COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 29/2004

of 8 January 2004

adopting the specifications of the 2005 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98

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 246/2003 [2] adopting the 2004 to 2006 programme of ad hoc modules to the labour force sample survey, includes an ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life.

(2) In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98 the detailed list of information to be collected in an ad hoc module must be drawn up at least 12 months before the beginning of the reference period for that module.

(3) There is a need for a comprehensive and comparable set of data on reconciliation between work and family life, as referred to in the EU gender policy objectives on employment indicated in the 2003 Employment Guidelines with the specific guideline on 'Gender equality' as adopted by the Council on 22 July 2003 [3].

(4) 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 2005 by the ad hoc module is set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of 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, 8 January 2004.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2257/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 336, 23.12.2003, p. 6).

[2] OJ L 34, 11.2.2003, p. 3.

[3] OJ L 197, 5.8.2003, p. 13.

ANNEX

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Specifications of the 2005 ad hoc module on reconciliation between work and family life

1. Member States and regions concerned: all.

2. The variables will be coded as follows:

Column	Code	Description	Filter
237		*Main type of childcare used for own/spouse's children up to 14 while person is working (apart from compulsory school; normal week omitting school holidays and emergency arrangements)*	Everybody aged 15 to 64 with at least one own/spouse's child up to 14 living in the household and C24 = 1, 2
	1	Childcare services (including paid childminders), pre-school	
	2	Partner who is living in the household	
	3	Relatives/neighbours/friends (unpaid)	
	4	No childcare used	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	No answer	
238		*Person takes regularly care of other children up to 14 or of ill, disabled, elderly relatives/friends aged 15 or more in need of care*	Everybody aged 15 to 64
	1	Yes, of other children up to 14	
	2	Yes, of relatives/friends aged 15 or more in need of care	
	3	Yes, of other children up to 14 and of relatives/friends aged 15 or more in need of care	
	4	No	
	9	Not applicable (person aged less than 15 or more than 64)	
	Blank	No answer	
239		*Wish to change the organisation of his/her working life and his/her care responsibilities*	Everybody aged 15 to 64 and ((has at least one own/spouse's child up to 14 living in the household) or (C238 = 1, 2, 3))
	1	No	
	2	Wish to work or to work more (and reduce caring time)	
	3	Wish to work less to have more time for caring	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	No answer	
240		*Main reason (linked with childcare) for not working or not working more*	C239 = 2 and ((has at least one own/spouse's child up to 14 living in the household) or (C238 = 1, 3))
	1	Lack of childcare services during the day	
	2	Lack of childcare services at special times	
	3	Lack of childcare services during the day or at special times	
	4	Childcare services are too expensive	