COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1571/98

of 20 July 1998

implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community [1], and in particular Articles 1, 4(2) and 4(3) thereof,

Whereas Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 577/98 requires that, in the case of a continous survey, a list of the weeks making up the reference quarters for the survey is drawn up by the Commission;

Whereas in accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98 a programme of *ad hoc* modules covering several years must be drawn up each year;

Whereas implementing measures are necessary for defining the codification of the variables to be used for data transmission in accordance with Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion delivered by the Statistical Programme Committee established by Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom [2],

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Reference quarters

The definition of the reference quarters to be applied in the case of a continous survey for the years 1998 and 1999, are laid down in Annex I to the present Regulation.

Article 2

***Ad hoc* modules**

A programme of *ad hoc* modules covering years 1999 to 2001 is laid down in Annex II to the present Regulation.

The detailed list of information to be collected in the 1999 *ad hoc* module is laid down in Annex III to the present Regulation.

Article 3

Codification of the variables

The codification to be used for data transmission for the years 1998 and 1999 is laid down in Annex IV to the present Regulation.

Article 4

Entry into force

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, 20 July 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 77, 14. 3. 1998, p. 3.
[2] OJ L 181, 28. 6. 1989, p. 47.

ANNEX I

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Definition of the reference quarters

(a) First quarter of reference of 1998 starts on 29 December 1997 and consists of 13 weeks.

(b) The next quarters of reference of 1998 will be formed by blocks of 13 weeks and the last week of 1998 will not be covered.

(c) The first quarter of 1999 will start on 4 January 1999 and the next quarters will consist of consecutive blocks of 13 weeks.

By exception:

— The first quarter of reference starts on 5 January 1998 for Greece and Portugal and by consequence the last week of 1998 will be covered.

— The fourth quarter of reference of 1998 will be formed by a block of 14 weeks for Denmark and Sweden.

— Seasonal quarters of reference may be used in 1998 and 1999 for the United Kingdom and Ireland (instead of the quarters of reference as defined above).

ANNEX II

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Multiannual programme of *ad hoc* modules

1. **Accidents at work and occupational diseases**

   List of variables: see Annex III.

   Reference period: second quarter 1999 (first quarter of 1999 in Sweden, third quarter of 1999 for Italy and the United Kingdom).

   Member States and regions concerned: see Annex III.

   Sample: as for the standard modules; however, if the individual is the sample unit no information on the members of the household is requested.

   Transmission of the results: before 31 March 2000.

2. **Education and vocational training**

   List of variables: to be defined before March 1999.

   Reference period: second quarter 2000 (June and December 2000 for Sweden, third quarter of 2000 for Italy).

   Member States and regions concerned: to be defined.

   Sample: as for the standard modules; however, if the individual is the sample unit no information on the members of the household is requested.

   Transmission of the results: before 31 March 2001.

3. **Length and patterns of working time**

   List of variables: to be defined before March 2000.

   Reference period: second quarter 2001.

   Member States and regions concerned: to be defined.

   Sample: as for the standard modules; however, if the individual is the sample unit no information on the members of the household is requested.

   Transmission of the results: before 31 March 2002.

ANNEX III

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Specification of the 1999 *ad hoc* module

1. All Member States are covered except Belgium, France and Austria.

2. Germany can provide Eurostat with data concerning accidents at work and work-related health problems for a period of reference of four weeks. The variables that can be provided are: accidents at work, time off work due to the work accident, existence of a work-related health problem and time off work due to the work-related health problem.

3. The variables will be coded as follows:

Column	Code	Description	Filters/remarks
		ACCIDENTS AT WORK THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO PERSONS HAVING WORKED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS	
209		**Accidental injury(ies), apart from illnesses, occurred during the past 12 months, at work or in the course of work**	(Column 24 = 1, 2) or (column 64 = 1 and column 65/68 and column 69/70 is not prior to one year before the date of the interview)
	0	None	
	1-8	Number of accidental injuries	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-9 and column 64 ≠ 1 or column 65/68 and column 69/70 is more than one year before the date of the interview, or is blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
210/211		**Month when the most recent accidental injury occurred**	Column 209 = 1-8
	00	Current month	
	01-12	Month — 2 digits (accidents occurred before the curent month)	
	99	Not applicable (column 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
212		**Type of injury caused by the most recent accident (code only the most serious type of injury)**	Column 209 = 1-8
	0	Contusion, bruising	
	1	Burn, scald, frostbite	
	2	Cut, laceration, severed nerves or tendons	
	3	Amputation	
	4	Broken bone	

