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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, ECSC, EURATOM) No 501/98

of 20 February 1998

laying down the weightings applicable from 1 July 1997 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 (EC) No 2592/97 [2], and in particular the first paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X,

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 1997;

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 1997 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 in remunerations as a result of these weightings;

Whereas provision should be made for the recovery of sums overpaid in the event of a reduction in remunerations as a result of these weighthings for the period between 1 July 1997 and the date of the Council Decision setting the weightings to apply with effect from 1 July 1997;

Whereas, however, in order to mirror the weightings applicable within the European Community to 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 twelve months following the date of the said decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 1997, the weightings applicable to remuneration payable in the currency of the country of employment 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 paragraph.

Article 2

In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X of the Staff Regulations, the Council shall set weightings every six months. It shall accordingly set new weightings with effect from 1 January 1998.

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

[1] OJ L 56, 4. 3. 1968, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 351, 23. 12. 1997, p. 5.

For the period between 1 July 1997 and the date of the Council decision setting the weightings applicable with effect from 1 July 1997, the institutions shall make retrospective downward adjustments to remuneration in the event of a reduction as a result of these weightings.

Retrospective adjustments involving the revovery 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 that of 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 February 1998.

For the Council
The President
R. COOK

ANNEX

Place of employment	Weightings July 1997
Albania	82,84
Algeria (*)	0,00
Angola	81,04
Antigua and Barbuda	109,02
Argentina	105,90
Australia	88,56
Bangladesh	67,50
Barbados	114,24
Belize	80,31
Benin	75,34
Bolivia (*)	0,00
Bosnia-Herzegovina (*)	0,00
Botswana	66,75
Brazil	92,37
Bulgaria	93,55
Burkina Faso	79,49
Burundi (*)	0,00
Cameroon	94,62
Canada	76,84
Central African Republic	114,12
Chad	80,65
Chile	99,27
China	91,92
Colombia	86,05
Comoros	103,43
Costa Rica	85,20
Croatia (*)	0,00
Cyprus	87,05
Czech Republic	65,74
Democratic Republic of Congo (*)	0,00
Djibouti	123,30
Dominican Republic	72,99
Egypt	68,45
Equatorial Guinea	91,93
Eritrea (*)	0,00
Estonia (*)	0,00
Ethiopia	39,54
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	73,12
Fiji	76,25
Gabon	124,30
Gambia	93,21
Georgia	88,55
Ghana	36,33
Guatemala	67,10
Guinea	111,36
Guinea-Bissau	68,01
Guyana	68,73
Haiti	82,65
Hong Kong	101,12
Hungary	64,75
India	45,76
Indonesia	80,53
Israel	107,18
Ivory Coast	96,53
Jamaica	104,82
Japan (Naka)	134,18
Japan (Tokyo)	163,31
Jordan	73,00
Kazakhstan	119,19
Kenya	81,68
Latvia (*)	0,00
Lebanon	108,45
Left Bank — Gaza strip (*)	0,00
Lesotho	60,06
Liberia (*)	0,00
Lithuania (*)	0,00
Madagascar	51,73
Malawi	46,90
Mali	86,85
Malta	80,48
Mauritania	86,58
Mauritius	79,56
Mexico	61,53
Morocco	72,76
Mozambique	64,03
Namibia	67,49
Netherlands Antilles	92,22
New Caledonia	125,01
Nicaragua (*)	0,00
Niger	77,86
Nigeria	80,92
Norway	129,58
Pakistan	64,17
Papua New Guinea	95,23
People's Republic of Congo (*)	0,00
Peru	90,08
Philippines	68,20
Poland	66,70
Republic of Cape Verde	84,70
Romania	60,89
Russia	128,38
Rwanda (*)	0,00
Samoa	86,22
São Tomé and Principe (*)	0,00
Senegal	81,47
Sierra Leone	106,54
Slovakia	63,80
Slovenia	92,75
Solomon Islands	101,34
Somalia (*)	0,00
South Africa (Pretoria)	72,52
South Africa (The Cape)	76,37
South Korea	107,88
Sri Lanka (*)	0,00
Sudan	33,67
Suriname	63,11
Swaziland	52,46
Switzerland	120,38
Syria	78,74
Tanzania	78,11
Thailand	78,43
Togo	82,20
Tonga	97,44
Trinidad and Tobago	59,20
Tunisia	68,11
Turkey	72,53
Uganda	74,72
Ukraine	141,50
United States of America (New York)	98,19
United States of America (San Diego)	86,14
United States of America (Washington)	90,14
Uruguay	97,85
Vanuatu	122,43
Venezuela	68,37
Viet Nam	38,77
Zambia	72,66
Zimbabwe	52,05

(*) Not available.