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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/859

of 4 February 2021

supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying the number and titles of the variables for the data set in the education and training domain*(Text with EEA relevance)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To cover the needs identified in the relevant detailed topics, the Commission should specify the number and titles of the variables for the data set in the education and training domain.
- (2) The number of variables to be collected should not exceed by more than 5 % the number of variables collected for the education and training domain at the time when Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 entered into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The number and titles of the variables for the data set in the education and training domain are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261 I, 14.10.2019, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 February 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

Number and titles of the variables for the data set in the education and training domain

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
01. Technical items - 12 technical variables	Localisation	COUNTRY	Country of residence
		REGION	Region of residence
		DEG_URB	Degree of urbanisation
	Data collection information	REFYEAR	Year of interview
		REFMONTH	Month of interview
		REFDAY	Day of interview
	Identification	RESPID	Unique identifier
	Weights	RESPWEIGHT	Weighting factor for individuals
		NFEACTWEIGHT_5	Weighting factor for the details of 5 non-formal learning activities
		NFEACTWEIGHT_2	Weighting factor for the 2 randomly-selected non-formal learning activities
	Interview characteristics	INTMETHOD	Interviewing mode used
		INTPART	Nature of participation in the survey
02. Person and household characteristics - 14 collected variables - 1 derived variable	Household composition	HHNBPERS_tot	Total number of members of the household (including the respondent)
		HHNBPERS_0_13	0-13 years old members of the household
		HHNBPERS_14_24	14-24 years old members of the household (including the respondent)
		HHNBPERS_25plus	Members of the household 25 years old and older (including the respondent)
		HHTYPE	Household type
		MARSTADEFACTO	Partners living in the same household

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
	Demography	SEX	Sex
		BIRTHYEAR	Year of birth
		BIRTHPASS	Passing of birthday
		AGE	Age in completed years
	Citizenship and migrant background	CITIZEN	Country of main citizenship
		BIRTHPLACE	Country of birth
		BIRTHFATHER	Country of birth of the father
		BIRTHMOTHER	Country of birth of the mother
	Duration of stay in the country	RETIME	Duration of stay in the country of residence in completed years
03. Educational attainment and background - 21 collected variables	Educational attainment level	HATLEVEL	Educational attainment level (highest level of education successfully completed)
	Educational attainment - details, including education interrupted or abandoned	HATFIELD	Field of the highest level of education successfully completed
		HATYEAR	Year when the highest level of education was successfully completed
		DROPEduc	Formal education or training abandoned
		DROPEducLEVEL	Level of the formal education or training abandoned
	Educational background	HATFATHER	Educational attainment level of the father of the respondent
		HATMOTHER	Educational attainment level of the mother of the respondent
	Self-reported skills	LANGMOTH1	Code of the first mother tongue language
		LANGMOTH2	Code of the second mother tongue language
		LANGUSED	Language(s) used other than mother tongue(s)
		LANGUSED_1	Code of the first language

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		LANGUSED_2	Code of the second language
		LANGUSED_3	Code of the third language
		LANGUSED_4	Code of the fourth language
		LANGUSED_5	Code of the fifth language
		LANGUSED_6	Code of the sixth language
		LANGUSED_7	Code of the seventh language
		LANGBEST1	First best-known language other than mother tongue(s)
		LANGLEVEL1	Level of the first best-known language other than mother tongue(s)
		LANGBEST2	Second best-known language other than mother tongue(s)
		LANGLEVEL2	Level of the second best-known language other than mother tongue(s)
04. Labour market participation - 7 collected variables	Main activity status (self-defined)	MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined)
	Elementary job characteristics	FTPT	Full- or part-time main job (self-defined)
		JOBSTAT	Status in employment in main job
		JOBISCO	Occupation in main job
		LOCNACE	Economic activity of the local unit for main job
	Duration of contract	PERMJOB	Permanency of main job
	Establishment size	LOCSIZEFIRM	Size of the local unit for main job
05. Job tenure, work biography and previous work experience - 2 collected variables	Start of job	EMP12M	Employment at any point in time during the last 12 months
		JOBTIME	Year in which the person started working for current employer or as self-employed in main job

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
06. Participation in education and training - 196 collected variables	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	SEEKINFO	Looked for any information concerning learning possibilities in the last 12 months (formal and non-formal education and training)
		GUIDE	Guidance on learning received from institutions/organisations during the last 12 months
		GUIDE_1	Counselling/advice on learning possibilities (including support to search for information and applying to learning possibilities)
		GUIDE_2	Screening/evaluation of individual learning needs based on professional tests and/or interviews
		GUIDE_3	Advice/help on procedure for validation/ recognition of skills, competences or prior learning
		GUIDESOURCE	Source of guidance on learning received during the last 12 months
		GUIDESOURCE_1	Education or training institutions (school, college, university, vocational education and training (VET) centre, institution for adult learning, validation centre, etc.)
		GUIDESOURCE_2	Public employment services
		GUIDESOURCE_3	Employer or prospective employer
		GUIDESOURCE_4	Other institutions/organisations
		GUIDEINTER	Type of interaction used for guidance on learning received during the last 12 months
		GUIDEINTER_1	Interaction with a person: face to face, skype, phone, e-mail, dedicated websites, etc.
		GUIDEINTER_2	Interaction without a person: bots/web robots, online automatic applications as long as they provide for interaction

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
	Participation in formal education activities (12 months)	FED	Participation in formal education and training (student or apprentice) during the last 12 months
		FEDNUM	Number of formal education or training activities
	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDSTARTYEAR	Starting year of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDSTARTMONTH	Starting month of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDMAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDLEVEL	Level of the most recent formal education or training activity
		FEDCOMP	Completion of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDFIELD	Field of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDWORKTIME	Most recent formal education activity during paid working hours
	Use of information and communication technologies in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPLACE	Place of instruction of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDONMAT	Online provision of teaching materials for the most recent formal education activity
		FEDONTEA	Online interaction with teaching staff for the most recent formal education activity
		FEDONPAR	Online interaction with other participants for the most recent formal education activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON	Reasons for participating in the most recent formal education activity
		FEDREASON_01a	To do my job better
		FEDREASON_01b	To improve my career prospects
		FEDREASON_02	To be less likely to lose my job
		FEDREASON_03	To increase my possibilities of getting a job, or changing a job/profession
		FEDREASON_04	To start my own business
		FEDREASON_05	I was obliged to participate
		FEDREASON_06_7	To increase my knowledge/skills for my own general interest and curiosity
		FEDREASON_08	To obtain a certificate
		FEDREASON_09	To meet new people/for fun
		FEDREASONMAIN	Main reason for participating in the most recent formal education activity
	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDNBHOURS	Number of instruction hours of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDPAID	Payment for the most recent formal education activity
		FEDPAIDBY	Source of funding of partial or full payment for the most recent formal education activity
		FEDPAIDBY_1	Employer or prospective employer
		FEDPAIDBY_2	Public employment services
		FEDPAIDBY_3	Other public or private institutions
		FEDPAIDBY_4	A household member or a relative