Column	Code	Description	Filters/remarks
	5	Sprain, strain, dislocation	
	6	Poisoning, gassing or asphyxiation	
	7	Infection by virus, bacteria or contact with infected materials	
	8	Other types of injury	
	9	Not applicable (column 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
213		**Work status after the most recent accidental injury**	Column 209 = 1-8
		Person has started work again	
	1	— Resumption of usual work activities	
	2	— Change of work or workplace because of the accidental injury	
	3	— Part-time work or on reduced hours because of the accidental injury	
		Person has not started to work again	
	4	— Person has not yet recovered from the accidental injury and is not working at the date of the interview	
	5	— Person expects never to do paid work again because of the accidental injury	
	6	— Oher reasons	
	9	Not applicable (column 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
214		**Date when the person was able to start to work again after the most recent accidental injury**	Column 213 = 1-3, 6, blank
	0	On the same day as the accident or on the first day after the accident	
	1	From the second to the fourth day after the accident	
	2	From the fifth to the seventh day after the accident	
	3	From one week but before two weeks after the accident	
	4	From two weeks but before one month after the accident	
	5	From one month but before three months after the accident	
	6	Three months or later after the accident	
	7	No time off work	
	9	Not applicable (column 213 = 4, 5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
215		**Job done when the accidental injury occurred (code first that applies)**	Column 209 = 1-8
	1	Main current (first) job	
	2	Second current job	
	3	Last job (person not in employment)	
	4	Job one year ago	
	5	Some other job	
	9	Not applicable (column 209 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filters/remarks
		WORK-RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS SUFFERED DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS (apart from accidental injuries)	
216		**Illness(es), disability(ies) or other physical or psychic health problem(s), apart from accidental injuries, suffered by the person during the past 12 months (from the date of the interview) and that was (were), caused or made worse by the work**	Column 24 = 1, 2 or column 64 = 1
	0	None	
	1-8	Number of different complaints	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-9 and column 64 ≠ 1)	
	Blank	No answer	
217		**Type of the most serious complaint caused or made worse by work**	Column 216 = 1-8
	0	Bone, joint or muscle problem	
	1	Breathing or lung problem	
	2	Skin problem	
	3	Hearing problem	
	4	Stress, depression or anxiety	
	5	Headache and/or eyestrain	
	6	Heart disease or attack, or other problems in the circulatory system	
	7	Infectious disease (virus, bacteria or other type of infection)	
	8	Other types of complaint	
	9	Not applicable (column 216 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
218		**Number of days off work due to the most serious complaint caused or made worse by work during the last 12 months**	Column 216 = 1-8
	0	Less than one day	
	1	One to three days	
	2	Four to six days	
	3	At least one week but less than two weeks	
	4	At least two weeks but less than one month	
	5	At least one month but less than three months	
	6	Three months or more	
	7	Expects never to do paid work again due to this illness	
	9	Not applicable (column 216 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filters/remarks
219		**Job that caused or made worse the most serious complaint (code first that applies)**	Column 216 = 1-8
	1	Main current (first) job	
	2	Second current job	
	3	Last job (person not in employment)	
	4	Job one year ago	
	5	Some other job	
	9	Not applicable (column 216 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
220/221		**Economic activity of the local unit of the job that caused or made worse the most serious complaint (when not defined in another part of the survey)**	Column 219 = 5, blank or (column 219 = 3 and the person did not work within the last eight years)
		NACE Rev. 1 (Two digits)	
	00	Not applicable (column 219 = 1-2, 4, 9 or (column 219 = 3 and the person last worked within the last eight years))	
	Blank	No answer	

ANNEX IV

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Data codification 1998 to 1999

Columns where the information cannot be provided should be left 'blank' or 'not applicable' according to the filters

