

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 204/2006

of 6 February 2006

adapting Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 and amending Commission Decision 2000/115/EC with a view to the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in 2007

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, 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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 <sup>(3)</sup> 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 <sup>(4)</sup>,

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*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 56, 2.3.1988, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004 (OJ L 369, 16.12.2004, p. 26).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2183/2005 (OJ L 347, 30.12.2005, p. 56).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 38, 12.2.2000, p. 1. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2139/2004.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 179, 7.8.1972, p. 1.

## ANNEX I

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## LIST OF CHARACTERISTICS FOR 2007 (\*)

## 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	
1. Survey district code																										
(a) Municipality or sub-survey district (1)																										
2. Less-favoured area (1)											NE															
(a) Mountain area (1)					NE						NE	NE	NE			NE										
3. Agricultural areas with environmental restrictions											NE					NE			NE							

## A. Geographical situation of the holding

- Survey district code
- (a) Municipality or sub-survey district (1)
- Less-favoured area (1)
  - Mountain area (1)
- Agricultural areas with environmental restrictions

## 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 natural person who is a sole holder, where the holding is independent?
- one or more natural persons who is/are a partner, where the holding is a group holding? (2)
- a legal person?

2. If the answer to question B/1 (a) is "yes", is the person (the holder) also the manager?

			NS		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS				NS	NS			NS	NS	NS					NS	NS	

(\*) Note to the reader: The numbering of the characteristics is a consequence of the long history of the Farm Structure Surveys and cannot be changed without repercussion on comparability between surveys.

(1) 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.

(2) Voluntary information.

	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
yes/no																									
yes/no							NS	NS		NS															

yes/no

(a) If the answer to question B/2 is "no", is the manager a member of the holder's family?

yes/no

(b) If the answer to question B/2 a) is "yes", is the manager the spouse of the holder?

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

Agricultural area utilised:

1. For owner farming	ha/a																									
2. For tenant farming	ha/a																									
3. For share farming or other modes	ha/a									NS			NS			NS					NS	NE	NE	NE	NS	

5. Farming system and practises:

(a) The utilised agricultural area of the holding on which organic farming production methods are applied according to European Community rules	ha/a										NS					NE										
(d) The utilised agricultural area of the holding that are under conversion to organic farming production methods	ha/a										NS					NE										
(e) Is the holding applying organic production methods also to the animal production?	totally, partly, not at all										NS					NE										

ha/a

ha/a

totally, partly, not at all



	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
10. Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)																									
11. Sugar beet (excluding seeds)					NE						NE					NE									
12. Fodder roots and brassicas (excluding seeds)																NE							NS	NS	

ha/a

ha/a

ha/a

## Industrial plants:

23. Tobacco		NE	NE		NE				NE			NE		NE		NE	NE			NS	NE		NE	NE	NE
24. Hops		NE	NE		NE	NS			NE		NE	NS		NE	NS	NE	NE		NS	NS		NE	NE	NE	
25. Cotton	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE		NE		NE		NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NS	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
26. Rape and turnip rape						NE					NE					NE				NS					
27. Sunflower	NS		NS		NE				NE		NS	NE	NE	NE		NE	NS		NS	NS				NE	NS
28. Soya	NE		NE	NE	NE				NE		NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE		NS	NS			NE	NE	NS
29. Linseed (oil flax)			NS			NS			NS	NS	NE		NE	NS		NE			NS	NS	NS				
30. Other oil seed crops					NS				NS		NE	NS	NE			NE	NE		NS	NS				NS	NS
31. Flax									NE	NS	NE			NS	NS	NE			NS	NS	NS				NS
32. Hemp	NS	NS	NS	NE	NE	NS			NE		NE	NS	NE	NS		NE			NS	NS	NS				NS
33. Other textile crops		NE	NE	NE	NE				NE		NE	NE		NS	NE	NE	NE		NE	NS	NE	NE	NS	NE	NS
34. Aromatic plants, medicinal and culinary plants									NS					NE		NE				NS					NS
35. Industrial plants, not mentioned elsewhere					NS				NS		NS	NS				NE									NS

## Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberries:

14. Outdoor or under low (not accessible) protective cover of which:																									
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ha/a