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDUSEA	Current use of skills or knowledge from the most recent formal education activity
		FEDOUTCOME	Outcomes of the most recent formal education activity
		FEDOUTCOME_1	Getting a (new) job
		FEDOUTCOME_3	Higher salary/wages
		FEDOUTCOME_2	Promotion in the job
		FEDOUTCOME_4	New tasks
		FEDOUTCOME_5	Better performance in present job
		FEDOUTCOME_6	Personal benefits (meet other people, refresh or acquire skills on general or specific subjects, etc.)
		FEDOUTCOME_7	No outcome yet
		FEDOUTCOMEMAIN	Main outcome of the most recent formal education activity
	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFE	Participation in non-formal education and training during the last 12 months
		NFECOURSE	Courses
		NFEWORKSHOP	Workshops and seminars
		NFEGUIDEDJT	Guided on-the-job training
		NFELESSON	Private lessons
		NFENUM	Number of non-formal education and training activities
	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_TYPE	Type of the first non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT01_MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the first non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT01_PURP	Purpose of the first non-formal learning activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEACT01_WORKTIME	First non-formal learning activity during paid working hours
		NFEACT01_PAIDBY	First non-formal learning activity partially or fully paid by the employer or prospective employer
		NFEACT02_TYPE	Type of the second non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT02_MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the second non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT02_PURP	Purpose of the second non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT02_WORKTIME	Second non-formal learning activity during paid working hours
		NFEACT02_PAIDBY	Second non-formal learning activity partially or fully paid by the employer or prospective employer
		NFEACT03_TYPE	Type of the third non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT03_MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the third non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT03_PURP	Purpose of the third non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT03_WORKTIME	Third non-formal learning activity during paid working hours
		NFEACT03_PAIDBY	Third non-formal learning activity partially or fully paid by the employer or prospective employer
		NFEACT04_TYPE	Type of the fourth non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT04_MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the fourth non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT04_PURP	Purpose of the fourth non-formal learning activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEACT04_WORKTIME	Fourth non-formal learning activity during paid working hours
		NFEACT04_PAIDBY	Fourth non-formal learning activity partially or fully paid by the employer or prospective employer
		NFEACT05_TYPE	Type of the fifth non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT05_MAINSTAT	Main activity status (self-defined) at the start of the fifth non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT05_PURP	Purpose of the fifth non-formal learning activity
		NFEACT05_WORKTIME	Fifth non-formal learning activity during paid working hours
		NFEACT05_PAIDBY	Fifth non-formal learning activity partially or fully paid by the employer or prospective employer
		NFERAND1	Code of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFERAND1_TYPE	Type of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEFIELD1	Field of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPROVIDER1	Provider of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFECERT1	Certificate after the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFERAND2	Code of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFERAND2_TYPE	Type of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEFIELD2	Field of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEPROVIDER2	Provider of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFECERT2	Certificate after the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
	Use of information and communication technologies in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPLACE1	Place of instruction of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONMAT1	Online provision of teaching materials for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONTEA1	Online interaction with teaching staff for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONPAR1	Online interaction with other participants for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPLACE2	Place of instruction of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONMAT2	Online provision of teaching materials for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONTEA2	Online interaction with teaching staff for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEONPAR2	Online interaction with other participants for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEINITIA1	Initiator of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEREASON1	Reasons for participating in the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEREASON1_01a	To do my job better
		NFEREASON1_01b	To improve my career prospects
		NFEREASON1_02	To be less likely to lose my job
		NFEREASON1_03	To increase my possibilities of getting a job, or changing a job/profession
		NFEREASON1_04	To start my own business
		NFEREASON1_13	Because of organisational and/or technological changes at work
		NFEREASON1_11	Required by the employer or prospective employer or by law
		NFEREASON1_06_7	To increase my knowledge/skills for my own general interest and curiosity
		NFEREASON1_08	To obtain a certificate
		NFEREASON1_09	To meet new people/for fun
		NFEREASON1_10	For health reasons
		NFEREASON1_12	To do voluntary work better
		NFEREASONMAIN1	Main reason for participating in the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEINITIA2	Initiator of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEREASON2	Reasons for participating in the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEREASON2_01a	To do my job better
		NFEREASON2_01b	To improve my career prospects
		NFEREASON2_02	To be less likely to lose my job
		NFEREASON2_03	To increase my possibilities of getting a job, or changing a job/profession
		NFEREASON2_04	To start my own business

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEREASON2_13	Because of organisational and/or technological changes at work
		NFEREASON2_11	Required by the employer or prospective employer or by law
		NFEREASON2_06_7	To increase my knowledge/skills for my own general interest and curiosity
		NFEREASON2_08	To obtain a certificate
		NFEREASON2_09	To meet new people/for fun
		NFEREASON2_10	For health reasons
		NFEREASON2_12	To do voluntary work better
		NFEREASONMAIN2	Main reason for participating in the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFENBHOURS1	Number of instruction hours of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPAID1	Payment for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPAIDBY1	Source of funding of partial or full payment for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPAIDBY1_1	Employer or prospective employer
		NFEPAIDBY1_2	Public employment services
		NFEPAIDBY1_3	Other public or private institutions
		NFEPAIDBY1_4	A household member or a relative
		NFEPAIDVAL1	Expenditure for the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFENBHOURS2	Number of instruction hours of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEPAID2	Payment for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPAIDBY2	Source of funding of partial or full payment for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEPAIDBY2_1	Employer or prospective employer
		NFEPAIDBY2_2	Public employment services
		NFEPAIDBY2_3	Other public or private institutions
		NFEPAIDBY2_4	A household member or a relative
		NFEPAIDVAL2	Expenditure for the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFESKILLSMAIN1	Main skills acquired through the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEUSEA1	Current use of skills or knowledge from the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEOUTCOME1	Outcomes of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEOUTCOME1_1	Getting a (new) job
		NFEOUTCOME1_3	Higher salary/wages
		NFEOUTCOME1_2	Promotion in the job
		NFEOUTCOME1_4	New tasks
		NFEOUTCOME1_5	Better performance in present job
		NFEOUTCOME1_6	Personal benefits (meet other people, refresh or acquire skills on general or specific subjects, etc.)

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		NFEOUTCOME1_7	No outcome yet
		NFEOUTCOMEMAIN1	Main outcome of the 1st randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFESKILLSMAIN2	Main skills acquired through the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEUSEA2	Current use of skills or knowledge from the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEOUTCOME2	Outcomes of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
		NFEOUTCOME2_1	Getting a (new) job
		NFEOUTCOME2_3	Higher salary/wages
		NFEOUTCOME2_2	Promotion in the job
		NFEOUTCOME2_4	New tasks
		NFEOUTCOME2_5	Better performance in present job
		NFEOUTCOME2_6	Personal benefits (meet other people, refresh or acquire skills on general or specific subjects, etc.)
		NFEOUTCOME2_7	No outcome yet
		NFEOUTCOMEMAIN2	Main outcome of the 2nd randomly-selected non-formal learning activity
	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	WANT	Will to participate (more) in education and training
		NONEED	No need for (further) education and training
		DIFFTYPE	Reasons for not participating (more) in formal or non-formal education and training

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		DIFFTYPE_01	Prerequisites
		DIFFTYPE_02	Cost
		DIFFTYPE_03a	Lack of employer support
		DIFFTYPE_03b	Lack of public services support
		DIFFTYPE_04	Schedule
		DIFFTYPE_05	Distance
		DIFFTYPE_07	Family responsibilities
		DIFFTYPE_08a	Health
		DIFFTYPE_08b	Age
		DIFFTYPE_09	Other personal reasons
		DIFFTYPE_10	No suitable education or training activity (offer)
		DIFFTYPE_12	Negative previous learning experience
		DIFFTYPE_13	Course was booked out
		DIFFTYPE_14	Too few registrations
		DIFFMAIN	Main reason for not participating (more) in education and training
	Informal learning	INF	Participation in informal learning during the last 12 months
		INFFAMILY	Learning from a family member, a friend or a colleague
		INFMATERIAL	Learning by using printed material (books, professional magazines, etc.)
		INFDEVICE	Learning by using electronic devices (online or offline)

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Variable name
		INFMUSEUM	Learning by guided tours in museums, historical or natural or industrial sites
		INFLIBRARIES	Learning by visiting learning centres (including libraries)
		INFPURP	Purpose of the informal learning during the last 12 months
07. Health: status and disability, access to and availability and use of health care and health determinants - 2 collected variables	Disability and other elements of Minimum European Health Module	GENHEALTH	Self-perceived general health
		GALI	Limitation in activities because of health problems (global activity limitation indicator - GALI)
08. Income, consumption and elements of wealth, including debts - 1 collected variable	Total monthly household income	HHINCOME	Net current monthly household income

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/860**of 23 March 2021****amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 as regards Annex to the conservation and enforcement measures of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2115/2005 and (EC) No 1386/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 50(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union is party to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (the NAFO Convention), approved by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) The European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2019/833 in order to incorporate the NAFO conservation and enforcement measures in Union law.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 ⁽³⁾ supplemented Regulation (EU) 2019/833 with a number of NAFO conservation and enforcement measures.
- (4) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/989 ⁽⁴⁾ amended the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 with revised annexes of NAFO adopted at its 2019 annual meeting.
- (5) The NAFO at its annual meeting in September 2020 amended Part VI of Annex I.E of its conservation and enforcement measures, related to the list of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME) indicator species. This annex becomes binding on the Union on 1 December 2020.
- (6) These changes should also be incorporated into Union law. Therefore, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 28.5.2019, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 of 15 October 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (OJ L 34 I, 6.2.2020, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/989 of 27 April 2020 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 as regards certain provisions of, and Annexes to, the conservation and enforcement measures of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) (OJ L 221, 10.7.2020, p. 5).

