## Basic information

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| **2003/0047(COD)**<br>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment<br>Amending Regulation (EC) No 577/98 1997/0202(CNS)<br>**Subject**<br>4.15 Employment policy, action to combat unemployment | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| EMPL Employment and Social Affairs | BOUWMAN Theodorus J.J. (V/ALE) | 26/03/2003 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs | LULLING Astrid (PPE-DE) | 09/04/2003 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
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| Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN | 2537 | 2003-11-04 |

### European Commission

| Commission DG | Commissioner |
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| Eurostat - European statistics | |

## Key events

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| 12/03/2003 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0109 | Summary |
| 27/03/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 09/07/2003 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 09/07/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A5-0260/2003 | |
| 02/09/2003 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T5-0349/2003 | Summary |
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| 16/10/2003 | Modified legislative proposal published | | |
| 04/11/2003 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading | | |
| 25/11/2003 | Final act signed | | |
| 25/11/2003 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 23/12/2003 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
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| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

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## Final act

Regulation 2003/2257
OJ L 336 23.12.2003, p. 0006-0007 Summary

# Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment

2003/0047(COD) - 02/09/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Theo BOUWMAN (Greens/EFA, Netherlands) approving the Commission's proposal subject to one amendment. This stated that Spain, Finland and the UK might, during a transition period lasting until the end of 2007, collect the structural variables with reference to a single quarter.

# Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment

2003/0047(COD) - 16/10/2003 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission agrees to take into account in its amended proposal the single amendment adopted by the European Parliament. The amendment grants an exemption to Spain, Finland and the United Kingdom for the collection of the structural variables with reference to a single quarter for a transition period running until the end of 2007. This will allow these Member States to adapt their survey procedures, which have for many years been based on a quarterly structure. This amendment is in line with the Presidency compromise in the Council working party. The Commission accepts this amendment because the exemption only concerns the survey process and the new variables specified by the proposed Regulation will be available for all Member States.

# Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment

2003/0047(COD) - 25/11/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to adapt the list of variables for the Community's sample survey on the organisation of the labour force. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Regulation 2257/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 577/98/EC on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community to adapt the list of survey characteristics. CONTENT : the labour force sample survey to be carried out under Council Regulation 577/98/EC (refer to CNS/1997/0202) should adequately cover new and recently emerging features of the labour market. According to the European social policy agenda adopted by the Nice European Council in December 2000, Council Decision 2002/177/EC of 18 February 2002 on guidelines for Member States' employment policies for the year 2002 and Council Recommendation 2002/549/EC of 21 June 2002 on the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and the Community, the way in which work is organised must be adapted to the needs of both businesses and individuals. The survey characteristics laid down in Regulation 577/98/EC were determined according to statistical needs and the labour market situation prevailing at the time. Data collection should not impose on respondents a burden out of proportion with the results which users of the survey can reasonably expect. The aim of this Regulation is to amend Regulation 577/98/EC as follows: - labour status : labour status during the reference week, continuing receipt of wages and salary, reason for not having worked though having a job, search for employment for person without employment, type of employment sought (self-employed or employee), methods used to find a job, availability to start work; - employment characteristics of the main job: professional status, economic activity of the local unit, occupation, supervisory responsibilities, - number of persons working at the local unit, country of place of work, region of place of work, year and month when the person started working in current employment, involvement of public employment service in finding the current job, permanency of the job (and reasons), duration of temporary job or work contract of limited duration, full-time/part-time distinction (and reasons), contract with a temporary work agency, working at home; - hours worked: number of hours per week usually worked, umber of hours actually worked, number of hours of overtime in the reference week, main reason for hours actually worked being different from usual hours; - search for employment: type of employment sought, duration of search for employment, situation of person immediately before starting to seek employment, registration at public employment office and whether receiving benefits, for person not seeking employment, willingness to work, reasons why person has not sought work, lack of care facilities. Other information on atypical work times include : shift work, evening work, night work, Saturday work, Sunday work. On a proposal from the Commission, a list of variables may be identified from among the survey characteristics specified above which need to be surveyed only as annual averages with reference to 52 weeks rather than as quarterly averages. Spain, Finland and the United Kingdom may survey the structuralvariables with reference to a single quarter during a transition period until the end of 2007. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 12/01/2004.

# Labour force in the Community: sample survey on employment and unemployment

2003/0047(COD) - 12/03/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to adapt the list of variables for the Community's sample survey on the organisation of the labour force. CONTENT : in 1998 the Community began a system whereby the labour workforce would be continuously surveyed in all of the Member States as from 2003. The aim being to provide comparable statistics on the twin issues of employment and unemployment (based on ILO concepts) and to analyse the structure of the EU's workforce. This latter point takes account of individual characteristics governing the workforce such as sex, age, educational level, occupation and previous work experience. In terms of job characteristics the survey takes account of economic activity and hours worked. Lastly, the survey also seeks to examine household issues such as the household's composition and who within that household participates in the labour workforce. In light of the changes which have been taking place in the EU's labour market the Commission considers it appropriate to introduce changes to the variables on which the labour survey is based. Thus, the current proposal seeks to adapt the list of survey variables by introducing six new characterises. They are: - supervisory responsibilities. This relates to matters of equal opportunities including career advancement; - involvement of the public employment service in finding a job; - contract with a temporary work agency. This is particularly relevant for labour market flexibility; - overtime hours in the reference week. This is an essential component in assessing the number of hours actually worked ; - lack of care facilities as a reason for non-participation or for deciding to work part-time; - Continued receipt of wages. This is deemed an essential variable in trying to understand the actual employment rate. At the same time as introducing six new variables the proposal seeks to reduce the frequency of the survey to once a year - rather than quarterly as is currently the case. The proposal foresees the application of the new variable in the labour force survey as from 2005. The proposal has no financial implication for the Commission.