set-aside area	ha
-- Genetically modified crops	ha
III. Livestock	
- Equidae	Head
- Bovine animals:	
-- Bovine animals, under one year old, male and female	Head
-- Bovine animals, one but less than two years old, male	Head
-- Bovine animals, one but less than two years old, female	Head
-- Male bovine animals, two years old and over	Head
-- Heifers, two years old and over	Head
-- Dairy cows	Head
-- Other cows	Head
- Sheep and goats:	
-- Sheep (all ages)	Head
--- Breeding females	Head

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
--- Other sheep	Head
-- Goats (all ages)	Head
--- Breeding females	Head
--- Other goats	Head
- Pigs:	
-- Piglets having a live weight of under 20 kilograms	Head
-- Breeding sows weighing 50 kilograms and over	Head
-- Other pigs	Head
- Poultry:	
-- Broilers	Head
-- Laying hens	Head
-- Other poultry:	Head
--- Turkeys ⁽¹⁾	Head
--- Ducks ⁽¹⁾	Head
--- Geese ⁽¹⁾	Head
--- Ostriches ⁽¹⁾	Head
--- Other poultry, not mentioned elsewhere ⁽¹⁾	Head
- Rabbits, breeding females	Head
- Bees	Hives
- Livestock not mentioned elsewhere	Yes/No
IV. machinery and equipment	
IV. (i) <i>Machinery</i> ⁽¹⁾	
- Belonging exclusively to the holding	
-- Four-wheel tractors, track-laying tractors, tool carriers	Number
-- Cultivators, hoeing machines, rotary hoes and motor mowers	Number
-- Combine harvesters	Number
-- Other fully mechanised harvesters	Number
- Machinery used by several holdings	
-- Four-wheel tractors, track-laying tractors, tool carriers	Yes/No
-- Cultivators, hoeing machines, rotary hoes and motor mowers	Yes/No
-- Combine harvesters	Yes/No
-- Other fully mechanised harvesters	Yes/No
IV. (ii) <i>Equipment</i>	
- Equipment used for renewable energy production by type of energy source:	
-- Wind	Yes/No
-- Biomass	Yes/No
--- of which bio-methane	Yes/No
-- Solar	Yes/No

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
-- Hydro-energy	Yes/No
-- Other types of renewable energy sources	Yes/No
V. Labour force	
V. (i) <i>Farm work on the holding</i>	
- Holder	
-- Gender	Male/Female
-- Age	Age bands ⁽²⁾
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 1 ⁽³⁾
- Manager	
-- Gender	Male/Female
-- Age	Age bands
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2 ⁽⁴⁾
- Training of manager	
-- Agricultural training of manager	Training codes ⁽⁵⁾
-- Vocational training undertaken by manager during the last 12 months ⁽⁶⁾	Yes/No
- Members of sole holder's family carrying out farm work for the holding: male	
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
- Members of sole holder's family carrying out farm work for the holding: female	
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
- Non-family labour regularly employed: male	
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
- Non-family labour regularly employed: female	
-- The farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
- Non-family labour employed on a non-regular basis: male and female	Full-time working days
- Total number of equivalent full-time working days of farm work during the 12 months preceding the day of the survey, not included under previous categories, undertaken on the holding by persons not employed directly by the holding (e.g. contractors' employees)	Full-time working days
V. (ii) <i>Other gainful activities (non-farm work on the holding and work outside the holding)</i>	
- Other gainful activities of the holder who is also the manager:	
-- As his/her major occupation	Yes/No
-- As his/her subsidiary occupation	Yes/No
-- If other gainful activities are carried out	
--- Activities directly related to the holding	Yes/No
--- Activities not directly related to the holding	Yes/No
- Other gainful activities of the spouse of the sole holder:	
-- As his/her major occupation	Yes/No
-- As his/her subsidiary occupation	Yes/No
-- If other gainful activities are carried out	

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
--- Activities directly related to the holding	Yes/No
--- Activities not directly related to the holding	Yes/No
– Other gainful activities of the other members of the sole holder's family:	
-- As his/her major occupation	Yes/No
-- As his/her subsidiary occupation	Yes/No
-- If other gainful activities are carried out	
--- Activities directly related to the holding	Yes/No
--- Activities not directly related to the holding	Yes/No
– Non-family labour force, employed directly on a regular basis and involved in other gainful activities that are directly related to the holding	
-- As his/her major occupation	Yes/No
-- As his/her subsidiary occupation	Yes/No
VI. Other gainful activities of the holding (directly related to the holding)	
VI. (i) <i>List of other gainful activities</i>	
– Tourism, accommodation and other leisure activities	Yes/No
– Handicraft	Yes/No
– Processing of farm products	Yes/No
– Production of renewable energy	Yes/No
– Wood processing (e.g. sawing)	Yes/No
– Aquaculture	Yes/No
– Contractual work (using production means of the holding)	
-- Agricultural (for other holdings)	Yes/No
-- Non-agricultural	Yes/No
– Forestry	Yes/No
– Other	Yes/No
VI. (ii) <i>Importance of the other gainful activities directly related to the holding</i>	
– Percentage of the final output of the holding	Percentage bands (7)
VII. Support for rural development	
– Holding benefited from one of the following rural development measures during the last 3 years	
-- Use of advisory services	Yes/No
-- Modernisation of agricultural holdings	Yes/No
-- Adding value to agricultural and forestry products	Yes/No
-- Meeting standards based on Community legislation	Yes/No
-- Participation of farmers in food quality schemes	Yes/No
-- Natura 2000 payments for agricultural area	Yes/No
-- Payments linked to the Water Framework Directive (8)	Yes/No