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

Done at Brussels, 23 March 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

The Annex of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 is amended as follows:

1. point 3 is replaced by the following:

‘(3) Part VI of Annex I.E to the CEM as referred to in point 21 of Article 3, in Article 21(2) and in point (i) of point (a) of Article 27(11) of Regulation (EU) 2019/833

VI. List of VME Indicator Species

Common Name and FAO ASFIS 3- ALPHA CODE	Taxon	Family	FAO ASFIS 3-ALPHA CODE
Large-Sized Sponges (PFR – Porifera)	<i>Asconema foliatum</i>	Rossellidae	ZBA
	<i>Aphrocallistes beatrix</i>	Aphrocallistidae	
	<i>Asbestopluma (Asbestopluma) ruetzleri</i>	Cladorhizidae	ZAB (Asbestopluma)
	<i>Axinella</i> sp.	Axinellidae	
	<i>Chondrocladia grandis</i>	Cladorhizidae	ZHD (Chondrocladia)
	<i>Cladorhiza abyssicola</i>	Cladorhizidae	ZCH (Cladorhiza)
	<i>Cladorhiza kenchingtonae</i>	Cladorhizidae	ZCH (Cladorhiza)
	<i>Craniella</i> spp.	Tetillidae	ZCS (Craniella spp.)
	<i>Dictyaulus romani</i>	Euplectellidae	ZDY (Dictyaulus)
	<i>Esperiopsis villosa</i>	Esperiopsidae	ZEW
	<i>Forcepia</i> spp.	Coelosphaeridae	ZFR
	<i>Geodia barrette</i>	Geodiidae	
	<i>Geodia macandrewii</i>	Geodiidae	
	<i>Geodia parva</i>	Geodiidae	
	<i>Geodia phlegraei</i>	Geodiidae	
	<i>Haliclona</i> sp.	Chalinidae	ZHL
	<i>Iophon piceum</i>	Acarinidae	WJP
	<i>Isodictya palmata</i>	Isodictyidae	
	<i>Lissodendoryx (Lissodendoryx) complicata</i>	Coelosphaeridae	ZDD
	<i>Mycale (Mycale) lingua</i>	Mycalidae	
	<i>Mycale (Mycale) loveni</i>	Mycalidae	
	<i>Phakellia</i> sp.	Axinellidae	
	<i>Polymastia</i> spp.	Polymastiidae	ZPY
	<i>Stelletta normani</i>	Ancorinidae	WSX (Stelletta)
	<i>Stelletta tuberosa</i>	Ancorinidae	WSX (Stelletta)
	<i>Stryphnus fortis</i>	Ancorinidae	WPH

Common Name and FAO ASFIS 3- ALPHA CODE	Taxon	Family	FAO ASFIS 3-ALPHA CODE
Black corals (AQZ – Antipatharia)	<i>Thenea muricata</i>	Pachastrellidae	ZTH (Thenea)
	<i>Thenea valdiviae</i>	Pachastrellidae	ZTH (Thenea)
	<i>Weberella bursa</i>	Polymastiidae	
	<i>Stichopathes</i> sp.	Antipathidae	QYX
	<i>Leiopathes</i> cf. <i>expansa</i>	Leiopathidae	
	<i>Leiopathes</i> sp.	Leiopathidae	
	<i>Plumapathes</i> sp.	Myriopathidae	
	<i>Bathypathes</i> cf. <i>patula</i>	Schizopathidae	
	<i>Parantipathes</i> sp.	Schizopathidae	
	<i>Stauropathes arctica</i>	Schizopathidae	SQW
Stony Corals (CSS – Scleractinia)	<i>Stauropathes</i> cf. <i>punctata</i>	Schizopathidae	
	<i>Telopathes magnus</i>	Schizopathidae	
	<i>Enallopsammia rostrata*</i>	Dendrophylliidae	FEY
	<i>Lophelia pertusa*</i>	Caryophylliidae	LWS
	<i>Madrepora oculata*</i>	Oculinidae	MVI
Small Gorgonians (GGW)	<i>Solenosmilia variabilis*</i>	Caryophylliidae	RZT
	<i>Acanella arbuscula</i>	Isididae	KQL (Acanella)
	<i>Anthothela grandiflora</i>	Anthothelidae	WAG
	<i>Chrysogorgia</i> sp.	Chrysogorgiidae	FHX
	<i>Metallogorgia melanotrichos*</i>	Chrysogorgiidae	
	<i>Narella laxa</i>	Primnoidae	
	<i>Radicipes gracilis</i>	Chrysogorgiidae	CZN
	<i>Swiftia</i> sp.	Plexauridae	
Large Gorgonians (GGW)	<i>Acanthogorgia armata</i>	Acanthogorgiidae	AZC
	<i>Calyptraphora</i> sp.*	Primnoidae	
	<i>Corallium bathyrrubrum</i>	Coralliidae	COR (Corallium)
	<i>Corallium bayeri</i>	Coralliidae	COR (Corallium)
	<i>Iridogorgia</i> sp.*	Chrysogorgiidae	
	<i>Keratoisis</i> cf. <i>siemensii</i>	Isididae	
	<i>Keratoisis grayi</i>	Isididae	
	<i>Lepidisis</i> sp.*	Isididae	QFX (Lepidisis)
	<i>Paragorgia arborea</i>	Paragorgiidae	BFU
	<i>Paragorgia johnsoni</i>	Paragorgiidae	BFV

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Sea Pens (NTW – Pennatulacea)	<i>Paramuricea grandis</i>	Plexauridae	PZL (Paramuricea)
	<i>Paramuricea placomus</i>	Plexauridae	PZL (Paramuricea)
	<i>Paramuricea</i> spp.	Plexauridae	PZL (Paramuricea)
	<i>Parastenella atlantica</i>	Primnoidae	
	<i>Placogorgia</i> sp.	Plexauridae	
	<i>Placogorgia terceira</i>	Plexauridae	
	<i>Primnoa resedaeformis</i>	Primnoidae	QOE
	<i>Thouarella (Euthouarella) grasshoffi</i> *	Primnoidae	
	<i>Anthoptilum grandiflorum</i>	Anthoptilidae	AJG (Anthoptilum)
	<i>Distichoptilum gracile</i>	Protoptilidae	WDG
	<i>Funiculina quadrangularis</i>	Funiculinidae	FQJ
	<i>Halipteris</i> cf. <i>christii</i>	Halipteridae	ZHX (Halipteris)
	<i>Halipteris finmarchica</i>	Halipteridae	HFM
	<i>Halipteris</i> sp.	Halipteridae	ZHX (Halipteris)
	<i>Kophobelemnion stelliferum</i>	Kophobelemnidae	KVF
Tube-Dwelling Anemones	<i>Pennatula aculeata</i>	Pennatulidae	QAC
	<i>Pennatula grandis</i>	Pennatulidae	
	<i>Pennatula</i> sp.	Pennatulidae	
	<i>Protoptilum carpenteri</i>	Protoptilidae	
	<i>Umbellula lindahli</i>	Umbellulidae	
Erect Bryozoans (BZN – Bryozoa)	<i>Virgularia mirabilis</i>	Virgulariidae	
	<i>Pachycerianthus borealis</i>	Cerianthidae	WQB
	<i>Eucratea loricata</i>	Eucrateidae	WEL
	<i>Conocrinus lofotensis</i>	Bourgueticrinidae	WCF
Sea Lilies (CWD – Crinoidea)	<i>Gephyrocrinus grimaldii</i>	Hyocrinidae	
	<i>Trichometra cubensis</i>	Antedonidae	

Common Name and FAO ASFIS 3- ALPHA CODE	Taxon	Family	FAO ASFIS 3-ALPHA CODE
Sea Squirts (SSX – Ascidacea)	<i>Boltenia ovifera</i>	Pyuridae	WBO
	<i>Halocynthia aurantium</i>	Pyuridae	
Unlikely to be observed in trawls; <i>in situ</i> observations only:			
Large xenophyophores	<i>Syringamina</i> sp.	Syringamminidae'	

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/861**of 21 May 2021****specifying the technical items of the data set and establishing the technical formats for transmission of information on the organisation of a sample survey in the education and training domain pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1) and Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To ensure the accurate implementation of a sample survey in the education and training domain (adult education survey – AES), the Commission should specify the technical items of the data set and establish the technical formats for transmission of information.
- (2) The Member States and the Union institutions should use statistical classifications for territorial units, education levels, occupations and economic sectors that are compatible with the NUTS ⁽²⁾, ISCED ⁽³⁾, CLA ⁽⁴⁾, ISCO ⁽⁵⁾ and NACE ⁽⁶⁾ classifications. For language levels, they should use the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Subject matter**

This Regulation specifies the technical items of the data set and establishes the technical formats for transmitting information from Member States to the Commission (Eurostat) for the sample survey in the education and training domain (adult education survey – AES).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261 I, 14.10.2019, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ International Standard Classification of Education 2011; <http://uis.unesco.org/sites/default/files/documents/international-standard-classification-of-education-isced-2011-en.pdf> (available in English and French).