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
		DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND	
1/2		**Sequence number in the household (it should remain the same for all waves)**	Private households
	01-98	Two-digit sequence number allocated to each member of the household	
	99	Not applicable (not private household)	
3		**Relationship to reference person in the household**	Private households
	1	Reference person	
	2	Spouse (or cohabiting partner) of reference person	
	3	Child of reference person (or of his/her spouse or cohabiting partner)	
	4	Ascendant relative of reference person (or of his/her spouse or cohabiting partner)	
	5	Other relative	
	6	Other	
	9	Not applicable (not private household)	
4/5		**Sequence number of spouse or cohabiting partner**	Private households
	01-98	Sequence number of spouse or cohabiting partner in the household	
	99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or has no partner, or the partner does not belong to this private household)	
6/7		**Sequence number of father**	Private households
	01-98	Sequence number of father in the household	
	99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or the father does not belong to this private household)	
8/9		**Sequence number of mother**	Private households
	01-98	Sequence number of mother in the household	
	99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or the mother does not belong to this private household)	
10		**Sex**	Everybody
	1	Male	
	2	Female	
11/14		**Year of birth**	Everybody
		The four digits of year of birth are entered	
15		**Date of birth in relation to the end of reference period**	Everybody
	1	Person's birthday falls between 1 January and the end of the reference week	
	2	Person's birthday falls after the end of the reference week	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
16		**Marital status**	Everybody
	1	Single	
	2	Married	
	3	Widowed	
	4	Divorced or legally separated	
	Blank	No answer	
17/18		**Nationality**	Everybody
		For coding, see enclosed list of countries	
19/20		**Years of residence in this Member State**	Everybody
	00	Born in this Member State	
	01-10	Number of years for person who has been in this Member State for one to 10 years	
	11	Been in this Member State for more than 10 years	
	Blank	No answer	
21/22		**Country of birth**	Column 19/20 < > 00
		For coding, see enclosed list of countries	
	99	Not applicable (column 19/20 = 00)	
	Blank	No answer	
23		**Nature of participation in the survey**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Direct participation	
	2	Participation via another member of the household	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years old)	
	Blank	No answer	
		LABOUR STATUS	
24		**Labour status during the reference week**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Did any work for pay or profit during the reference week — one hour or more (including family workers but excluding conscripts on compulsory military or community service)	
	2	Was not working but had a job or business from which he/she was absent during the reference week (including family workers but excluding conscripts on compulsory military or community service)	
	3	Was not working because on lay-off	
	4	Was a conscript on compulsory military or community service	
	5	Other (15 years or more) who neither worked nor had a job or business during the reference week	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years old)	
25		**Reason for not having worked at all though having a job**	Column 24 = 2
	0	Bad weather	
	1	Slack work for technical or economic reasons	
	2	Labour dispute	
	3	School education or training	
	4	Own illness, injury or temporary disability	
	5	Maternity or parental leave	
	6	Holidays	
	8	Other reasons (e.g. personal or family responsibilities)	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 1, 3-5, 9)	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
		EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MAIN JOB	
26		**Professional status**	Column 24 = 1, 2
	1	Self-employed with employees	
	2	Self-employed without employees	
	3	Employee	
	4	Family worker	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
27/28		**Economic activity of the local unit**	Column 24 = 1, 2
		NACE Rev. 1	
	00	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
29/31		**Occupation**	Column 24= 1, 2
		ISCO-88 (COM)	
	999	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
32/33		**Number of persons working at the local unit**	Column 26 = 1, 3, 4, blank
	01-10	Exact number of persons, if between one and 10	
	11	11 to 19 persons	
	12	20 to 49 persons	
	13	50 persons or more	
	14	Do not know but less than 11 persons	
	15	Do not know but more than 10 persons	
	99	Not applicable (column 26 = 2, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
34/35		**Country of place of work**	Column 24 = 1, 2
		For coding, enclosed list of countries	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
36/37		**Region of place of work**	Column 24 = 1, 2
		NUTS 2	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
38/41		**Year in which person started working for this employer or as self-employed**	Column 24 = 1, 2
		Enter the four digits of the year concerned	
