REGULATION (EEC) No 677/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 21 March 1974

relating to the organization of a survey on the earnings of permanent workers in agriculture

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 assigned to it by the Treaty, and in particular Articles 2, 39, 117, 118, 119 and 122 thereof, the Commission needs to know the earnings situation and trends in the Member States;

Whereas, in contrast to those existing for industry and services, comparable statistics on earnings in agriculture are not yet available at Community level and consequently this gap should be filled;

Whereas such statistical data on the earnings of workers in agriculture as do exist within the Member States do not permit valid comparisons to be made and hence it is necessary to conduct a specific Community survey based on uniform definitions and characteristics;

Whereas the technical difficulties of a survey on earnings in agriculture make it necessary to proceed by stages and in the first instance only to consider the earnings of permanent workers in agriculture;

Whereas it is possible and more economical to carry out such a survey by random sampling only,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Commission shall undertake a survey of the actual earnings of permanent workers in agriculture on the basis of the statistical data relating to one month in 1974, preferably the month of April.

Article 2

The survey shall be extended to all holdings which employ permanent workers, and which exercise activity specified and defined under class 01 of the General Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Communities (NACE), with the exception of holdings whose activities are mainly or exclusively directed to creating and maintaining gardens and parks, to hunting and to activities ancillary to agriculture.

Article 3

The survey shall be carried out by means of random sampling.

In respect of those holdings appearing in the survey sample, employers shall supply the information required for the survey, in the manner set out hereafter.

Article 4

The survey shall consist of the collection for each permanent worker, of all data relating to gross cash earnings for one month in 1974, preferably the month of April, the existence or absence of benefits in kind, the nature of work performed, the basis on which earnings are calculated, and the number of hours paid, as well as the sex, age and professional qualifications.

Article 5

Information shall be gathered by the statistical services of the Member States.

The Commission, with the collaboration of the statistical services of the Member States, shall determine the technical details of the survey and the manner in which results are to be transmitted to the Commission.

Article 6

Individual items of information supplied for purposes of the survey shall be used for statistical purposes only. It shall be prohibited to use the information for taxation purposes, or to communicate it to third parties.

Member States shall take appropriate measures to avoid any infringement of:

(a) the obligation to supply the information referred to in Article 3,

(b) the obligation, under the first paragraph of this Article, to maintain secrecy as regards the information obtained.

Article 7

The expenditure incurred by Member States in carrying out this survey shall be charged against the European Communities' budget appropriations allocated for this purpose.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 1974.

For the Council

The President

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