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COUNCIL REGULATION (ECSC, EC, EURATOM) No 542/97

of 13 March 1997

laying down the weightings applicable from 1 July 1996 to the remuneration of officials of the European Communities serving in third countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the conditions of employment of other servants of the Communities laid down by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 [1], as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) No 2485/96 [2], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 13 of Annex X thereto,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas account should be taken of changes in the cost of living in countries outside the Community and weightings applicable to remuneration payable in the currency of the country of employment to officials serving in third countries should be determined with effect from 1 July 1996;

Whereas, under Annex X of the Staff Regulations, the Council sets the weightings every six months; whereas it will accordingly have to set new weightings for the coming half-years;

Whereas the weightings to apply with effect from 1 July 1996 in respect of which payment has been made on the basis of a previous regulation could lead to retrospective adjustments to remuneration (positive or negative);

Whereas provision should be made for back-payments in the event of an increase as a result of these weightings;

Whereas provision should be made for the recovery of sums overpaid in the event of a reduction as a result of these weightings for the period between 1 July 1996 and the date of the Council decision setting the weightings to apply with effect from 1 July 1996;

Whereas, however, in order for the weightings applicable within the Community to reflect the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities, provision should be made for any such recovery to apply solely to a period of no more than six months preceding the decision and for its effects to be spread over a period of no more than 12 months following the date of that decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 1996, the weightings applicable to remuneration paid in the currency of the country of employment of Community officials shall be as shown in the Annex.

The exchange rates for the calculation of such remuneration shall be those used for implementation of the general budget of the European Communities for the month preceding the date referred to in the first subparagraph.

Article 2

In accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 13 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations, the Council shall set weightings every six months. It shall accordingly set new weightings with effect from 1 January 1997.

The institutions shall make back payments in the event of an increase in remuneration as a result of these weightings.

[1] OJ No L 56, 4. 3. 1968, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 338, 28. 12. 1996, p. 1.

For the period between 1 July 1996 and the date of the Council decision setting the weightings applicable with effect from 1 July 1996, the institutions shall make retrospective negative adjustments to remuneration in the event of a reduction as a result of these weightings.

Retrospective adjustments involving the recovery of sums overpaid shall, however, concern only a period of no more than six months preceding the decision and this recovery shall be spread over no more than 12 months from the date of that decision.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 13 March 1997.

For the Council

The President

J. VAN AARTSEN

ANNEX

Place of employment	Economic parities July 1996	Exchange rates June 1996 (**)	Weightings July 1996 (***)
Albania	2,2556249	3,6664956	61,52
Algeria (*)	0	1,7800246	0,00
Angola	2468615,215	1011910,183	243,96
Antigua and Barbuda	0,081068	0,0859623	94,31
Argentina	0,0299492	0,0318279	94,10
Australia	0,0333145	0,0399664	83,36
Bangladesh	0,7777071	1,329363	58,50
Barbados	0,0544729	0,063674	85,55
Belize	0,0456028	0,063674	71,62
Benin	11,1971251	16,4725649	67,97
Bolivia (*)	0	0	0,00
Bosnia-Herzegovina (*)	0	0	0,00
Botswana	0,0647352	0,1056	61,30
Brazil	0,0244446	0,0309521	78,98
Bulgaria	1,5568537	4,0390985	38,54
Burkina Faso	13,0420989	16,4725649	79,17
Burundi	7,4564554	8,9198109	83,59
Cameroon	15,1617187	16,4725649	92,04
Canada	0,0296948	0,0437082	67,94
Central African Republic	18,3698684	16,4725649	111,52
Chad	12,9296478	16,4725649	78,49
Chile	11,0214007	13,0191381	84,66
China	0,2073044	0,2651535	78,18
Colombia	23,1500329	34,0309682	68,03
Comoros	11,0233646	12,3543728	89,23
Congo	15,8847088	16,4725649	96,43
Costa Rica	4,2914188	6,5397947	65,62
Côte d'Ivoire	15,259141	16,4725649	92,63
Cyprus	0,0123438	0,0150657	81,93
Czech Republic	0,5561112	0,8873902	62,67
Djibouti	6,6312349	5,6580287	117,20
Dominican Republic	0,3064145	0,4097521	74,78
Egypt	0,0632051	0,1058896	59,69
Equatorial Guinea	13,2482031	16,4725649	80,43
Eritrea (*)	0	0	0,00
Estonia (*)	0	0	0,00
Ethiopia	0,0725413	0,2012113	36,05
Former Yugoslavia (*)	0	0,1605575	0,00
Fiji	0,0316962	0,0436567	72,60
Gabon	20,1557622	16,4725649	122,36
Gambia	0,2471755	0,3068708	80,55
Georgia	0,0261629	0,031837	82,18
Ghana	18,8697439	51,4588586	36,67
Grenada	0,0793511	0,0859623	92,31
Guinea	32,1593765	31,8684471	100,91
Guinea-Bissau	457,1247205	736,1059993	62,10
Guyana	2,6616635	4,4734723	59,50
Haiti (*)	0	0,5093984	0,00
Hong Kong	0,2497118	0,24833	100,56
Hungary	3,5476908	4,8503662	73,14
India	0,4445627	1,0951103	40,60
Indonesia	59,0410903	73,713696	80,10
Israel	0,1092398	0,103598	105,45
Jamaica	0,6155779	1,2351779	49,84
Japan	5,3131863	3,3998572	156,28
Jordan	0,0141788	0,0222084	63,84

