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1997/0037(CNS) - 16/02/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: implementation of a system enabling comparable results to be obtained between Member States with regard to financial services.
COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 448/98/EC completing and amending Regulation 2223/96/EC with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA). **SUBSTANCE:** the purpose of the directive is to establish the arrangements for the allocation of FISIM which would enable a more accurate comparison of gross domestic product

levels in the Union to be made. It seeks to introduce the principle, using reliable methodology, for allocating FISIM in the European system of accounts (ESA), the collection and methods used for collection being the responsibility of the Member States. A four year trial period (until 2002) will identify the most appropriate method for the allocation of FISIM. At the end of this trial period the Commission will evaluate the results and decide on the final methods to be used. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27/02/1998.

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1997/0037(CNS) - 13/02/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: The aim of the draft Regulation is to establish a methodology which will permit a comparison between the Member States in the area of financial services. SUBSTANCE: Breaking down the financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) makes it possible to show in GDP the services provided by financial intermediaries to households, the rest of the world, public administrations and non-profit-making institutions through their intermediate consumption. The draft Regulation aims to establish a methodology for breaking down FISIM which will permit a more accurate comparison of GDP within the EU: it aims to incorporate the breakdown of FISIM into the European System of Accounts (ESA). Collection itself and the collection methods used are the responsibility of the Member States. With regard to procedure, the Commission will be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee.

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1997/0037(CNS) - 14/12/2000 - Follow-up document

PURPOSE: to present a Commission mid-term report containing a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the first results of the trial calculations for allocating and calculating financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) as described in the Council Regulation 448/98/EC of 16.02.1998. CONTENT: The main conclusion of the report is that allocating FISIM requires further improvements in statistical sources in particular to directly measure interest flows broken down by institutional sector, to break down the households' deposits according to their purpose (intermediate or final consumption) and to obtain better measures of exports and imports of FISIM. Preferences expressed by the Member States have put forward two criteria for the identification of relevant interest rates. These criteria are the need of having an interest rate fairly close to the concept of "pure interest rate" and giving the most reliable results with regard to available data. The analysis of the impact on GDP, at this stage of the study, tends to favour method 2, which seems to bring best results. Method 2 is followed by methods 1, 4c, 4b, 4a and 3. However, some Member States are reluctant to do all the trial method for allocating FISIM as defined in the regulation, for practical and sometimes theoretical reasons, and consider that none of them are really more reliable for the correct measurement of economic activity than the present zero allocation. However, at this point of the trial period, the Commission thinks that allocating FISIM is feasible if improvements continue to be made in data sources. In conclusion, it is necessary to revise some figures already obtained, to complete the exercise on more years, to analyse FISIM at constant prices and by industry, and to pursue the work inside the FISIM Task Force and the National Accounts Working Party before being able to make a fully sound report about the reliability of the methods of allocating FISIM as defined in the regulation.

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1997/0037(CNS) - 22/10/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Giorgos KATIFORIS (PSE, G), Parliament accepted the principle proposed by the Commission, but called for its introduction to be spread over four years.

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1997/0037(CNS) - 21/06/2002 - Follow-up document

Council Regulation 448/98/EC has defined different methods of allocating FISIM in national accounts and has introduced a trial period in order to test these methods. Member States have implemented the test exercise for the allocation of FISIM for the period 1995-2001. The Commission considers that the results of the trial period are positive. According to Regulation 448/98/EC, the Commission will issue before the end of 2002 a Commission Regulation for the allocation of FISIM in national accounts, using method 1. This involves calculating the reference interest rate by means of interest receivable on resident interbank loans, divided by stock of resident interbank loans. This method corresponds in average to an increase of 1.26% of GDP. The impacts on GDP are quite similar whatever the internal reference rate used. According to the draft Commission Regulation, Member States would have to allocate FISIM in their national accounts from calendar year 2005. The Commission will discuss with Member States the possible period for which backwards calculations could be made. Further discussions will take place inside the FISIM Task Force, concerning the allocation of FISIM in

regional and quarterly accounts. The Commission recommends that, to avoid confusion, new figures should be used for budgetary purposes, GNI being approximately higher for all Member States. However, according to Regulation 448/98/EC, the allocation of FISIM will not be taken into account for the EU budget and its own resources unless the Council, acting unanimously on the proposal of the Commission, takes such a decision.