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/ CATEGORIES
-- Agri-environment payments	Yes/No
--- of which in the framework of organic farming	Yes/No
-- Animal welfare payments	Yes/No
-- Diversification into non-agricultural activities	Yes/No
-- Encouragement of tourism activities	Yes/No

⁽¹⁾ Not to be provided in 2010.

⁽²⁾ Age bands: (From school leaving age-24 years), (25-34), (35-44), (45-54), (55-64), (65 and over).

⁽³⁾ Annual Work Unit (AWU) percentage band 1: (0), (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75-< 100), (100).

⁽⁴⁾ Annual Work Unit (AWU) percentage band 2: (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75-< 100), (100).

⁽⁵⁾ Training codes: (only practical agricultural experience), (basic agricultural training), (full agricultural training).

⁽⁶⁾ Not to be provided in 2013.

⁽⁷⁾ Percentage bands: (≥ 0-≤ 10), (> 10-≤ 50), (> 50-< 100).

⁽⁸⁾ Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).

ANNEX IV

PRECISION REQUIREMENTS

The sample surveys specified in this Regulation must be statistically representative at the level of NUTS 2 regions and for national aggregations of less-favoured areas ⁽¹⁾ in terms of the type and the size of the agricultural holdings, in line with Commission Decision 85/377/EEC of 7 June 1985 establishing a Community typology for agricultural holdings ⁽²⁾. In addition, specified levels of precision are required for the crop and livestock characteristics of the agricultural holdings.

These levels of precision are given in the precision tables below and apply to all NUTS 2 regions with at least 10 000 holdings. For a NUTS 2 region with fewer than 10 000 holdings, these levels of precision apply instead to the associated NUTS 1 region, provided that the associated NUTS 1 region contains at least 1 000 holdings. For the survey on agricultural production methods, the relevant crop and livestock characteristics will be available from the results of the farm structure survey 2010.

Precision categories for the Farm Structure Surveys 2013 and 2016*Crop characteristics:*

- Cereals for the production of grain (including seed), comprising common wheat and spelt, durum wheat, rye, barley, oats, grain maize, rice and other cereals for the production of grain
- Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)
- Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)
- Sugar beet (excluding seed)
- Oilseed crops comprising rape, turnip rape, sunflower, soya, linseed (oil flax) and other oil seed crops
- Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries
- Flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries)
- Plants harvested green
- Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazing
- Fruit and berry plantations
- Citrus plantations
- Olive plantations
- Vineyards

Livestock characteristics:

- Dairy cows
- Other cows
- Other bovine animals
- Breeding sows
- Other pigs
- Sheep
- Goats
- Poultry

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 220, 17.8.1985, p. 1.

Precision categories for sample surveys undertaken as part of the farm structure survey 2010 and the Survey on agricultural production methods

Crop characteristics:

- Cereals for the production of grain (including seed), comprising common wheat and spelt, durum wheat, rye, barley, oats, grain maize, rice and other cereals for the production of grain
- Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes) and sugar beet (excluding seed)
- Oilseed crops comprising rape, turnip rape, sunflower, soya, linseed (oil flax) and other oil seed crops
- Permanent outdoor crops comprising fruit, berry, citrus and olive plantations, vineyards, nurseries and other permanent outdoor crops
- Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberries, flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries)
- Temporary grass and permanent grassland

Livestock characteristics:

- Bovine animals (all ages)
- Sheep and goats (all ages)
- Pigs
- Poultry

Precision Table for NUTS 2 regions with at least 10 000 agricultural holdings

Precision categories	Farm structure surveys 2013 and 2016		Survey on agricultural production methods	
	Prevalence of the characteristic in the NUTS 2 region	Relative standard error	Prevalence of the characteristic in the NUTS 2 region	Relative standard error
Crop characteristics of the agricultural holding	7,5 % or more of the utilised agricultural area	< 5 %	10 % or more of the utilised agricultural area	< 10 %
Livestock characteristics of the agricultural holding	7,5 % or more of the livestock units and more than 5 % of national share of each category	< 5 %	10 % or more of the livestock units and more than 5 % of national share of each category	< 10 %