	9999	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
42/43		**Month in which person started working for this employer or as self-employed**	Column 38/41 <> 9999, Blank and column 162/165-column 38/41 <= 2
	01-12	Enter the number of the month concerned	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	99	Not applicable (column 38/41 = 9999, blank or column 162/165-column 38/41 > 2)	
	Blank	No answer	
44		**Full-time/part-time distinction**	Column 24 = 1, 2
	1	Full-time job	
		Part-time job which was taken because	
	2	— person is undergoing school education or training	
	3	— of own illness or disability	
	4	— person could not find a full-time job	
	5	— person did not want a full-time job	
	6	— of other reasons	
	7	Person with a part-time job but giving no reason	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
45		**Permanency of the job**	Column 26 = 3
	1	Person has a permanent job or work contract of unlimited duration	
		Person has temporary job/work contract of limited duration because:	
	2	— it is a contract covering a period of training (apprentices, trainees, research assistants, etc.)	
	3	— person could not find a permanent job	
	4	— person did not want a permanent job	
	5	— no reason given	
	6	— it is a contract for a probationary period	
	9	Not applicable (column 26 = 1, 2, 4, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
46		**Total duration of temporary job or work contract of limited duration**	Column 45 = 2-6
	1	Less than one month	
	2	one to three months	
	3	four to six months	
	4	seven to 12 months	
	5	13 to 18 months	
	6	19 to 24 months	
	7	25 to 36 months	
	8	More than three years	
	9	Not applicable (column 45 = 1, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
		HOURS WORKED	
47/48		**Number of hours per week usually worked**	Column 24 = 1, 2
	00	Usual hours cannot be given because hours worked vary considerably from week to week or from month to month	
	01-98	Number of hours usually worked in the first job	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
49/50		**Number of hours actually worked during the reference week**	Column 24 = 1, 2
	00	Person having a job or business and not having worked at all in the main activity during the reference week (column 24 = 2)	
	01-98	Number of hours actually worked in the first job during the reference week	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
51/52		**Main reason for hours actually worked during the reference week being different from the person's usual hours**	Column 47/48 = 00-98 and column 49/50 = 01-98 and column 47/48 < > column 49/50
		Person has worked more than usual due to	
	01	— variable hours (e.g. flexible working hours)	
	16	— overtime	
	02	— other reasons	
		Person has worked less than usual due to:	
	03	— bad weather	
	04	— slack work for technical or economic reasons	
	05	— labour dispute	
	06	— education or training	
	07	— variable hours (e.g. flexible working hours)	
	08	— own illness, injury or temporary disability	
	09	— maternity or parental leave	
	10	— special leave for personal or family reasons	
	11	— annual holidays	
	12	— bank holidays	
	13	— start of/change in job during reference week	
	14	— end of job without taking up a new one during reference week	
	15	— other reasons	
	97	Person having worked usual hours during the reference week (column 47/48 = column 49/50 = 01-98)	
	98	Person whose hours vary considerably from week to week or month to month and who did not state a reason for a divergence between the actual and usual hours (column 47/48 = 00 and column 51/52 < > 01-16)	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 2-5, 9 or column 47/48 = blank or column 49/50 = blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
53		**Wish to work usually more than the current number of hours**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2 and (00 < column 47/48 < 40 or column 44 = 2-7)
	0	— No	
	1	— Yes, through an additional job	
	2	— Yes, through a job working more hours than the present job	
	3	— Yes, but only within the present job	
	4	— Yes, in any of the above ways	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9 or 40 < = column 47/48 < = 98 and column 44 = 1)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
54/55		**Number of hours than the person would like to work in total**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	01-98	Number of hours wished to work in total	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
56		**Working at home**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person usually works at home	
	2	Person sometimes works at home	
	3	Person never works at home	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
57		**Looking for another job and reasons for doing so**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	0	Person is not looking for another job	
		Person is looking for antoher job because	
	1	— of risk or certainty of loss or termination of present job	
	2	— actual job is considered as a transitional job	
	3	— seeking an additional job to add more hours to those worked in present job	
	7	— seeking a job with more hours worked than in present job	
	8	— seeking a job with less hours worked than in present job (column 53 = 0)	
