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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings[(1)], and in particular Articles 5 and 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The list of characteristics set out in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 has to be adapted in order to follow the evolution of the agricultural sector and of the common agricultural policy.

(2) In certain Member States, the results from the Community survey on the structure of agricultural holdings carried out in 2003 have shown that some characteristics are insignificant, and that others have gained in importance.

(3) 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 and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001[(2)] introduces the maintenance of land in good agricultural and environmental condition as an agricultural activity, which makes the revision of various definitions necessary.

(4) Both Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 itself and the decision laying down the definitions and explanations relating to that Regulation, namely Commission Decision 2000/115/EC[(3)] should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics established by Council Decision 72/279/EEC[(4)],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 is replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Annex I to Decision 2000/115/EC is amended as shown in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

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, 6 February 2006.

For the Commission

Joaquín ALMUNIA

Member of the Commission

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 204/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

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LIST OF CHARACTERISTICS FOR 2007[5]

Explanatory notes:

— The characteristics marked with the letters “NE” in the Annex are deemed not to exist or to be close to zero in the respective Member States.

— The characteristics marked with the letters “NS” are deemed to be non-significant in the respective Member States.

			BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK
A. Geographical situation of the holding																											
1.	code	Survey district																									
(a)	code	Municipality or sub-survey district[a]																									
2.	yes/no	Less-favoured area[a]										NE															
(a)	yes/no	Mountain area[a]				NE						NE	NE	NE			NE										
3.	yes/no	Agricultural areas with environmental restrictions										NE					NE			NE			NE				
B. Legal personality and management of the holding (on the day of the survey)																											
1. Is the legal and economic responsibility of the holding assumed by:																											
(a)	yes/no	a natural person who																									

a The provision of information on less-favoured area (A2) and mountain area (A2a) is optional in case the municipality code (A1a) is sent for each holding. In case the municipality code (A1a) is not provided for the holding, the information on less-favoured area (A2) and mountain area (A2a) is obligatory.

b Voluntary information.

c Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria may include item G/1(c) “nuts” under this heading.

d Germany may merge headings 8(c), 8(d) and 8(e).

e Optional for Member States that are able to provide an overall estimate for this characteristic at regional level.’

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is a sole holder, where the holding is independent?																										
(b) one or more natural persons who is/are a partner, where the holding is a group holding?[b]	yes/no			NS		NS	NS	NS		NS	NS				NS	NS			NS	NS	NS		NE		NS	NS
(c) a legal person?	yes/no																									
2. If the answer to question B/1 (a) is “yes”, is the person	yes/no																									

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(the holder) also the manager?																														
(a)	yes/ no	If the answer to question B/2 is “no”, is the manager a member of the holder’s family?																												
(b)	yes/ no	If the answer to question B/2 a) is “yes”, is the manager the spouse of the holder?							NS		NS																			

C. Type of tenure (in relation to the holder) and farming system

Agricultural area utilised:

a	The provision of information on less-favoured area (A2) and mountain area (A2a) is optional in case the municipality code (A1a) is sent for each holding. In case the municipality code (A1a) is not provided for the holding, the information on less-favoured area (A2) and mountain area (A2a) is obligatory.
b	Voluntary information.
c	Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria may include item G/1(c) “nuts” under this heading.
d	Germany may merge headings 8(c), 8(d) and 8(e).
e	Optional for Member States that are able to provide an overall estimate for this characteristic at regional level.’