⁽⁴⁾ Classification of learning activities, 2016 edition; <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-manuals-and-guidelines/-/KS-GQ-15-011> (available in English).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Recommendation of 29 October 2009 on the use of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08) (OJ L 292, 10.11.2009, p. 31).

⁽⁶⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2 and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 as well as certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains (OJ L 393, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

*Article 2***Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (1) 'fieldwork period' means the period during which data is collected from respondents;
- (2) 'reference period' means the period to which a particular item of information relates;
- (3) 'reference date' means the date of the first interview.

*Article 3***Description of variables**

The variables and their technical characteristics for data transmission are set out in the Annex and refer to:

- (1) topics and detailed topics of the variables;
- (2) identifiers and names of the variables;
- (3) category codes and labels of the variables;
- (4) filters of the variables.

*Article 4***Statistical populations, observation units and rules for respondents**

1. The target population for the education and training domain shall be all persons aged 18 to 69 usually residing in private households in the territory of a Member State.
2. The data for the education and training domain shall be collected for a sample of persons aged 18 to 69 or a sample of households in which a maximum of two randomly selected persons aged 18 to 69 per household are interviewed as observation units. Due justification shall be provided if more than two persons per household are interviewed.
3. Proxy interviews shall be avoided where possible.

*Article 5***Reference periods and reference dates**

1. The reference period for which data on participation in education and training is collected shall be the 12 months prior to the interview. The data collected on other topics shall refer to the situation at the reference date, unless otherwise specified for a given variable.
2. The age of a person shall be the age in completed years at the reference date.

*Article 6***Sample requirements**

The data collection shall be based on nationally representative probability samples. The sample size shall be established according to the precision requirements for the education and training domain set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

*Article 7***Random selection of non-formal learning activities**

1. For respondents participating in more than five non-formal learning activities, five of these shall be selected randomly in order to collect information on type, main activity status at start, purpose and employer-sponsoring.
2. For respondents participating in more than two non-formal learning activities, two of these (referred to as NFERAND1 and NFERAND2 in the Annex) shall be selected in order to collect detailed information. These two activities shall be selected randomly from those for which information on type, main activity status at start, purpose and employer-sponsoring is collected.

*Article 8***Data-gathering periods and methods**

1. The interviews to collect information for the education and training domain shall take place every 6 years between 1 July and 31 March. The first interview period shall start on 1 July 2022.
2. Where possible, the national fieldwork period shall not exceed 6 months.
3. Data shall be collected by computer-assisted methods, such as computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI), computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) and computer-assisted web interviews (CAWI). Due justification shall be provided for any exception.

*Article 9***Common standards for weighting**

1. The reference population for weighting shall be the (real or estimated) population aged 18 to 69 usually residing in private households.
2. Weighting factors for individuals shall be calculated taking into account the probability of selection and reliable external data relating to the distribution of the population being surveyed, according to sex, age groups (18-24, 25-34, 35-54, 55-69) and educational attainment level (ISCED levels 0-2, 3-4, 5-8). Where possible, other characteristics such as main activity status, occupation and region shall also be considered.

*Article 10***Formats for transmitting information**

1. Member States shall transmit to the Commission (Eurostat) microdata in electronic form that comply with the technical characteristics of the variables as specified in the Annex.
2. Member States shall pre-check the microdata before transmitting it and comply with validation rules in accordance with its characteristics in terms of coding and filter conditions. Member States and the Commission shall agree on additional validation rules determining the acceptability of transmitted data.
3. Revised data shall be transmitted in complete data sets covering all variables, regardless of the number of revised observations and variables.
4. Member States shall make available to the Commission (Eurostat) the data and metadata required under this Regulation using the statistical data and metadata exchange standards specified by the Commission (Eurostat) and the single entry point.

*Article 11***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that 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, 21 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

Variables to be collected for the data set in the education and training domain and their technical characteristics for data transmission

Topic	Detailed topic	Variable identifier	Code or value	Variable name/category	Filter/remarks
Technical items	Localisation	COUNTRY		COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	Everybody
			2 digits	Country of residence (SCL GEO code)	
Technical items	Localisation	REGION		REGION OF RESIDENCE	Everybody
			4 digits	NUTS 2 region - coding according to NUTS at 2-digit level	
Technical items	Localisation	DEG_URB		DEGREE OF URBANISATION	Everybody
			1	Cities	
			2	Towns and suburbs	
			3	Rural areas	
Technical items	Data collection information	REFYEAR		YEAR OF INTERVIEW	Everybody
			4 digits	The 4 digits of the year in which the interview took place	
Technical items	Data collection information	REFMONTH		MONTH OF INTERVIEW	Everybody
			01-12	Number of the month in which the interview took place (2 digits)	
Technical items	Data collection information	REFDAY		DAY OF INTERVIEW	Everybody
			01-31	Number of the day on which the interview took place (2 digits)	
Technical items	Identification	RESPID		UNIQUE IDENTIFIER	Everybody
			numeric	Identification code of each record	

Technical items	Weights	RESPWEIGHT		WEIGHTING FACTOR FOR INDIVIDUALS	Everybody
			numeric	Weighting factor for individuals (with 3 digits of decimals separated by a dot)	
Technical items	Weights	NFEACTWEIGHT_5		WEIGHTING FACTOR FOR THE DETAILS OF 5 NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES	NFENUM ≥ 1
			numeric	Weighting factor for the 5 non-formal learning activities for which some details are asked (with 3 digits of decimals separated by a dot)	
			0	NFENUM = 0	
Technical items	Weights	NFEACTWEIGHT_2		WEIGHTING FACTOR FOR THE 2 RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES	NFENUM ≥ 1
			numeric	Weighting factor for the non-formal learning activities selected in NFERAND1 and NFERAND2 (with 3 digits of decimals separated by a dot)	
			0	NFENUM = 0	
Technical items	Interview characteristics	INTMETHOD		INTERVIEWING MODE USED	Everybody
			1	Paper assisted personal interview (PAPI)	
			2	Computer assisted personal interview (CAPI)	
			3	Computer assisted telephone interview (CATI)	
			4	Computer assisted web-interview (CAWI)	
			5	Other	
Technical items	Interview characteristics	INTPART		NATURE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY	Everybody
			1	Direct participation	
			2	Indirect participation	
			-1	Not stated	

		(HHNBPERS)		HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Everybody
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	HHNBPERS_tot	1-98	Total number of members of the household (including the respondent)	
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	HHNBPERS_0_13	0-98	0-13 years old members of the household	
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	HHNBPERS_14_24	0-98	14-24 years old members of the household (including the respondent)	
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	HHNBPERS_25plus	0-98	Members of the household 25 years old and older (including the respondent)	
			-1	Not stated	
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	HHTYPE		HOUSEHOLD TYPE	Everybody
			1	One-person household	
			2	Lone parent with at least one child aged less than 25	
			3	Lone parent with all children aged 25 or more	
			4	Couple without any child or children	
			5	Couple with at least one child aged less than 25	
			6	Couple with all children aged 25 or more	
			7	Other type of household	
			-1	Not stated	
Income, consumption and elements of wealth, including debts	Total monthly household income	HHINCOME		NET CURRENT MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	Everybody
			1	Lower equivalised net current monthly income group	
			2	Low to medium equivalised net current monthly income group	
			3	Medium equivalised net current monthly income group	

			4	Medium to high equivalised net current monthly income group	
			5	Higher equivalised net current monthly income group	
			-1	Not stated	
Person and household characteristics	Demography	SEX		SEX	Everybody
			1	Male	
			2	Female	
Person and household characteristics	Demography	BIRTHYEAR		YEAR OF BIRTH	Everybody
			4 digits	The 4 digits of year of birth	
Person and household characteristics	Demography	BIRTHPASS		PASSING OF BIRTHDAY	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Person and household characteristics	Demography	AGE		AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS	Everybody
			18-69		
Person and household characteristics	Citizenship and migrant background	CITIZEN		COUNTRY OF MAIN CITIZENSHIP	Everybody
			2 digits	Country of main citizenship (SCL GEO code)	
			STLS	Stateless	
			FOR	Foreign citizenship but country unknown	
			RNC	Recognised non-citizens	
			-1	Not stated	
Person and household characteristics	Citizenship and migrant background	BIRTHPLACE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	Everybody
			2 digits	Country of birth (SCL GEO code)	