	4	— of wish to have better working conditions (e.g. pay, working or travel time, quality of work)	
	5	— of other reasons	
	6	— Person looking for another job but giving no reason	
	9	— Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	— No answer	
		SECOND JOB	
58		**Existence of more than one job or business**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person had only one job or business during the reference week	
	2	Person had more than one job or business during the reference week (not due to change of job or business)	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
59		**Professional status (in the second job)**	Column 58 = 2
	1	Self-employed with employees	
	2	Self-employed without employees	
	3	Employee	
	4	Family worker	
	9	Not applicable (column 58 = 1, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
60/61		**Economic activity of the local unit (in the second job)**	Column 58 = 2
		NACE Rev. 1	
	00	Not applicable (column 58 = 1, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
62/63		**Number of hours actually worked during the reference week in the second job**	Column 58 = 2
	00	Person not having worked in the second job during the reference week	
	01-98	Number of hours actually worked in the second job during the reference week	
	99	Not applicable (column 58 = 1, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
		PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE OF PERSON NOT IN EMPLOYMENT	
64		**Existence of previous employment experience**	Column 24 = 3-5
	0	Person has never been in employment (purely occasional work, such as vacation work, compulsory military or community service are not to be considered as employment)	
	1	Person has already been in employemnt (purely occasional work, such as vacation work, compulsory military or community service are not to be considered as employment)	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 1, 2, or 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
65/68		**Year in which person last worked**	Column 64 = 1
		Enter the last four digits of the year in which person last worked	
	9999	Not applicable (column 64 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
69/70		**Month in which person last worked**	Column 65/68 < > 9999 and column 162/165-column 65/68 < = 2
	01-12	Enter the number of the month in which person last worked	
	99	Not applicable (column 65/68 = 9999, blank or column 162/165 - column 65/68 > 2)	
	Blank	No answer	
71		**Main reason for leaving last job or business**	column 64 = 1 and column 162/165 - column 65/68 < 8
	0	Dismissed or made redundant	
	1	A job of limited duration has ended	
	2	Personal or family responsibilities	
	3	Own illness or disability	
	4	Education or training	
	5	Early retirement	
	6	Normal retirement	
	7	Compulsory military or community service	
	8	Other reasons	
	9	Nor applicable (column 64 = 0, 9, blank, or column 64 = 1 and did not work in last eight years)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
72		**Professional status in last job**	Column 64 = 1 and column 162/165 - column 65/68 < 8
	1	Self-employed with employees	
	2	Self-employed without employees	
	3	Employee	
	4	Family worker	
	9	Not applicable (column 64 = 0, 9, blank, or column 64 = 1 and did not work in last eight years)	
	Blank	No answer	
73/74		**Economic activity of the local unit in which person last worked**	Column 64 = 1 and column 162/165 - column 65/68 < 8
		NACE REV. 1	
	00	Not applicable (column 64 = 0, 9, blank, or column 64 = 1 and did not work in last eight years)	
	Blank	No answer	
75/77		**Occupation of last job**	Column 64 = 1 and column 162/165 - column 65/68 < 8
		ISCO-88 (COM)	
	999	Not applicable column (64 = 0, 9, blank, or column 64 = 1 and did not work in last eight years)	
	Blank	No answer	
		SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT	
78/79		**Seeking employment during previous four weeks**	Column 24 = 3-5
	01	Person is seeking employment	
	02	Person has already found a job which will start later	
		Person is not seeking employment because:	
	03	— awaiting recall to work (persons on lay-off)	
	04	— of own illness or disability	
	05	— of personal or family responsibilities	
	06	— of education or training	
	07	— of retirement	
	08	— of belief that no work is available	
	09	— of other reasons	
	10	— no reason given	
	99	Not applicable (column 24 = 1, 2 or 9)	
80		**Type of employment sought**	Column 78/79 = 01, 02 or column 57 = 1-8
		The employment sought (for column 78/79 = 02, the employment found) is:	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	1	as self-employed	
		as employee:	
	2	— and only full-time job is looked for (or has already been found)	
	3	— and full-time job is sought, but if not available, part-time job will be accepted	
	4	— and part-time job is sought, but if not available, full-time job will be accepted	
	5	— and only part-time job is liked for (or has already been found)	
	6	— and person did not state whether full-time or part-time job is looked for (or has already been found)	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
81		**Duration of search for employment**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	Search not yet started	
	1	Less than one month	
	2	One to two months	
