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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, EURATOM) No 351/2006

of 27 February 2006

laying down the weightings applicable from 1 July 2005 to the remuneration of officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Communities serving in third countries and of certain officials remaining in post in the ten new Member States for a maximum period of fifteen months after accession

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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], and in particular the first paragraph of Article 13 of Annex X thereto,

Having regard to the 2003 Treaty of Accession, and in particular Article 33(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) It is necessary to take account of changes in the cost of living in countries outside the Community, and to determine accordingly the weightings applicable from 1 July 2005 to remuneration payable in the currency of the country of employment to officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Communities serving in third countries and to certain officials remaining in post in the ten new Member States for a maximum period of fifteen months starting on 1 May 2004.

(2) The weightings in respect of which payment has been made on the basis of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 257/2005 [2] may lead to retrospective upward or downward adjustments to remuneration.

(3) Provision should be made for back-payments in the event of an increase in remuneration as a result of the new weightings.

(4) Provision should be made for the recovery of sums overpaid in the event of a reduction in remuneration as a result of the new weightings for the period between 1 July 2005 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

(5) Provision should be made for any such recovery to be restricted to a period of no more than six months preceding the date of entry into force of this Regulation and for its effects to be spread over a period of no more than twelve months following that date, as is the case with the weightings applicable within the Community to remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 July 2005, the weightings applied to the remuneration of officials, temporary staff and contract staff of the European Communities serving in third countries and to certain officials remaining in post in the ten new Member States for a maximum period of fifteen months starting on 1 May 2004, payable in the currency of the country of employment, shall be as shown in the Annex.

The exchange rates used for the calculation of this remuneration shall be established in accordance with the rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation and shall correspond to the date referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Article 2

1. The institutions shall make back-payments in the event of an increase in remuneration as a result of the weightings shown in the Annex.

2. The institutions shall make retrospective downward adjustments to remuneration in the event of a reduction as a result of the weightings shown in the Annex for the period between 1 July 2005 and the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Retrospective adjustments involving the recovery of sums overpaid shall be restricted to a period of no more than six months preceding the date of entry into force of this Regulation. Recovery shall be spread over no more than twelve months from that date.

[1] OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 31/2005 (OJ L 8, 12.1.2005, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 46, 17.2.2005, p. 1.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Council
The President
U. PLASSNIK

ANNEX

Place of Employment	Weightings July 2005
Afghanistan (*)	0
Albania	86,2
Algeria	89,3
Angola	126,5
Argentina	63,3
Armenia	104,9
Australia	105,3
Bangladesh	53,3
Barbados	127,4
Benin	92,8
Bolivia	52,2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73,4
Botswana	62,8
Brazil	76,8
Bulgaria	73,9
Burkina Faso	87,7
Burundi (*)	0
Cambodia	67,6
Cameroon	101,3
Canada	84,6
Cape Verde	74,2
Central African Republic	117,6
Chad	130,6
Chile	79,4
China	78,5
Colombia	71,3
Congo	129,8
Costa Rica	72,4
Côte d'Ivoire	111,2
Croatia	101,8
Cuba	93
Cyprus	101,3
Czech Republic	82,1
Democratic Republic of Congo	138,6
Djibouti	101,1
Dominican Republic	84,8
Ecuador	70,5
Egypt	56,9
El Salvador	81,7
Eritrea	51

Place of Employment	Weightings July 2005
Estonia	77,7
Ethiopia	81,1
Fiji	78,4
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	69,9
Gabon	116,1
Gambia	51,1
Georgia	96,1
Ghana	79,4
Guatemala	84,9
Guinea	59,8
Guinea-Bissau	139,2
Guyana	60,6
Haiti	100,8
Honduras	75,9
Hong Kong	87,6
Hungary	78,1
India	51,6
Indonesia	78,7
Israel	91,5
Jamaica	91,5
Japan (Naka)	125,6
Japan (Tokyo)	132,9
Jordan	76
Kazakhstan	112,8
Kenya	88,2
Kyrgyzstan	84,6
Laos	74,7
Latvia	71,2
Lebanon	105,7
Lesotho	74,3
Liberia (*)	0
Lithuania	73,8
Madagascar	71,9
Malawi	76,4
Malaysia	73,9
Mali	98,8
Malta	97,9
Mauritania	71,7
Mauritius	75
Mexico	77,9
Moldavia (*)	0

Place of Employment	Weightings July 2005
Morocco	86,1
Mozambique	72,7
Namibia	79,5
Nepal	72,7
New Caledonia	120,4
New Zealand	106,7
Nicaragua	67,5
Niger	91,8
Nigeria	86,1
Norway	132,5
Pakistan	52,9
Papua New Guinea	77,3
Paraguay	66
Peru	86,5
Philippines	51,4
Poland	78
Romania	56,4
Russia	110
Rwanda	87,7
Saudi Arabia	86,4
Senegal	78,2
Serbia and Montenegro	61,7
Sierra Leone	72
Singapore	97,6
Slovakia	87,4
Slovenia	76,4
Solomon Islands	85,4
Somalia (*)	0
South Africa	66,6
South Korea	108,2
Sri Lanka	60,8
Sudan	43,4
Suriname	54,7
Swaziland	69,7
Switzerland	118,7
Syria	67,5
Taiwan	96,2
Tajikistan	73
Tanzania	61,7
Thailand	61,8
Togo	95

Place of Employment	Weightings July 2005
Trinidad and Tobago	73,8
Tunisia	72,6
Turkey	93,2
Uganda	75,6
Ukraine	101,1
United States (New York)	106,8
United States (Washington)	103,7
Uruguay	74,8
Vanuatu	124,1
Venezuela	59,9
Vietnam	52,7
West Bank — Gaza Strip	91,3
Yemen	75,8
Zambia	55,9
Zimbabwe	62,7

(*) Not available.