(a) open field														NE											
(b) market gardening																NS									
15. Under glass or other (accessible) protective cover																							NE		

ha/a

ha/a

ha/a



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<b>G. Permanent crops</b>																									
1. Fruit and berry plantations																									
(a) fresh fruit and berry species of temperate climate zones (1)																									
(b) fruit and berry species of subtropical climate zones	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
(c) nuts	NS	NS	NE	NS	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NS	NS			NS		NE	NE	NS
2. Citrus plantations	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE	NE		NS	NE	NE	NE	NE
3. Olive plantations	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE	NE			NE	NE	NE	NE
(a) normally producing table olives	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE			NS	NE			NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE	NE		NS	NE	NE	NE	NE
(b) normally producing olives for oil production	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE			NS	NE			NE	NE	NE	NE		NE	NE	NE			NE	NE	NE	NE
4. Vineyards	NS		NE		NE				NE			NE	NE				NS		NS				NE	NE	
of which normally producing:																									
(a) quality wine	NS		NE		NE				NE		NE	NE	NE				NS		NS				NE	NE	NE
(b) other wines	NS	NE	NE	NS	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE			NS	NE	NS				NE	NE	
(c) table grapes	NS		NE	NS	NE				NE			NE	NE	NE			NS	NS	NS		NS		NE	NE	NE
(d) raisins	NS	NE	NE	NE	NE			NE	NE	NS		NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NS	NS	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
5. Nurseries																									
6. Other permanent crops				NE	NE				NS			NS			NS		NE	NE	NS		NE	NS	NE	NE	NS
7. Permanent crops under glass		NS		NE	NE			NS	NS			NS	NE	NE	NS		NE	NE	NS	NS	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE

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





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(c) areas converted into permanent pasture and meadow (already recorded under F/1 and F/2) (1)				NS							NE					NE								NE	NE
(d) former agricultural areas converted into wooded area or being prepared for afforestation (already recorded under H/2) (1)				NS												NE								NS	
(e) other areas (already recorded under H/1 and H/3) (1)																		NS							NE

J. **Livestock** (on the reference day of the survey)

	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	
1. Equidae																										

number of  
heads

Bovine animals:

2. Bovine animals, under one year old, male and female																										
3. Male bovine animals, one but less than two years old																										
4. Female bovine animals, one but less than two years old																										
5. Male bovine animals, two years old and over																										
6. Heifers, two years old and over																										
7. Dairy cows																										
8. Other cows																										

number of  
heads

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Sheep and goats:

9. Sheep (all ages)																										
(a) sheep, breeding females																										
(b) other sheep																										

number of  
heads

number of  
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heads

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







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— the farm work on the holding (apart from housework) according to the classification:

> 0 - < 25 %, 25 - < 50 %, 50 - < 75 %, 75 - < 100 %, 100 % (full-time) of annual time worked by a full-time farm worker.

2. Spouses of holders

*In this category are found the spouses of sole holders (the answer to question B/1(a) is "yes") who are not included in L/1, nor included in L/1(a) (they are not managers: the answer to question B/2(b) is "no")*

The following information is recorded for each person mentioned above:

— the gender,  
— the age according to the following age classes:

from school leaving age to < 25 years, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and over,

— the farm work on the holding (apart from housework) according to the classification:

0 %, > 0 - < 25 %, 25 - < 50 %, 50 - < 75 %, 75 - < 100 %, 100 % (full-time) of annual time worked by a full-time farm worker.

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3. (a) Other members of sole holders' families carrying out farm work for the holding: male (excluding persons in categories L/1, L/1(a) and L/2)

3. (b) Other members of sole holders' families carrying out farm work for the holding: female (excluding persons in categories L/1, L/1(a) and L/2)

The following information on the number of persons on the holding corresponding to the following classes is to be recorded for each person of the categories mentioned above:

— the farm work on the holding (apart from housework) according to the classification:

- > 0 - < 25 %
- 25 - < 50 %
- 50 - < 75 %
- 75 - < 100 %
- 100 % (full-time) of annual time worked by a full-time farm worker.

