COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 2007

amending Decision 2004/452/EC laying down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/52/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community statistics [1], and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 831/2002 of 17 May 2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics, concerning access to confidential data for scientific purposes [2] establishes, for the purpose of enabling statistical conclusions to be drawn for scientific purposes, the conditions under which access to confidential data transmitted to the Community authority may be granted and the rules of cooperation between the Community and national authorities in order to facilitate such access.

(2) Commission Decision 2004/452/EC [3] has laid down a list of bodies whose researchers may access confidential data for scientific purposes.

(3) The Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego, USA, has to be regarded as a body fulfilling the required conditions and should therefore be added to the list of agencies, organisations and institutions referred to in Article 3(1)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 831/2002.

(4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Statistical Confidentiality,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2004/452/EC is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2007.

For the Commission

Joaquín ALMUNIA

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 52, 22.2.1997, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

[2] OJ L 133, 18.5.2002, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1000/2007 (OJ L 226, 30.8.2007, p. 7).

[3] OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 1, as corrected by OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 1. Decision as last amended by Decision 2007/678/EC (OJ L 280, 24.10.2007, p. 22).

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BODIES WHOSE RESEARCHERS MAY ACCESS CONFIDENTIAL DATA FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

European Central Bank

Spanish Central Bank

Italian Central Bank

University of Cornell (New York State, United States of America)

Department of Political Science, Baruch College, New York City University (New York State, United States of America)

German Central Bank

Employment Analysis Unit, Directorate General for Employment, social affairs and equal opportunities of the European Commission

University of Tel. Aviv (Israel)

World Bank

Center of Health and Wellbeing (CHW) of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, New Jersey, United States of America

The University of Chicago (UofC), Illinois, United States of America

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Family and Labour Studies Division of Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Econometrics and Statistical Support to Antifraud (ESAF) Unit, Directorate General Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

Support to the European Research Area (SERA) Unit, Directorate General Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

Canada Research Chair of the School of Social Science in the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies at York University, Ontario, Canada

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Chicago, USA

Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego, USA'