			FOR	Foreign-born but country of birth unknown	
			-1	Not stated	
Person and household characteristics	Duration of stay in the country	RESTIME		DURATION OF STAY IN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE IN COMPLETED YEARS	Everybody
			99	Born in this country and never lived abroad for a period of at least 1 year	
			00	Less than 1 year in the country but intention to stay at least 1 year in total	
			01-69	Number of years in this country (since last establishing the place of usual residence in this country)	
			-1	Not stated	
Person and household characteristics	Household composition	MARSTADEFACTO		PARTNERS LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD	Everybody
			1	Person living with a legal or de facto partner	
			2	Person not living with a legal or de facto partner	
			-1	Not stated	
Educational attainment and background	Educational attainment level	HATLEVEL		EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL (highest level of education successfully completed)	Everybody
			000	No formal education or below ISCED 1	
			100	ISCED 1 Primary education	
			200	ISCED 2 Lower secondary education	
			342	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (general) – partial level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	
			343	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (general) – level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	

			344	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (general) – level completion, with direct access to tertiary education	
			349	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (general) – without possible distinction of access to tertiary education	
			352	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (vocational) – partial level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	
			353	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (vocational) – level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	
			354	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (vocational) – level completion, with direct access to tertiary education	
			359	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (vocational) – without possible distinction of access to tertiary education	
			392	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (orientation unknown) – partial level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	
			393	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (orientation unknown) – level completion, without direct access to tertiary education	
			394	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (orientation unknown) – level completion, with direct access to tertiary education	
			399	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education (orientation unknown) – without possible distinction of access to tertiary education	
			440	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – general	
			450	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – vocational	

			490	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – orientation unknown	
			540	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – general	
			550	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – vocational	
			590	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – orientation unknown	
			600	ISCED 6 Bachelor's or equivalent level	
			700	ISCED 7 Master's or equivalent level	
			800	ISCED 8 Doctoral or equivalent level	
			-1	Not stated	
Educational attainment and background	Educational attainment - details, including education interrupted or abandoned	HATFIELD		FIELD OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED	HATLEVEL = 342-800
			00	Generic programmes and qualifications	
			01	Education	
			02	Arts and humanities	
			03	Social sciences, journalism and information	
			04	Business, administration and law	
			05	Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	
			06	Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	
			07	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	
			08	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	
			09	Health and welfare	

			10	Services	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Educational attainment and background	Educational attainment - details, including education interrupted or abandoned	HATYEAR		YEAR WHEN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED	HATLEVEL = 100-800
			4 digits	Year when the highest level of education was successfully completed	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Educational attainment and background	Educational attainment - details, including education interrupted or abandoned	DROPEduc		FORMAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING ABANDONED	Everybody
			1	Yes, one	
			2	Yes, several	
			3	No	
			-1	Not stated	
Educational attainment and background	Educational attainment - details, including education interrupted or abandoned	DROPEducLEVEL		LEVEL OF THE FORMAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING ABANDONED	DROPEduc = 1 or 2
			10	ISCED 1 Primary education	
			20	ISCED 2 Lower secondary education	
			34	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – general	
			35	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – vocational	
			39	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – orientation unknown	

			44	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – general	
			45	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – vocational	
			49	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – orientation unknown	
			54	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – general	
			55	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – vocational	
			59	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – orientation unknown	
			60	ISCED 6 Bachelor's or equivalent level	
			70	ISCED 7 Master's or equivalent level	
			80	ISCED 8 Doctoral or equivalent level	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Main activity status (self-defined)	MAINSTAT		MAIN ACTIVITY STATUS (SELF-DEFINED)	Everybody
			10	Employed	
			20	Unemployed	
			32	Retired	
			33	Unable to work due to long-standing health problems	
			31	Student, pupil	
			35	Fulfilling domestic tasks	
			34	Compulsory military or civilian service	
			36	Other	
			-1	Not stated	

Job tenure, work biography and previous work experience	Start of job	EMP12M		EMPLOYMENT AT ANY POINT IN TIME DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	MAINSTAT = 20-36
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Elementary job characteristics	FIPT		FULL- OR PART-TIME MAIN JOB (SELF-DEFINED)	MAINSTAT = 10
			1	Full-time job	
			2	Part-time job	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Elementary job characteristics	JOBSTAT		STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN MAIN JOB	MAINSTAT = 10
			11	Self-employed person with employees	
			12	Self-employed person without employees	
			20	Employee	
			30	Family worker (unpaid)	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Duration of contract	PERMJOB		PERMANENCY OF MAIN JOB	JOBSTAT = 20
			1	Fixed-term contract	
			2	Permanent job	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Labour market participation	Elementary job characteristics	JOBISCO		OCCUPATION IN MAIN JOB	MAINSTAT = 10
			4 digits	ISCO-08 coded at 2-digit level	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Elementary job characteristics	LOCNACE		ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF THE LOCAL UNIT FOR MAIN JOB	MAINSTAT = 10
			3 digits	NACE Rev. 2 coded at 2-digit level	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Labour market participation	Establishment size	LOCSIZEFIRM		SIZE OF THE LOCAL UNIT FOR MAIN JOB	MAINSTAT = 10
			1-9	Exact number of persons, if between 1 and 9	
			10	10 to 19 persons	
			11	20 to 49 persons	
			12	50 to 249 persons	
			13	250 persons or more	
			14	Do not know but less than 10 persons	
			15	Do not know but 10 persons or more	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Job tenure, work biography and previous work experience	Start of job	JOBTIME		YEAR IN WHICH THE PERSON STARTED WORKING FOR CURRENT EMPLOYER OR AS SELF-EMPLOYED IN MAIN JOB	MAINSTAT = 10
			4 digits	Year in which the person started working for current employer or as self-employed in main job	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Educational attainment and background	Educational background	HATFATHER		EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL OF THE FATHER OF THE RESPONDENT	Everybody
			1	At most lower secondary	
			2	Upper secondary	
			3	Tertiary	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable (father unknown)	
Educational attainment and background	Educational background	HATMOTHER		EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVEL OF THE MOTHER OF THE RESPONDENT	Everybody
			1	At most lower secondary	
			2	Upper secondary	
			3	Tertiary	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable (mother unknown)	
Person and household characteristics	Citizenship and migrant background	BIRTHFATHER		COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF THE FATHER	Everybody
			2 digits	Country of birth of the father (SCL GEO code)	
			FOR	Father foreign-born but country of birth of the father unknown	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable (father unknown)	
Person and household characteristics	Citizenship and migrant background	BIRTHMOTHER		COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF THE MOTHER	Everybody
			2 digits	Country of birth of the mother (SCL GEO code)	
			FOR	Mother foreign-born but country of birth of the mother unknown	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable (mother unknown)	

Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	SEEKINFO		LOOKED FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING LEARNING POSSIBILITIES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (formal and non-formal education and training)	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
			-1	Not stated	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDE		GUIDANCE ON LEARNING RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS/ORGANISATIONS DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	Everybody
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDE_1		Counselling/advice on learning possibilities (including support to search for information and applying to learning possibilities)	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDE_2		Screening/evaluation of individual learning needs based on professional tests and/or interviews	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDE_3		Advice/help on procedure for validation/recognition of skills, competences or prior learning	
				Each GUIDE_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDESOURCE		SOURCE OF GUIDANCE ON LEARNING RECEIVED DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	GUIDE = 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	

Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDESOURCE_1		Education or training institutions (school, college, university, vocational education and training (VET) centre, institution for adult learning, validation centre, etc.)	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDESOURCE_2		Public employment services	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDESOURCE_3		Employer or prospective employer	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDESOURCE_4		Other institutions/organisations	
				Each GUIDESOURCE_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDEINTER		TYPE OF INTERACTION USED FOR GUIDANCE ON LEARNING RECEIVED DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	GUIDE = 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDEINTER_1		Interaction with a person: face to face, skype, phone, e-mail, dedicated websites, etc.	
Participation in education and training	Access to information on learning possibilities and guidance (12 months)	GUIDEINTER_2		Interaction without a person: bots/web robots, online automatic applications as long as they provide for interaction	