	3	Three to five months	
	4	Six to 11 months	
	5	12 to 17 months	
	6	18 to 23 months	
	7	24 to 47 months	
	8	Four years or longer	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
		METHODS USED DURING PREVIOUS FOUR WEEKS TO FIND WORK [1]	
82		**Contacted public employment office to find work**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
83		**Contacted private employment agency to find work**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
84		**Applied to employers directly**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
85		**Asked friends, relatives, trade unions, etc.**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
86		**Inserted or answered advertisements in newspapers or journals**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
87		**Studied advertisements in newspapers or journals**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
88		**Took a test, interview or examination**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
89		**Looked for land, premises or equipment**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
90		**Looked for permits, licences, financial resources**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
91		**Awaiting the results of an application for a job**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
92		**Waiting for a call from a public employment office**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
93		**Awaiting the results of a competition for recruitment to the public sector**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
94		**Other method used**	Column 78/79 = 01-02 or column 57 = 1-8
	0	No	
	1	Yes	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 78/79 = 03-10 or column 57 = 0, blank)	
95		**Willingness to work for person not seeking employment**	Column 78/79 = 03-10
		Person is not seeking employment:	
	1	— but would nevertheless like to have work	
	2	— and does not want to have work	
	9	Not applicable (column 78/79 = 01-02, 99)	
	Blank	No answer	
96		**Availability to start working within two weeks**	Column 78/79 = 01 or column 95 = 1, blank or column 57 = 1-8
		If work were found now:	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	1	Person could start to work immediately (within two weeks)	
		Person could not start to work immediately (within two weeks) because:	
	2	— he/she must complete education or training	
	3	— he/she must complete compulsory military or community service	
	4	— he/she cannot leave present employment within two weeks due to period of notice	
	5	— of personal or family responsibilities (including maternity)	
	6	— of own illness or incapacity	
	7	— of other reasons	
	8	— no reason given	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 9 or column 57 = 0, blank or column 78/79 = 02 or column 95 = 2)	
97		**Situation immediately before person started to seek employment (or was waiting for new job to start)**	Column 78/79 = 01-02
	1	Person was working (including apprentices, trainees)	
	2	Person was in full-time education (excluding apprentices, trainees)	
	3	Person was conscript on compulsory military or community service	
	4	Person had domestic/family responsibilities	
	5	Other (e.g. retired)	
	9	Not applicable (column 78/79 = 03-10, 99)	
	Blank	No answer	
98		**Registration at a public employment office**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Person is registered at a public employment office and receives benefit or assistance	
	2	Person is registered at a public employment office but does not receive benefit or assistance	
	3	Person is not registered at a public employment office but receives benefit or assistance	
	4	Person is not registered at a public employment office and does not receive benefit or assistance	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
		MAIN LABOUR STATUS	
99		**Main status**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Carries out a job or profession, including unpaid work for a family business or holding, including an apprenticeship or paid traineeship, etc.	
	2	Unemployed	
	3	Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience	
	4	In retirement or early retirement or has given up business	
	5	Permanently disabled	
	6	In compulsory military service	
	7	Fulfilling domestic tasks	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	8	Other inactive person	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
		EDUCATION AND TRAINING	
100		**Education or training received during previous four weeks**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	0	Received no education or training	
	1	Received some education or training	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
101		**Type of instruction**	Column 100 = 1
	1	Class-room instruction	
	2	Instruction in a working environment (without complementary classroom instruction at a school or college)	
	3	Instruction combining both work experience and complementary class-room instruction (including any form of 'dual system' or 'sandwich courses')	
	4	Distance learning, correspondence courses	
	5	Self-learning	
	6	Conferences, seminar, workshop	
	9	Not applicable (column 100 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
102		**Level of this education or training**	Column 100 = 1