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4. (a) Non-family labour regularly employed: male (excluding persons in categories L/1, L/1(a), L/2 and L/3)

4. (b) Non-family labour regularly employed: female (excluding persons in categories L/1, L/1(a), L/2 and L/3)

The following information on the number of persons on the holding corresponding to the following classes is to be recorded for each of the categories mentioned above:



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10.														NE				NS	NS							

number of days

10. Total number of equivalent full-time working days of farm work during the 12 months preceding the day of the survey, not included under 1/1 to 1/6, undertaken on the holding by persons not employed directly by the holding (e.g. contractors' employees) (1)

#### M. Rural development

1. Other gainful activities on the holding (other than agriculture), directly related to the holding:

(a) tourism, accommodation and other leisure activities											NS					NE										
(b) handicraft											NS					NE	NS									
(c) processing of farm products																										
(d) wood processing (e.g. sawing, etc.)			NS													NE	NS									
(e) aqua culture							NS									NE										
(f) renewable energy production (wind energy, straw burning, etc.)							NS			NS						NE										
(g) contractual work (using equipment of the holding)																										
(h) other																NE										

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

yes/no

(1) Optional for Member States that are able to provide an overall estimate for this characteristic at regional level.



## ANNEX II

## AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX I TO DECISION 2000/115/EC

1. The definition of the agricultural holding is replaced by the following:

**'AGRICULTURAL HOLDING**

- I. A single unit both technically and economically, which has single management and which produces agricultural products or maintains its land which is no longer used for production purposes in good agricultural and environmental condition, in line with Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (\*). The holding may also provide other supplementary (non-agricultural) products and services.

(\*) OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1.'

2. The following point 1.4 is added to the explanatory note related to the agricultural holding:

- 1.4. With the 2003 CAP reform, "Maintaining the land in good agricultural and environmental condition" was introduced as an agricultural activity (Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003). Besides this activity, farmers do not have to have any other agricultural activity in order to have access to the single payment scheme.'

3. The explanatory note of subparagraph C/6(a) is replaced by the following:

'Gifts to family and relatives without remuneration should be considered as household consumption. Final production as referred to under this characteristic follows the definition of final output used in the agricultural accounts (i.e. agricultural products used as input for other production, such as forage for animal production, are not included in final output).

The 50 % should of course not be considered as an exact threshold, but just as an order of magnitude.'

4. Paragraph D is amended as follows:

- 4.1. the third paragraph of the explanatory notes to paragraph D is replaced by the following:

'Arable land comprises crop categories D/1 to D/20, D/23 to D/35, fallow land without any subsidies (D/21) and fallow land subject to the payment of subsidies, with no economic use (D/22).'

- 4.2. the title of subparagraph D/22 is replaced by the following:

**'D/22 Fallow land subject to the payment of subsidies, with no economic use'**,

- 4.3. the definition of subparagraph D/22 is replaced by the following:

I. Areas no longer used for production purposes for which the holding is entitled to financial aid. This includes areas which, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (or, where applicable, the most recent legislation), are no longer used for production purposes, are maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition, and are eligible for the single payment or for the payment of set-aside entitlements. If there are similar national schemes, these areas are also included under this characteristic.

Areas taken out of production for more than five years, under schemes which do not require the maintenance in good agricultural and environmental condition, should be recorded under H/1 + H/3.'

5. The following subparagraph F/3 is added:

**F/3 Permanent grassland and meadows no longer used for production purposes and eligible for the payment of subsidies**

- I. Areas of permanent grassland and meadows no longer used for production purposes, which, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (or, where applicable, the most recent legislation), are maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition and are eligible for the single payment.'

6. Paragraph I is amended as follows:

6.1. the title of paragraph I is replaced by the following:

**'1. MUSHROOMS, IRRIGATION, AREAS NO LONGER USED FOR PRODUCTION PURPOSES, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF SUBSIDIES, AND AREAS SUBJECT TO SET-ASIDE INCENTIVE SCHEMES',**

6.2. the title of subparagraph I/8 is replaced by the following:

**'1/8 Areas no longer used for production purposes, subject to the payment of subsidies, and area subject to set-aside incentive schemes, broken down by:',**

6.3. in subparagraph I/8, points (a) and (b) are replaced by the following:

*'(a) areas no longer used for production purposes, subject to the payment of subsidies (already recorded under D/22 and F/3)*

*'(b) areas used for the production of agricultural raw material for non-food purposes (e.g. rape, trees, bushes, etc., including lentils, chick peas and vetches; already recorded under D and G),*

6.4. the definition of subparagraph I/8 is replaced by the following:

**'1. Areas no longer used for production purposes for which the holding is entitled to financial aid. This includes areas which, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (or, where applicable, the most recent legislation), are no longer used for production purposes, are maintained in good agricultural and environmental condition, and are eligible for the single payment or for the payment of set-aside entitlements. If there are similar national schemes, these areas are also included under this characteristic.'**

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