REGULATION (EEC) No 2640/74 OF THE COUNCIL

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on the organization of a sample survey of manpower

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof;

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas in order to carry out the tasks which are assigned to it by the Treaty, in particular in Articles 2, 117, 118, 122 and 123 thereof, the Commission must know the situation and the developments in employment and unemployment;

Whereas the statistical information available in each of the Member States does not provide a suitable basis for comparison, particularly because of the differences between the laws, rules and the administrative practices of the Member States on which these statistics are based;

Whereas by reason of the considerable changes which take place in the field of employment and unemployment, it appears necessary to make available statistics at regular intervals permitting proper comparisons between Member States;

Whereas the best method of knowing the level and the structure of employment and unemployment consists in carrying out harmonized and synchronized Community sample surveys of manpower; whereas only the renewal in 1975 of the survey already carried out in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1973 enables this information to be obtained;

Whereas, as a result of the accession of the new Member States to the European Communities, certain special problems arise in these States concerning their participation in such a survey and whereas this situation should be taken into account,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Commission shall undertake in the Spring of 1975 a manpower survey on a sample of households in each of the Member States.

Article 2

This survey shall be carried out in the form of personal interviews in each of the Member States, in a sample of households whose residence is in the territory of these States at the time of the survey. The information shall be collected for each of the persons in the households included in the sample.

Article 3

The sample shall cover between 60 000 and 100 000 households in Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom, between 30 000 and 50 000 in Belgium and the Netherlands, between 30 000 and 40 000 in Denmark and Ireland and approximately 10 000 households in Luxembourg.

Article 4

The basic survey shall cover:

(a) the individual characteristics of all the persons in the households questioned;

(b) the occupations of these persons (status, type of activity, hours of work, etc.) at the time of the survey and one year prior to it.

(c) the search for work, taking into account the type of employment sought, reasons for seeking it, and the length of time spent seeking it.

Article 5

Supplementary questions shall be asked within the framework of the basic survey referred to in Article 4. They shall relate to:

(a) vocational training currently being obtained in the undertaking, in specialized institutions, in vocational training centres, etc. by all persons aged 14 to 65 years, who are included in the sample of households referred to in Article 3;

(b) conditions of work (distance between home and place of work; means of transport used; shift working, working on Sundays or holidays, at night, etc.) by all persons aged 14 years and over regularly engaged in a principal occupation at the time of the survey who are included in the sample of households referred to in Article 3.

Article 6

The information shall be gathered by the statistical authorities of the Member States on the basis of a list of questions drawn up by the Commission in cooperation with the said authorities.

The Commission shall determine, in collaboration with these authorities, the technical details of the

survey (basic survey and supplementary questions), in particular the layout of the survey. It shall establish in addition, under the same conditions, the starting and closing dates of the survey and the time allowed for answers to the questionnaires.

Article 7

The statistical authorities of the Member States shall check the answers collected. They shall forward to the Commission the results of the survey for each person questioned, while observing anonymity.

Article 8

The individual items of information provided in the context of the survey may be used only for statistical purposes. They may not be used for other purposes, fiscal in particular, and may not be communicated to third parties.

The Member States shall take appropriate measures :

(a) to ensure that the information requested is furnished truthfully and in its entirety within the fixed period ;

(b) to punish any infringement of the obligation to keep secret the information gathered, referred to in the first subparagraph.

Article 9

In order to take account of any special problems facing new Member States participating in the survey for the first time, the technical details referred to in Articles 1, 2 and 3 may be adapted to suit the particular situations by common agreement between these States and the Commission.

Article 10

For the conduct of this survey, Member States shall receive a flat-rate sum proportional to the number of households questioned. This amount shall be set off against the appropriations provided for this purpose in the budget of the European Communities.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 15 October 1974.

For the Council

The President

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