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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 384/2005 of 7 March 2005 adopting the programme of ad hoc modules, covering the years 2007 to 2009, to the labour force sample survey provided by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98[(2)] includes an ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems.

(2) Council Resolution No 2002/C 161/01 of 3 June 2002 on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work (2002-2006)[(3)] called on the Commission and the Member States to step up work in hand on harmonisation of statistics on accidents at work and occupational illnesses, so as to have available comparable data from which to make an objective assessment of the impact and effectiveness of the measures taken under the new Community strategy.

(3) Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work[(4)], states that employers must keep a list of occupational accidents resulting in a worker being unfit for work for more than three working days and must draw up, for the responsible authorities and in accordance with national laws and/or practices, reports on occupational accidents suffered by his workers. In its Recommendation 2003/670/EC of 19 September 2003 concerning the European schedule of occupational diseases[(5)], the Commission recommended that Member States should ensure that all cases of occupational diseases are reported and should progressively make their statistics on occupational diseases compatible with the European schedule, in accordance with the work being done on the system of harmonising European statistics on occupational diseases. The Commission Communication of 11 March 2002 on a new Community strategy on health and safety at work 2002-2006[(6)] underlines that the statistical information should cover not just

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recognised occupational accidents and illnesses, their causes and consequences, but should also introduce some quantifiable elements relating to working environment factors which are likely to cause the problems. Statistical data should also be available for emerging phenomena, like stress-related complaints or musculoskeletal problems.

(4) It is also necessary to update the specification of the sample set out in Section 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 384/2005, in order to ensure that the sample available for analysis in the ad hoc module is as revealing as possible.

(5) 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 detailed list of information to be collected in 2007 by the ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems, required for Section 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 384/2005, shall be as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

In Section 1 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 384/2005, the point '*Sample*' is replaced by the following:

Sample : The target age group for the sample for this module consists of persons aged 15 or more.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 24 February 2006.

For the Commission

Joaquín ALMUNIA

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

LABOUR FORCE SURVEYSpecifications of the 2007 ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems

1. Member States and regions concerned: all.

2. The variables shall be coded as follows:

The numbering of the variables of the labour force survey in the column 'Filters' refers to Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005[7].

Column	Code	Description	Filters/remarks
ACCIDENTS AT WORK ENCOUNTERED BY PERSONS HAVING WORKED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS			
209		*Accidental injury(ies), apart from illnesses, occurred during the past 12 months, at work or in the course of work*	(Col. 24 = 1, 2) or (Col. 84 = 1 and Col. 85/88 and Col. 89/90 is not prior to one year before the date of the interview)
	0	None	
	1	One	
	2	Two or more	
	9	Not applicable (Col. 24 = 3-9 and (Col. 84 ≠ 1 or (Col. 85/88 and Col. 89/90 is more than one year before the date of the interview, or is blank)))	
	blank	No answer	
210		*Type of the most recent accidental injury at work or in the course of work*	Col. 209 = 1-2
	1	A road traffic accident	
	2	Accident other than road traffic accident	
	9	Not applicable (Col. 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	blank	No answer	
211/212		*Date when the person was able to start to*	Col. 209 = 1-2

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		work again after the most recent accidental injury	
	00	Still off work because has not yet recovered from the accident, but expects to resume work later	
	01	Expects never to work again because of the accident	
	02	No time off or the same day as the accident	
	03	The day after the accident	
	04	From the second but before the fifth day after the accident	
	05	From the fifth day but before two weeks after the accident	
	06	From two weeks but before one month after the accident	
	07	From one month but before three months after the accident	
	08	From three months but before six months after the accident	
	09	From six months but before nine months after the accident	
	10	Nine months or later after the accident	
	99	Not applicable (Col. 209 = 0, 9 or blank)	
	blank	No answer	
213		*Job done when the most recent accidental injury occurred (code first that applies)*	Col. 209 = 1-2

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	1	Main current (first) job	
	2	Second current job	
	3	Last job (person not in employment)	
	4	Job one year ago	
	5	Some other job	
	9	Not applicable (Col. 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	blank	No answer	
WORK-RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS SUFFERED DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS(apart from accidental injuries)			
214		*Illness(es), disability(ies) or other physical or psychic health problem(s), apart from accidental injuries, suffered by the person during the past 12 months (from the date of the interview) and that was (were), caused or made worse by work*	(Col. 24 = 1, 2 or Col. 84 = 1)
	0	None	
	1	One	
	2	Two or more	
	9	Not applicable (Col. 24 = 3-9 and Col. 84 ≠ 1)	
	blank	No answer	
215/216		*Type of the most serious complaint caused or made worse by work*	Col. 214 = 1-2
	00	Bone, joint or muscle problem which mainly affects neck, shoulders, arms or hands	
	01	Bone, joint or muscle problem which	