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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 7a(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) For the purpose of monitoring progress towards the common objectives set out in the Europe 2020 strategy the Commission should receive from the Member States a comprehensive set of data on self-employment that allows comparisons to be made between Member States.

(2) Commission Regulation (EU) No 318/2013[(2)] establishes an ad hoc module on self-employment.

(3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1397/2014[(3)] specifies and gives a description of the areas of specialised information ('ad hoc sub-modules') which should be included in the 2017 ad hoc module on self-employment.

(4) The Commission should specify the technical characteristics, the filters, the codes and the deadline for the transmission of data under the ad hoc sub-module on self-employment.

(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 technical characteristics of the 2017 ad hoc module on self-employment, the filters, the codes to be used and the deadline by which the results shall be sent to the Commission are laid down in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 5 January 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

This Annex sets out the technical characteristics, filters and codes to be used in the ad hoc module on self-employment scheduled to be carried out in 2017. It also sets the dates for submission of data to the Commission.

Deadline for transmission of the results to the Commission: 31 March 2018.

Filters and codes to be used for sending data: as set out in Annex III to Commission Regulation (EC) No 377/2008[(4)].

Columns reserved for optional weighting factors, to be used in cases of subsampling or non-response: columns 222-225 containing whole numbers and columns 226-227 containing decimal places.

(1) **Sub-module 'Economically dependent self-employment'**

Name/Column	Code	Description	Filter
MAINCLNT		**Economic dependency**	STAPRO = 1,2
211		*Number and importance of clients in the last 12 months*	
	1	No client in the last 12 months	
	2	Only one client in the last 12 months	
	3	2-9 clients in the last 12 months, but one was dominant	
	4	2-9 clients in the last 12 months, and none was dominant	
	5	More than 9 clients in the last 12 months, but one was dominant	
	6	More than 9 clients in the last 12 months, and none was dominant	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	No answer/Don't know	
WORKORG		**Organisational dependency**	STAPRO = 1,2 AND MAINCLNT ≠ 1

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212		*Influence over deciding working hours*	
	1	The respondent decides	
	2	The client/s of the respondent decide(s)	
	3	Any other party decides	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	No answer/Don't know	

(2) **Sub-module 'Working conditions for self-employed people'**

Name/Column	Code	Description	Filter
REASSE		**Main reason for becoming self-employed**	STAPRO = 1,2
213		*Main reason for becoming self-employed when starting to work as self-employed in the current job*	
	1	Could not find a job as an employee	
	2	The respondent's former employer requested the respondent to become self-employed	
	3	It is the usual practice in the respondent's field	
	4	A suitable opportunity presented itself	
	5	Continued the family business	
	6	Did not want to or plan to become self-employed, but started working as self-	

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		employed for another reason than listed previously	
	7	Wanted to be self-employed because of flexible working hours	
	8	Wanted to be self-employed for other reason	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	No answer/Don't know	
SEDIFFIC		**Main difficulty as self-employed**	STAPRO = 1,2
214		*Self-perceived main difficulty in working as self-employed during the last 12 months*	
	0	Lack of influence on setting the price of own work	
	1	Lack of access to financing for the business	
	2	Delayed payments or non-payments	
	3	Inappropriate levels of administrative burden	
	4	Lack of income in case of sickness	
	5	Periods of financial hardship	
	6	Periods of having no customer, no assignments or project to work on	
	7	Other difficulty	
	8	Had no difficulties	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	