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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS) of 25 April 2007[(1)], and in particular Article 7(1) and 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 established a methodological framework to be used for compiling Statistics on a comparable basis for the benefits of the Community and time limits for the transmission and dissemination of statistics compiled in accordance with ESSPROS.

(2) Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 458/2007, implementing measures relating to the formats for the transmission of data, the results to be transmitted and the criteria for measuring quality for the ESSPROS core system and the module on pension beneficiaries should be adopted.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Statistical Programme Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The implementing measures required by Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 as regards the ESSPROS core system (for quantitative data and for qualitative information by scheme and detailed benefits) and as regards to the module on pension beneficiaries shall be as laid down in Annexes I and II.

Changes to legislation: *There are outstanding changes not yet made to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1322/2007. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

Article 2

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.

Done at Brussels, 12 November 2007.

For the Commission

Joaquín ALMUNIA

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

APPROPRIATE FORMATS FOR TRANSMISSION AND RESULTS TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. APPROPRIATE FORMATS FOR TRANSMISSION AND RESULTS TO BE TRANSMITTED FOR THE ESSPROS CORE SYSTEM

1.1. List of schemes

The following information must be provided, using a standard table:

(1) a serial number to identify each scheme;

(2) the name of each scheme;

(3) an abbreviation of the name (optional);

(4) the classification of the schemes based on the five criteria set in the ESSPROS Manual produced by the European Commission in cooperation with Member States.

1.2. Quantitative data

The ESSPROS questionnaire on quantitative data covers receipts, expenditure and detailed benefits.

1.2.1. Organisation of data

Data must refer to one of the calendar years for which information is to be transmitted (in accordance with Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)).

The standard table for yearly data is built as follows:

— the rows correspond to the detailed classification of receipts, expenditure and benefits,

— the columns correspond to the schemes listed in the ‘list of schemes’ table (one column per scheme plus one column for the total of all the schemes),

— if a new scheme is to be added, this is to be done by adding a new column to the table.

1.2.2. Data to be transmitted

Data in national currency must be provided for each year at the level of the elementary item; most detailed data must be provided scheme by scheme (the aggregates are automatically calculated by formulae).

1.2.3. Reference Manual

The detailed classification to be used for providing data is laid down in Appendix 1 to the ESSPROS Manual produced by the European Commission in cooperation with Member States.

1.3. Qualitative information by schemes and detailed benefits

The ESSPROS questionnaire for qualitative information covers of the fields specified in Appendix 2 to the ESSPROS Manual produced by the European Commission in cooperation with Member States.

1.3.1. Organisation of data

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Data must refer to one of the calendar years for which information is to be transmitted (in accordance with Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)).

The information consists of:

— information relevant to all the schemes operating in the country,

— specific information for each of the schemes separately.

1.3.2. Information to be transmitted

Member States must provide or update qualitative information on each scheme and on each detailed benefit.

1.3.3. Reference Manual

The detailed information to be transmitted is laid down in Appendix 2 of the ESSPROS Manual produced by the European Commission in cooperation with Member States.

2. APPROPRIATE FORMATS FOR TRANSMISSION AND RESULTS TO BE TRANSMITTED FOR THE MODULE ON PENSION BENEFICIARIES

The ESSPROS questionnaire on pension beneficiaries is a standard table.

2.1. Organisation of data

Data must refer to one of the calendar years for which information is to be transmitted (in accordance with Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)).

The standard table for yearly data is built as follows:

— the rows correspond to the pension beneficiaries categories based on the classification in Appendix 3 of the ESSPROS Manual produced by the European Commission in cooperation with Member States,

— the columns correspond to schemes for which there is at least one beneficiaries category.

2.2. Data to be transmitted

Data on beneficiaries must be provided for each year.
Questionnaire

The questionnaire is a table to be filled in only for those benefits on which there is expenditure in the country concerned. If a new scheme is started up, it may be added, maintaining the same format. The data collection sheet is specific by country and/or by year.
Reference date

The collection of stock data for year N refers to the number of beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.
Data on gender

Data on beneficiaries are to be broken down by gender. These data are compulsory only for the total of all schemes level.