		General education	
	1	Primary or lower secondary (ISCED 1-2)	
	2	Upper secondary or post-secondary not tertiary (ISCED 3-4)	
		Pre-vocational or vocational education or training	
	3	Lower secondary (ISCED 2)	
	4	Upper secondary or post-secondary not tertiary (ISCED 3-4)	
		Tertiary education	
	5	ISCED 5a	
	6	ISCED 5b	
	7	ISCED 6	
	8	Training that is not allocated to the ISCED classification (for example: language courses, computer courses, seminars, etc.)	
	9	Not applicable (Column 100 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
103		**Purpose of this education and training**	Column 100 = 1
	1	Initial education or training aiming at getting the skills for a job (except under a specific employment measure)	
		Continuing vocational training (except under a specific employment measure)	
	2	— To adapt to technological change, obtain promotion or upgrade acquired skills	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	3	— Training as a preparation for returning to work after a prolonged absence due to illness, maternity leave, national service, or a sabbatical period or unemployment	
	4	— Other adult training	
	5	Training under a specific employment measure	
	6	General interest	
	9	Not applicable (column 100 = 0, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
104		**Total length of this education or training**	Column 100 = 1 and column 101 = 1, 2, 3, 4, blank
	1	Less than one week	
	2	One week or more but less than one month	
	3	One month or more but less than three months	
	4	Three months or more but less than six months	
	5	Six months or more but less than one year	
	6	One year or more but less than two years	
	7	Two years or longer	
	8	No definite length	
	9	Not applicable (column 100 = 0, 9, blank or column 101 = 5, 6)	
	Blank	No answer	
105/106		**Usual number of hours of training per week**	Column 100 = 1 and column 101 = 1, 2, 3, 4, blank
	01-98	Number of hours	
	99	Not applicable (column 100 = 0, 9, blank or column 101 = 5, 6)	
	Blank	No answer	
107/108		**Highest level of education or training successfully completed**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	01	ISCED 1	
	02	ISCED 2	
	03	ISCED 3c (shorter than three years)	
	04	ISCED 3c (three years or longer) or ISCED 4c	
	05	ISCED 3b or ISCED 4b	
	06	ISCED 3a or ISCED 4a	
	07	ISCED 3 or ISCED 4 without distinction a, b, or c possible	
	08	ISCED 5b	
	09	ISCED 5a	
	10	ISCED 6	
	99	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
109		**Having obtained a (non-tertiary) vocational qualification (Minimum duration: six months)**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Yes. Classroom instruction	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
	2	Yes. Instruction in a working environment (without complementary classroom instruction at a school or college)	
	3	Yes. Instruction combining both work experience and complementary classroom instruction (including any form of 'dual system' or 'sandwich courses')	
	4	Yes. Type unknown	
	5	No	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
110/113		**Year when highest level of education or training was successfully completed**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
		The four digits of year when highest level of education or training was successfully completed are entered	
	9999	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
		SITUATION ONE YEAR BEFORE SURVEY	
114		**Situation with regard to activity one year before survey**	Everybody aged 15 years or more
	1	Carries out a job or profession, including unpaid work for a family business or holding, including an apprenticeship or paid traineeship, etc.	
	2	Unemployed	
	3	Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience	
	4	In retirement or early retirement or has given up business	
	5	Permanently disabled	
	6	In compulsory military service	
	7	Fulfilling domestic tasks	
	8	Other inactive person	
	9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
	Blank	No answer	
115		**Professional status one year before survey**	Column 114 = 1
	1	Self-employed with employees	
	2	Self-employed without employees	
	3	Employee	
	4	Family-worker	
	9	Not applicable (column 114 = 2-7, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	
116/117		**Economic activity of local unit in which person was working one year before survey**	Column 114 = 1
		NACE Rev. 1	
	00	Not applicable (column 114 = 2-7, 9, blank)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
118/119		**Country of residence one year before survey**	Everybody
		For coding, see enclosed list of countries	
	99	Not applicable (child less than one year old)	
	Blank	No answer	
120/121		**Region of residence (within Member State) one year before survey**	Everybody
		NUTS 2	
	99	Not applicable (person who has changed country of residence or child less than one year old)	
	Blank	No answer	
		INCOME	
122/129		**Monthly (take home) pay from main job**	Column 26 = 3
	00000000-99999998	The eight digits of monthly (take home) pay from main job, including extra payments monthly paid (national currency)	
	99999999	Not applicable (column 26 <> 3)	
	Blank	No answer	
130/137		**Additional payments from main job**	Column 26 = 3
	00000000-99999998	The eight digits of additional payments (total yearly net amount) from main job which are not monthly paid (national currency)	