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Kazakhstan	0,0342607	0,031837	107,61
Kenya	1,1767997	1,8240187	64,52
Latvia (*)	0	0	0,00
Lebanon	47,0506759	49,3193924	95,40
Left Bank — Gaza Strip (*)	0	0	0,00
Lesotho	0,0703153	0,1392874	50,48
Liberia (*)	0	0,031837	0,00
Lithuania (*)	0	0	0,00
Madagascar	68,2662146	125,2348153	54,51
Malawi	0,1880859	0,4882336	38,52
Mali	13,9842377	16,4725649	84,89
Malta	0,009066	0,0116159	78,05
Mauritania	3,3068724	4,3023706	76,86
Mauritius	0,4316361	0,6136099	70,34
Mexico	0,1181044	0,2363899	49,96
Morocco	0,1961727	0,2803241	69,98
Mozambique	194,4173606	351,4938489	55,31
Namibia	0,0874029	0,1392874	62,75
Netherlands Antilles	0,0450799	0,0566701	79,55
New Caledonia	3,6821563	2,9949984	122,94
Niger	13,0819304	16,4725649	79,42
Nigeria	1,0355024	2,6266022	39,42
Norway	0,2576376	0,2080862	123,81
Pakistan	0,6604226	1,1055954	59,73
Papua New Guinea	0,0380214	0,0406058	93,64
Peru	0,0627747	0,0767578	81,78
Philippines	0,4918452	0,817929	60,13
Poland	716,1510829	849,5454932	84,30
Republic of Cape Verde	1,9902843	2,6755137	74,39
Romania	39,1804024	93,949643	41,70
Russia	0,0386537	0,031837	121,41
Rwanda (*)	0	9,6237128	0,00
Senegal	12,2688129	16,4725649	74,48
Sierra Leone	22,4305825	27,2643001	82,27
Slovakia	0,5873548	0,986096	59,56
Slovenia	3,6983593	4,4347865	83,39
Solomon Islands	0,0986771	0,1049043	94,06
Somalia (*)	0	83,4097923	0,00
South Africa (Pretoria)	0,0848823	0,1392874	60,94
South Africa (The Cape)	0,0892687	0,1392874	64,09
South Korea	23,5938015	24,7917493	95,17
Sri Lanka (*)	0	0	0,00
Sudan	1,0457249	3,7854412	27,62
Suriname	7,0786481	12,7985256	55,31
Swaziland	0,0610639	0,1392874	43,84
Switzerland	0,0489475	0,0399074	122,65
Syria	0,9122293	1,3371487	68,22
São Tomé and Príncipe (*)	0	0	0,00
Tanzania	8,3323384	18,5154326	45,00
Thailand	0,5818168	0,7861635	74,01
Togo	13,1436828	16,4725649	79,79
Tonga	0,0335283	0,0395695	84,73
Trinidad and Tobago	0,1006786	0,1885547	53,39
Tunisia	0,0191265	0,0305614	62,58
Turkey	1600,309282	2492,273951	64,21
Uganda	21,0489094	31,7803343	66,23
Ukraine	0,0343746	0,031837	107,97
United States of America (New York)	0,0297365	0,031837	93,40
United States of America (Washington)	0,0259319	0,031837	81,45
Uruguay	0,2185239	0,2476903	88,22

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Vanuatu	3,4230266	3,5308241	96,95
Venezuela	6,573016	14,9195834	44,06
Vietnam	125,6336345	348,9305279	36,01
Western Samoa	0,0582731	0,0764584	76,22
Zaire	0 (*)	1089,324619	0,00
Zambia	22,644138	39,1711387	57,81
Zimbabwe	0,1460063	0,3101833	47,07

(*) Not available.
(**) Bfr 1 = local currency.
Georgia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine = US $.
(***) Brussels = 100.