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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 concerning structural business statistics[(1)], and in particular Article 11(2)(j) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 established a common framework for the collection, compilation, transmission and evaluation of European statistics on the structure, activity, competitiveness and performance of businesses in the European Union.

(2) For the purposes of comparing the benefits of the availability of the data with the costs of collection and the burden on business, especially on small enterprises, a quality evaluation should be carried out in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 295/2008. It is therefore necessary to establish the quality evaluation criteria and the key indicators.

(3) 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 criteria for the evaluation of quality and the contents of the quality reports to be provided by the Member States are laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

The data and metadata supplied for quality reports shall be transmitted or uploaded in electronic format to the single entry point for data at the Commission (Eurostat) by any organisation designated by the national authorities. Transmission shall comply with an appropriate interchange standard specified by Eurostat.

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Article 3

The first quality report, for the data for the reference year 2008, shall be delivered by 31 March 2011. An extra 3 months for transmission of the quality reports for the reference year 2008 has been granted to Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Malta, Romania and the United Kingdom. Subsequent reports shall be transmitted to the Commission (Eurostat) at the latest 27 months after the end of the reference period for which the data were collected.

Article 4

The Commission (Eurostat) shall evaluate the quality of the data transmitted and shall prepare and publish reports on the quality of European statistics.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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.

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ANNEX

Quality reports and criteria for the evaluation of the quality of structural business statistics

SECTION I

Quality reports

Supplementary guidance on interpretation of the common quality criteria is set out in the Structural Business Statistics Manual produced by the Commission (Eurostat) in cooperation with the Member States. The quality report shall contain both quantitative and qualitative information. The Commission (Eurostat) shall provide the results for those quantitative indicators which can be calculated from data provided by Member States. Member States shall comment on the indicators and assist Eurostat with interpreting them, in the light of their collection methodology, and shall provide the remaining quantitative indicators and qualitative information.

Member States shall provide:

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annexes I to IV to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008. If deemed necessary, Member States may provide separate reports on Annexes I, II, III and IV to that Regulation,

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008,

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008,

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008,

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008. If the information needed to compile the statistics of Annex VIII to that Regulation is collected by the same survey as of its Annexes I to IV, a separate report on the quality aspects of its Annex VIII need not be provided,

— a report covering the quality aspects of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008.

[F1SECTION II

Timeline

Every year starting from 2011, the Commission (Eurostat) shall supply the Member States, by the end of January, with quality reports on reference years t – 3, in accordance with the ESS standard quality report structure partly pre-filled with quantitative indicators and other information available to the Commission (Eurostat) on Annexes I, II, III, IV, VIII and IX. For these Annexes, Member States shall supply the Commission (Eurostat) every year, by 31 March, with the completed quality reports.

Every 10 years starting from 2021, the Commission (Eurostat) shall supply the Member States, by the end of January, with quality reports on reference years t – 3, in accordance with the ESS standard quality report structure partly pre-filled with quantitative indicators and other information available to the Commission (Eurostat) on Annexes V, VI and VII. For these Annexes, Member States shall supply the Commission (Eurostat) every 10 years starting from 2021, by 31 March with the completed quality reports.**]**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Substituted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 446/2014 of 2 May 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning structural business statistics, and Commission Regulations (EC) No 251/2009 and (EU) No 275/2010, as regards the series of data to be produced and the criteria for evaluation of the quality of structural business statistics (Text with EEA relevance).

SECTION III

Quality criteria

Data transmitted by Member States on the statistics of Annexes I to IX to Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 shall be evaluated against the quality criteria listed in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)], i.e. relevance, accuracy, timeliness, punctuality, accessibility, clarity, comparability and coherence.

1. *Relevance*

Relevance means the degree to which statistics meet current and potential needs of the users.

2. *Accuracy*

Accuracy means the closeness of estimates to the unknown true values.

3. *Coherence*

Coherence means the adequacy of the data to be reliably combined in different ways and for various uses.

4. *Comparability*

Comparability means measurement of the impact of differences in applied statistical concepts, measurement tools and procedures, where statistics are compared between geographical areas, sectoral domains or over time.

5. *Timeliness and punctuality*

Timeliness means the period between the availability of the information and the event or phenomenon it describes. Punctuality means the delay between the date of release of the data and the target date (the date by which the data should have been delivered).

6. *Accessibility and clarity*

Accessibility and clarity means the conditions and modalities by which users can obtain, use and interpret data.