				Each GUIDEINTER_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Participation in formal education activities (12 months)	FED		PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (STUDENT OR APPRENTICE) DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in formal education activities (12 months)	FEDNUM		NUMBER OF FORMAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING ACTIVITIES	FED = 1
			0	None (FED = 2)	
			1-99	Number of activities	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDSTARTYEAR		STARTING YEAR OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			4 digits	The 4 digits of the year when the most recent formal education or training activity started	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDSTARTMONTH		STARTING MONTH OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			01-12	Number of the month when the most recent formal education or training activity started (2 digits)	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDMAINSTAT		MAIN ACTIVITY STATUS (SELF-DEFINED) AT THE START OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Employed	
			2	Unemployed	
			3	Outside the labour market	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDLEVEL		LEVEL OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION OR TRAINING ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			10	ISCED 1 Primary education	
			20	ISCED 2 Lower secondary education	
			34	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – general	
			35	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – vocational	
			39	ISCED 3 Upper secondary education – orientation unknown	
			44	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – general	
			45	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – vocational	
			49	ISCED 4 Post-secondary non-tertiary education – orientation unknown	
			54	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – general	
			55	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – vocational	
			59	ISCED 5 Short-cycle tertiary education – orientation unknown	

			60	ISCED 6 Bachelor's or equivalent level	
			70	ISCED 7 Master's or equivalent level	
			80	ISCED 8 Doctoral or equivalent level	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDCOMP		COMPLETION OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	No, dropped out before the expected end	
			2	No, it is still ongoing	
			3	Yes, completed	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDFIELD		FIELD OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDLEVEL = 34-80
			1	Generic programmes and qualifications	
			2	Education	
			3	Arts	
			4	Humanities	
			5	Language acquisition	
			6	Literature and linguistics	
			7	Social and behavioural sciences	
			8	Journalism and information	
			9	Business and administration	
			10	Law	

			11	Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	
			12	Computer use	
			13	Database and network design and administration; software and applications development and analysis	
			14	Engineering and engineering trades, manufacturing and processing	
			15	Architecture and construction	
			16	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	
			17	Health	
			18	Welfare	
			19	Personal services, hygiene and occupational health services	
			20	Security services, transport services	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPLACE		PLACE OF INSTRUCTION OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Completely online	
			2	Mostly online	
			3	Mostly on-site	
			4	Completely on-site	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDONMAT		ONLINE PROVISION OF TEACHING MATERIALS FOR THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	
			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDONTEA		ONLINE INTERACTION WITH TEACHING STAFF FOR THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	
			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDONPAR		ONLINE INTERACTION WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	
			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON		REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_01a		To do my job better	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_01b		To improve my career prospects	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_02		To be less likely to lose my job	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_03		To increase my possibilities of getting a job, or changing a job/profession	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_04		To start my own business	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_05		I was obliged to participate	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_06_7		To increase my knowledge/skills for my own general interest and curiosity	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_08		To obtain a certificate	

Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASON_09		To meet new people/for fun	
				Each FEDREASON_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDREASONMAIN		MAIN REASON FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDREASON = 1
			4 digits	Code of the reason from 01a to 09 as in variable FEDREASON	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Most recent formal education activity - details (12 months)	FEDWORKTIME		MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DURING PAID WORKING HOURS	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Only during paid working hours	
			2	Mostly during paid working hours	
			3	Mostly outside paid working hours	
			4	Only outside paid working hours	
			5	Not working at that time	FEDMAINSTAT ≠ 1
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDNBHOURS		NUMBER OF INSTRUCTION HOURS OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			4 digits	Total number of instruction hours	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAID		PAYMENT FOR THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	Fully paid by yourself	
			2	Partly paid by yourself and partly by somebody else	
			3	Fully paid by somebody else	
			4	Free activity	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAIDBY		SOURCE OF FUNDING OF PARTIAL OR FULL PAYMENT FOR THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDPAID = 2 or 3
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAIDBY_1		Employer or prospective employer	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAIDBY_2		Public employment services	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAIDBY_3		Other public or private institutions	

Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDPAIDBY_4		A household member or a relative	
				Each FEDPAIDBY_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDUSEA		CURRENT USE OF SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE FROM THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
			1	A lot	
			2	A fair amount	
			3	Very little	
			4	Not at all	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME		OUTCOMES OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDNUM ≥ 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_1		Getting a (new) job	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_3		Higher salary/wages	

Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_2		Promotion in the job	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_4		New tasks	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_5		Better performance in present job	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_6		Personal benefits (meet other people, refresh or acquire skills on general or specific subjects, etc.)	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOME_7		No outcome yet	
				Each FEDOUTCOME_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from most recent formal education (12 months)	FEDOUTCOMEMAIN		MAIN OUTCOME OF THE MOST RECENT FORMAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY	FEDOUTCOME = 1
			1 digit	Code of the outcome from 1 to 7 as in variable FEDOUTCOME	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFE		PARTICIPATION IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFECOURSE		COURSES	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEWORKSHOP		WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEGUIDEDJT		GUIDED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	MAINSTAT = 10 or EMP1 2M = 1
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFELESSON		PRIVATE LESSONS	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Participation in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFENUM		NUMBER OF NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES	NFE = 1
			0	None (NFE=2)	
			1-99	Number of activities	

				IDENTIFICATION OF THE NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES (UP TO 5)	
		(NFEACT01)		01 — Identification of the 1st activity	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_TYPE		TYPE OF THE NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Courses	
			2	Workshops and seminars	
			3	Guided on-the-job training	MAINSTAT = 10 or EMP12M = 1
			4	Private lessons	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_MAINSTAT		MAIN ACTIVITY STATUS (SELF-DEFINED) AT THE START OF THE NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Employed	
			2	Unemployed	
			3	Outside the labour market	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_PURP		PURPOSE OF THE NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Mainly job-related	
			2	Mainly non-job-related	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_WORKTIME		NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY DURING PAID WORKING HOURS	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Only during paid working hours	
			2	Mostly during paid working hours	
			3	Mostly outside paid working hours	
			4	Only outside paid working hours	
			5	Not working at that time	NFEACT01_MAINSTAT ≠ 1
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT01_PAIDBY		NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY PARTIALLY OR FULLY PAID BY THE EMPLOYER OR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
		(NFEACT02)		02 — Identification of the 2nd activity	NFENUM ≥ 2
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT02_TYPE		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT02_MAINSTAT		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT02_PURP		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT02_WORKTIME		Coded as (NFEACT01)	

Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT02_PAIDBY		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
		(NFEACT03)		03 — Identification of the 3rd activity	NFENUM ≥ 3
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT03_TYPE		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT03_MAINSTAT		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT03_PURP		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT03_WORKTIME		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT03_PAIDBY		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
		(NFEACT04)		04 — Identification of the 4th activity	NFENUM ≥ 4
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT04_TYPE		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT04_MAINSTAT		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT04_PURP		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT04_WORKTIME		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT04_PAIDBY		Coded as (NFEACT01)	

		(NFEACT05)		05 — Identification of the 5th activity	NFENUM ≥ 5
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT05_TYPE		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT05_MAINSTAT		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT05_PURP		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT05_WORKTIME		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEACT05_PAIDBY		Coded as (NFEACT01)	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFERAND1		CODE OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			01-05	Identification code of the 1st activity	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFERAND1_TYPE		TYPE OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1-4	Code as reported in NFEACTxx_TYPE for the 1st randomly-selected activity	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEFIELD1		FIELD OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1a	Basic programmes and qualifications	
			1b	Literacy and numeracy	

			1c	Personal skills and development	
			2	Education	
			3	Arts	
			4	Humanities	
			5	Language acquisition	
			6	Literature and linguistics	
			7	Social and behavioural sciences	
			8	Journalism and information	
			9	Business and administration	
			10	Law	
			11	Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	
			12	Computer use	
			13	Database and network design and administration; software and applications development and analysis	
			14	Engineering and engineering trades, manufacturing and processing	
			15	Architecture and construction	
			16	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	
			17	Health	
			18	Welfare	
			19	Personal services, hygiene and occupational health services	
			20	Security services, transport services	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFESKILLSMAIN1		MAIN SKILLS ACQUIRED THROUGH THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	IT skills (general and professional)	
			2	Management skills	
			3	Team working skills	
			4	Customer/clients/patients/students handling skills	
			5	Problem solving skills	
			6	Office administration skills	
			7	Foreign language skills	
			8	Technical and/or practical skills	
			9	Communication skills	
			10	Numeracy and/or literacy skills	
			11	Health and safety skills	
			12	Creative and musical skills, handicraft, cooking, gardening	
			13	Mental strength, intra-personal or self-knowledge skills	
			14	Physical skills	
			15	Other	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPLACE1		PLACE OF INSTRUCTION OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Completely online	