Precision Table for NUTS 2 regions with fewer than 10 000 agricultural holdings

Precision categories	Farm structure surveys 2013 and 2016		Survey on agricultural production methods	
	Prevalence of the characteristic in the associated NUTS 1 region with at least 1 000 holdings	Relative standard error	Prevalence of the characteristic in the associated NUTS 1 region with at least 1 000 holdings	Relative standard error
Crop characteristics of the agricultural holding	7,5 % or more of the utilised agricultural area	< 5 %	10 % or more of the utilised agricultural area	< 10 %
Livestock characteristics of the agricultural holding	7,5 % or more of the livestock units and more than 5 % of national share of each category	< 5 %	10 % or more of the livestock units and more than 5 % of national share of each category	< 10 %

ANNEX V

List of characteristics for the survey on agricultural production methods

Characteristic		Units/categories	
Tillage methods	Conventional tillage (mouldboard plough or disc plough)	ha	
	Conservation tillage (low tillage)	ha	
	Zero tillage (direct seeding)	ha	
Soil conservation	Soil cover in winter:	Normal winter crop	ha
		Cover crop or intermediate crop	ha
		Plant residues	ha
		Bare soil	ha
	Crop rotation:	Share of arable area out of planned crop rotation	AA % band ⁽¹⁾
Landscape features	Linear elements maintained by farmer during the last 3 years, of which:	Hedges	Yes/No
		Tree lines	Yes/No
		Stonewalls	Yes/No
	Linear elements established during the last 3 years, of which:	Hedges	Yes/No
		Tree lines	Yes/No
		Stonewalls	Yes/No
Animal grazing	Grazing on the holding	Area grazed during the last year	ha
		Amount of time when animals are outdoors on pasture	Months per year
	Common land grazing:	Total number of animals grazing on common land	Head
		Amount of time when animals are grazing on common land	Months per year

		Characteristic	Units/categories	
Animal housing	Cattle:	Stanchion-tied stable — with solid dung and liquid manure	Places	
		Stanchion-tied stable — with slurry	Places	
		Loose housing — with solid dung and liquid manure	Places	
		Loose housing — with slurry	Places	
		Other	Places	
	Pigs:	On partially slatted floors	Places	
		On completely slatted floors	Places	
		On straw beds (deep litter-loose housing)	Places	
		Other	Places	
	Laying hens:	On straw beds (deep litter-loose housing)	Places	
		Battery cage (all types)	Places	
		Battery cage with manure belt	Places	
		Battery cage with deep pit	Places	
		Battery cage with stilt house	Places	
		Other	Places	
Manure application	Utilised agricultural area on which solid/farmyard manure is applied	Total	UAA % band (2)	
		With immediate incorporation	UAA % band (2)	
	Utilised agricultural area on which slurry is applied	Total	UAA % band (2)	
		With immediate incorporation or injection	UAA % band (2)	
	Percentage of the total produced manure exported from the holding			Percentage band (2)
Manure storage and treatment facilities	Storage facilities for:	Solid dung	Yes/No	
		Liquid manure	Yes/No	
		Slurry	Slurry tank	Yes/No
			Lagoon	Yes/No
	Are the storage facilities covered?	Solid dung	Yes/No	
		Liquid manure	Yes/No	
Slurry		Yes/No		

		Characteristic	Units/categories
Irrigation	Irrigated area	Average irrigated area the last three years	ha
	Total cultivated area irrigated at least once during the previous 12 months	Total	ha
		Cereals for the production of grain (including seed) (excluding maize and rice)	ha
		Maize (grain and green)	ha
		Rice	ha
		Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)	ha
		Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)	ha
		Sugar beet (excluding seed)	ha
		Rape and turnip rape	ha
		Sunflower	ha
		Fibre crops (flax, hemp, other fibre crops)	ha
		Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries — open field	ha
		Temporary grass and permanent grassland	ha
		Other crops on arable land	ha
		Fruit and berry plantations	ha
		Citrus plantations	ha
		Olive plantations	ha
	Vineyards	ha	
	Irrigation methods employed:	Surface irrigation (flooding, furrows)	Yes/No
		Sprinkler irrigation	Yes/No
		Drop irrigation	Yes/No
	Source of irrigation water used on the holding:	On-farm ground water	Yes/No
		On-farm surface water (ponds or dams)	Yes/No
		Off-farm surface water from lakes, rivers or watercourses	Yes/No
		Off-farm water from common water supply networks	Yes/No
		Other sources	Yes/No

⁽¹⁾ Arable area (AA) percentage band: (0), (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75).

⁽²⁾ Utilised agricultural area (UAA) percentage band: (0), (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75).

⁽³⁾ Percentage band: (0), (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75).

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