	99999999	Not applicable (column 26 <> 3)	
	Blank	No answer	
138/145		**Unemployment allowances**	Column 98 = 1, 3
	00000000-99999998	The eight digits of monthly received unemployment allowances (national currency)	
	99999999	Not applicable (column 98 <> 1, 3)	
	Blank	No answer	
146/153		**Additional payments of unemployment allowance**	Column 98 = 1, 3
	00000000-99999998	The eight digits of additional payments (total yearly net amount) of unemployment allowances which are not monthly paid, for example: severance payments and other irregular payments or lump sum payments (national currency)	
	99999999	Not applicable (column 98 <> 1, 3)	
	Blank	No answer	
154/161		**Sickness, disability or invalidity allowances**	Column 26 = 3
	00000000-99999998	The eight digits of monthly received sickness, disability or invalidity allowances (national currency)	
	99999999	Not applicable (column 26 <> 3)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
		TECHNICAL ITEMS RELATING TO THE INTERVIEW	
162/165		**Year of survey**	Everybody
		Four digits of the year	
166/167		**Reference week**	Everybody
		Number of the week running from Monday to Sunday	
168/169		**Interview week**	Everybody
		Number of the week running from Monday to Sunday	
170/171		**Member State**	Everybody
		For coding, see enlosed list of countries	
172/173		**Region of household**	Everybody
		NUTS 2	
174		**Degree of urbanisation**	Everybody
	1	Densley-populated area	
	2	Intermediate area	
	3	Thinly-populated area	
175/180		**Serial number of household**	Everybody
		Serial numbers are allocated by the national statistical institutes and remain the same for all waves	
		Records relating to different members of the same household carry the same serial number	
181		**Type of household**	Everybody
	1	Person living in private household (or permanently in a hotel) and surveyed in this household	
	2	Person living in an institution and surveyed in this institution	
	3	Person living in an institution but surveyed in this private household	
	4	Person living in another private household on the territory of the Member State but surveyed in this household of origin	
182		**Type of institution**	Column 181 = 2, 3
	1	Educational institution	
	2	Hospital	
	3	Other welfare institution	
	4	Religious institution (not already included in 1-3)	
	5	Workers' hostel, working quarters at building sites, student hostel, university accomodation, etc.	
	6	Military establishment	
	7	Other (e.g. prison)	
	9	Not applicable (column 181 = 1, 4)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
183/188		**Yearly weighting factor**	Everybody
	0000-9999	Columns 183-186 contain whole numbers	
	00-99	Columns 187-188 contain decimal places	
189/194		**Quarterly weighting factor**	Everybody
	0000-9999	Columns 189-192 contain whole numbers	
	00-99	Columns 193-194 contain decimal places	
195/200		**Quarterly weighting factor of the sanple for household characteristics (in the case of a sample of individuals)**	
	0000-9999	Columns 195-198 contain whole numbers	
	00-99	Columns 199-200 contain decimal places	
201		**Sub-sample in relation to preceding survey**	Everybody
		This address or household:	
	1	Belongs to the sub-sample not surveyed in the previous Community labour force survey	
	2	Belongs to the sub-sample already surveyed in the previous Community labour force survey (including, where area samples are concerned, addresses of buildings constructed since the previous survey and belonging to this sub-sample)	
202		**Sub-sample in relation to the following survey**	Everybody
		This address or household:	
	1	Belongs to the sub-sample not to be surveyed in the following Community labour force survey	
	2	Belongs to the sub-sample to be surveyed again in the following Community labour force survey	
203		**Sequence number of the survey wave**	Everybody
	1-8	Sequence number of the wave	
		ATYPICAL WORK	
204		**Shift work**	Column 26 = 3
	1	Person usually does shift work	
	2	Person sometimes does shift work	
	3	Person never does shift work	
	9	Not applicable (column 26 < > 3)	
	Blank	No answer	
205		**Evening work**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person usually works in the evening	
	2	Person sometimes works in the evening	
	3	Person never works in the evening	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	

Column	Code	Description	Filter/remarks
206		**Night work**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person usually works at night	
	2	Person sometimes works at night	
	3	Person never works at night	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
207		**Saturday work**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person usually works on Saturdays	
	2	Person sometimes works on Saturdays	
	3	Person never works on Saturdays	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	
208		**Sunday work**	Column 24 = 1 or column 24 = 2
	1	Person usually works on Sundays	
	2	Person sometimes works on Sundays	
	3	Person never works on Sundays	
	9	Not applicable (column 24 = 3-5, 9)	
	Blank	No answer	

([1]) For Spain the reference period will be adapted to the delay legally established by the National Institute of Employment.