			2	Mostly online	
			3	Mostly on-site	
			4	Completely on-site	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEONMAT1		ONLINE PROVISION OF TEACHING MATERIALS FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	
			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEONTEA1		ONLINE INTERACTION WITH TEACHING STAFF FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	
			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Use of information and communication technologies in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEONPAR1		ONLINE INTERACTION WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Frequently	

			2	Sometimes	
			3	Never	
			4	No other participants	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEINITIA1		INITIATOR OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1 and job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
			1	Suggested by employer or prospective employer	
			2	Obligated by employer or prospective employer	
			3	Suggested by public employment services	
			4	Obligated by public employment services	
			5	You yourself	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1		REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_01a		To do my job better	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_01b		To improve my career prospects	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)

Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_02		To be less likely to lose my job	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_03		To increase my possibilities of getting a job, or changing a job/profession	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_04		To start my own business	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_13		Because of organisational and/or technological changes at work	Job-related activity (NFEACTxx_PURP = 1)
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_11		Required by the employer or prospective employer or by law	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_06_7		To increase my knowledge/skills for my own general interest and curiosity	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_08		To obtain a certificate	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_09		To meet new people/for fun	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_10		For health reasons	

Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASON1_12		To do voluntary work better	
				Each NFEREASON1_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Reasons for participating in non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEREASONMAIN1		MAIN REASON FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFEREASON1 = 1
			4 digits	Code of the reason from 01a to 13 as in variable NFEREASON1	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFENBHOURS1		NUMBER OF INSTRUCTION HOURS OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			4 digits	Total number of instruction hours	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPaid1		PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Fully paid by yourself	
			2	Partly paid by yourself and partly by somebody else	

			3	Fully paid by somebody else	
			4	Free activity	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDBY1		SOURCE OF FUNDING OF PARTIAL OR FULL PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFEPAID1 = 2 or 3
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDBY1_1		Employer or prospective employer	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDBY1_2		Public employment services	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDBY1_3		Other public or private institutions	
Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDBY1_4		A household member or a relative	
				Each NFEPAIDBY1_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Payment and hours of non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEPAIDVAL1		EXPENDITURE FOR THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFEPAID1 = 1 or 2 or (NFEPAID1 = 3 and NFEPAIDBY1_4 = 1)
				In euros	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFEPROVIDER1		PROVIDER OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Formal education institution	
			2	Non-formal education and training institution	
			4	Employer or prospective employer	
			11	Other public or private institution	
			8	Individual	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFECERT1		CERTIFICATE AFTER THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	Yes, required by the employer or prospective employer or a professional body or by law	
			2	Yes, not required by the employer or prospective employer or a professional body or by law	
			3	No (acknowledgement of attendance)	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEUSEA1		CURRENT USE OF SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE FROM THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
			1	A lot	
			2	A fair amount	
			3	Very little	
			4	Not at all	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1		OUTCOMES OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFENUM ≥ 1
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_1		Getting a (new) job	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_3		Higher salary/wages	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_2		Promotion in the job	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_4		New tasks	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_5		Better performance in present job	

Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_6		Personal benefits (meet other people, refresh or acquire skills on general or specific subjects, etc.)	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOME1_7		No outcome yet	
				Each NFEOUTCOME1_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Outcomes and use of skills from non-formal education activities (12 months)	NFEOUTCOMEMAIN1		MAIN OUTCOME OF THE 1ST RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY	NFEOUTCOME1 = 1
			1 digit	Code of the outcome from 1 to 7 as in variable NFEOUTCOME1	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Non-formal education activities - details (12 months)	NFERAND2		CODE OF THE 2ND RANDOMLY-SELECTED NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY Variables and coding analogously to NFERAND1	NFENUM ≥ 2
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	WANT		WILL TO PARTICIPATE (MORE) IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	Everybody
			1	Person participated in formal or non-formal education but did not want to participate more	FEDNUM ≥ 1 or NFENUM ≥ 1

			2	Person participated in formal or non-formal education and wanted to participate more	FEDNUM ≥ 1 or NFENUM ≥ 1
			3	Person did not participate in formal or non-formal education and did not want to participate	FEDNUM = 0 and NFENUM = 0
			4	Person did not participate in formal or non-formal education but wanted to participate	FEDNUM = 0 and NFENUM = 0
			-1	Not stated	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	NONEED		NO NEED FOR (FURTHER) EDUCATION AND TRAINING	WANT = 1 or 3
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE		REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING (MORE) IN FORMAL OR NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING	(WANT = 2 or 4) or NONEED = 2
				List of items (multiple responses allowed):	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_01		Prerequisites	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_02		Cost	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_03a		Lack of employer support	

Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_03b		Lack of public services support	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_04		Schedule	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_05		Distance	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_07		Family responsibilities	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_08a		Health	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_08b		Age	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_09		Other personal reasons	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_10		No suitable education or training activity (offer)	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_12		Negative previous learning experience	

Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_13		Course was booked out	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFTYPE_14		Too few registrations	
				Each DIFFTYPE_x variable is coded: 1 if selected, 2 if not selected, -1 for not stated, -2 for not applicable	
			0	None of the items above	
			1	At least one of the items above selected	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Obstacles to participation in education and training (12 months)	DIFFMAIN		MAIN REASON FOR NOT PARTICIPATING (MORE) IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	DIFFTYPE = 1
			3 digits	Code of the reason from 01 to 14 as in variable DIFFTYPE	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INF		PARTICIPATION IN INFORMAL LEARNING DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	Everybody
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFFAMILY		LEARNING FROM A FAMILY MEMBER, A FRIEND OR A COLLEAGUE	
			1	Yes	
			2	No	

Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFMATERIAL		LEARNING BY USING PRINTED MATERIAL (BOOKS, PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINES, ETC.)	
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFDEVICE		LEARNING BY USING ELECTRONIC DEVICES (ONLINE OR OFFLINE)	
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFMUSEUM		LEARNING BY GUIDED TOURS IN MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL OR NATURAL OR INDUSTRIAL SITES	
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFLIBRARIES		LEARNING BY VISITING LEARNING CENTRES (INCLUDING LIBRARIES)	
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
Participation in education and training	Informal learning	INFPURP		PURPOSE OF THE INFORMAL LEARNING DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS	INF = 1
			1	At least one informal learning activity job-related	
			2	Non-job-related	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	(LANGMOTHER)		MOTHER TONGUE(S)	Everybody
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGMOTH1	3 digits	Code of the first language (ISO 639 alpha-3)	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGMOTH2	3 digits	Code of the second language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none)	

Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED		LANGUAGE(S) USED OTHER THAN MOTHER TONGUE(S)	Everybody
			0-99	Number of other languages	
			-1	Not stated	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_1	3 digits	Code of the first language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_2	3 digits	Code of the second language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_3	3 digits	Code of the third language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_4	3 digits	Code of the fourth language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_5	3 digits	Code of the fifth language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_6	3 digits	Code of the sixth language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGUSED_7	3 digits	Code of the seventh language (ISO 639 alpha-3) or 000 (none) or -1	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGBEST1		FIRST BEST-KNOWN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN MOTHER TONGUE(S)	LANGUSED ≥ 1
			3 digits	Code of the language (ISO 639 alpha-3)	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGLEVEL1		LEVEL OF THE FIRST BEST-KNOWN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN MOTHER TONGUE(S)	LANGBEST1 ≠ -1, -2
			0	Hardly any language skills	
			1	Beginner (basic user)	
			2	Intermediate (independent user)	
			3	Advanced (proficient user)	
			-1	Not stated	
			-2	Not applicable	

Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGBEST2		SECOND BEST-KNOWN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN MOTHER TONGUE(S) Coded as LANGBEST1	LANGUSED ≥ 2
Educational attainment and background	Self-reported skills	LANGLEVEL2		LEVEL OF THE SECOND BEST-KNOWN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN MOTHER TONGUE(S) Coded as LANGLEVEL1	LANGBEST2 ≠ -1, -2
Health: status and disability, access to and availability and use of health care and health determinants	Disability and other elements of Minimum European Health Module	GENHEALTH		SELF-PERCEIVED GENERAL HEALTH	Everybody
			1	Very good	
			2	Good	
			3	Fair (neither good nor bad)	
			4	Bad	
			5	Very bad	
			-1	Not stated	
Health: status and disability, access to and availability and use of health care and health determinants	Disability and other elements of Minimum European Health Module	GALI		LIMITATION IN ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS (GLOBAL ACTIVITY LIMITATION INDICATOR - GALI)	Everybody
			1	Severely limited	
			2	Limited but not severely	
			3	Not limited at all	
			-1	Not stated	

