

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 68/2003
of 16 January 2003**

**concerning the use of information from sources other than statistical surveys and the time limits
for the communication of the results for the 2003 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 143/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8(2) and point 5 of Annex II,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 8(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88, certain Member States have asked to be authorised by the Commission to use information that is already available from sources other than statistical surveys for certain characteristics.
- (2) The results of the structure survey are of great importance for the common agricultural policy. It is necessary to maintain a high quality of information and therefore the use of data from sources other than statistical surveys can only be accepted if these data are as reliable as those from statistical surveys.
- (3) Time limits for the communication of individual survey data from the 2003 surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings shall be established by the Commission, taking into account the fact that the timetable for carrying out the survey work differs between Member States.
- (4) The importance of the structure survey results for the common agricultural policy and the growing demand for up-to-date data mean that the survey data need to be processed and communicated to the Commission (Eurostat) as quickly as possible.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, and the United Kingdom are authorised to use information already available from sources other than statistical surveys for the 2003 surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings. The sources to be used are listed in Annex I to the present Regulation.
2. The Member States referred to in paragraph shall take the necessary measures to ensure that this information is of at least equal quality to information obtained from statistical surveys.

Article 2

Within the time limits set out in Annex II, Member States shall communicate validated individual survey data from the 2003 surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 January 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 2.3.1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 26.1.2002, p. 16.

ANNEX I

Sources other than statistical surveys that are authorised for use in the 2003 surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings:

Denmark	Integrated Administration and Control System
Germany	Integrated Administration and Control System
Netherlands	Integrated Administration and Control System National Farm Register ⁽¹⁾
Austria	Integrated Administration and Control System System for the identification and registration of bovine animals
Sweden	Integrated Administration and Control System System for the identification and registration of bovine animals
United Kingdom:	Integrated Administration and Control System System for the identification and registration of bovine animals Organic Farming Register

⁽¹⁾ Set up under national legislation.

The Integrated Administration and Control System is set up in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 ⁽²⁾ and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3887/92 of 23 December 1992 ⁽³⁾.

The Centralised Bovine Register is set up in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾.

The Organic Farming Register is set up in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 355, 5.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 391, 31.12.1992, p. 36.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 198, 22.7.1991, p. 1.

ANNEX II

Time limits for communicating the validated individual survey data to Eurostat:

Member State	Survey period	Time limit
Belgium	May 2003	31.8.2004
Denmark	May 2003	31.8.2004
Germany	May to June 2003	31.12.2004
Greece	November to December 2003	31.12.2004
Spain	October to December 2003	31.12.2004
France	October to December 2003	31.12.2004
Ireland	June to August 2003	31.8.2004
Italy	October to December 2003	31.12.2004
Luxembourg	May to June 2003	31.8.2004
Netherlands	April to June 2003	31.8.2004
Austria	December 2003	31.12.2004
Portugal	November 2003 to February 2004	31.12.2004
Finland	May and November 2003	31.8.2004
Sweden	June 2003	31.8.2004
United Kingdom	February to October 2003	31.8.2004