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/862**of 28 May 2021****amending Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to fertilisers for the purpose of including a new type of EC fertiliser in Annex I****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 relating to fertilisers ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 31(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) A manufacturer of potassium formate water solution has submitted via the Swedish authorities a request to the Commission to include that substance as a new fertiliser type in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003. Potassium formate water solution has been developed to provide better absorption of potassium by the leaves of plants with a high need of this primary nutrient, such as fruits and vegetables.
- (2) Potassium formate water solution, as specified in Annex I to this Regulation, fulfils the requirements laid down in Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003. It should therefore be included in the list of types of EC fertilisers in Annex I to that Regulation.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that 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, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 304, 21.11.2003, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 is amended as follows:

In the Table in Section C.1, the following entry is added after entry 7:

'8	Potassium formate water solution	Product obtained by reacting potassium hydroxide, formaldehyde, butyraldehyde, and formic acid followed by separation and evaporation	50 % potassium formate 28 % K ₂ O Potassium expressed as water soluble K ₂ O 27 % formate		Water soluble potassium oxide'
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/863**of 28 May 2021**

initiating an investigation concerning possible circumvention of the countervailing measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776 on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt by imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not, and making such imports subject to registration

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1037 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽¹⁾ ('the basic Regulation'), and in particular Articles 23(4) and 24(5) thereof,

After having informed the Member States,

Whereas:

A. REQUEST

- (1) The European Commission ('the Commission') has received a request pursuant to Articles 23(4) and 24(5) of the basic Regulation, to investigate the possible circumvention of the countervailing measures imposed on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt and to make imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not, subject to registration.
- (2) The request was lodged on 19 May 2021 by TECH-FAB Europe e.V.

B. PRODUCT

- (3) The product concerned by the possible circumvention is fabrics of woven, and/or stitched continuous filament glass fibre rovings and/or yarns with or without other elements, excluding products which are impregnated or pre-impregnated (pre-preg), and excluding open mesh fabrics with cells with a size of more than 1,8 mm in both length and width and weighing more than 35 g/m² classified on the date of entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776 ⁽²⁾ under CN codes ex 7019 39 00, ex 7019 40 00, ex 7019 59 00 and ex 7019 90 00 (TARIC codes 7019 39 00 80, 7019 40 00 80, 7019 59 00 80 and 7019 90 00 80) and originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt ('the product concerned'). This is the product to which the measures that are currently in force apply.
- (4) The product under investigation is the same as that defined in the previous recital, currently falling under CN codes ex 7019 39 00, ex 7019 40 00, ex 7019 59 00 and ex 7019 90 00, but consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not (TARIC codes 7019 39 00 81, 7019 40 00 81, 7019 59 00 81 and 7019 90 00 81) ('the product under investigation').

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776 of 12 June 2020 imposing definitive countervailing duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt (OJ L 189, 15.6.2020, p. 1).

C. EXISTING MEASURES

- (5) The measures currently in force and possibly being circumvented are countervailing measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776 imposing definitive countervailing duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 ^(*) imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt ('the existing measures').

D. GROUNDS

- (6) The request contains sufficient evidence that the existing countervailing measures on imports of the product concerned are being circumvented by imports of the product under investigation. In particular, the evidence available to the Commission shows the following.
- (7) A change in the pattern of trade involving exports from the People's Republic of China and Egypt and Morocco to the Union has taken place following the imposition of measures on the product concerned.
- (8) This change appears to stem from a practice for which there is insufficient due cause or economic justification other than the imposition of the duty, namely the consignment of the product concerned via Morocco to the Union with or without having undergone some assembly or completion operation in Morocco.
- (9) Furthermore, the evidence tends to show that the practice described above undermines the remedial effects of the existing countervailing measures on the product concerned both in terms of quantity and prices. Significant volumes of imports of the product under investigation appear to have entered the EU market. In addition, there is sufficient evidence that imports of the product under investigation are made at injurious prices.
- (10) Finally, the evidence tends to show that the product under investigation and/or parts thereof still benefit from the subsidy. Indeed, the product under investigation and the parts thereof are produced by and exported to Morocco by companies in China and Egypt that were found to receive countervailable subsidies for the production and sale of the product under investigation under the existing measures.
- (11) If the investigation would identify other circumvention practices covered by Article 23 of the basic Regulation than the ones mentioned above, then the investigation may also cover these practices.

E. PROCEDURE

- (12) In light of the above, the Commission has concluded that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of an investigation pursuant to Article 23(4) of the basic Regulation and to make imports of the product under investigation subject to registration, in accordance with Article 24(5) of the basic Regulation.
- (13) In order to obtain the information necessary for this investigation, all interested parties should contact the Commission forthwith, but not later than the time-limit set in Article 3(2) of this Regulation. The time-limit set in Article 3(2) of this Regulation applies to all interested parties. If appropriate, information may also be sought from the Union industry.
- (14) The authorities of Morocco, the People's Republic of China and Egypt will be notified of the initiation of the investigation.

^(*) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 of 1 April 2020 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt (OJ L 108, 6.4.2020, p. 1).

(a) Instructions for making written submissions and sending completed questionnaires and correspondence

- (15) Information submitted to the Commission for the purpose of trade defence investigations shall be free from copyrights. Interested parties, before submitting to the Commission information and/or data which is subject to third party copyrights, must request specific permission to the copyright holder explicitly allowing a) the Commission to use the information and data for the purpose of this trade defence proceeding and b) to provide the information and/or data to interested parties to this investigation in a form that allows them to exercise their right of defence.
- (16) All written submissions, including the information requested in this Regulation, completed questionnaires and correspondence provided by interested parties for which confidential treatment is requested shall be labelled 'Sensitive' (*). Parties submitting information in the course of this investigation are invited to reason their request for confidential treatment.
- (17) Parties providing 'Sensitive' information are required to furnish non-confidential summaries of it pursuant to Article 29(2) of the basic Regulation, which will be labelled 'For inspection by interested parties'. These summaries should be sufficiently detailed to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information submitted in confidence.
- (18) If a party providing confidential information fails to show good cause for a confidential treatment request or does not furnish a non-confidential summary of it in the requested format and quality, the Commission may disregard such information unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated from appropriate sources that the information is correct.
- (19) Interested parties are invited to make all submissions and requests via TRON.tdi (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tron/> TDI) including scanned powers of attorney and certification sheets.
- (20) In order to have access to TRON.tdi, interested parties need an EU Login account. Full instructions on how to register and use TRON.tdi are available on <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tron/resources/documents/gettingStarted.pdf>.
- (21) By using TRON.tdi or email, interested parties express their agreement with the rules applicable to electronic submissions contained in the document 'CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN TRADE DEFENCE CASES' published on the website of the Directorate-General for Trade: http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2011/june/tradoc_148003.pdf.
- (22) The interested parties must indicate their name, address, telephone and a valid email address and they should ensure that the provided email address is a functioning official business email which is checked on a daily basis. Once contact details are provided, the Commission will communicate with interested parties by email only, unless they explicitly request to receive all documents from the Commission by another means of communication or unless the nature of the document to be sent requires the use of a registered mail. For further rules and information concerning correspondence with the Commission including principles that apply to submissions by email, interested parties should consult the communication instructions with interested parties referred to above.

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(b) Collection of information and holding of hearings

- (23) All interested parties including the Union industry, importers and any relevant associations are invited to make their views known in writing and to provide supporting evidence provided that such submissions are made within the deadline provided for in Article 3(2). Furthermore, the Commission may hear interested parties, provided that they make a request in writing and show that there are particular reasons why they should be heard.

(c) Requests for exemptions

- (24) In accordance with Article 23(5) of the basic Regulation, imports of the product under investigation may be exempted from measures if the importation does not constitute circumvention.
- (25) Since the possible circumvention takes place outside the Union, exemptions may be granted, in accordance with Article 23(4) of the basic Regulation, to producers of the product under investigation in Morocco who can show that they are not engaged in circumvention practices as defined in Articles 23(3) of the basic Regulation. Producers, if any, wishing to obtain an exemption should make themselves known within the time-limit indicated in Article 3(1) of this Regulation. Copies of the questionnaire for exporting producers in People's Republic of China and Egypt, the questionnaire for exporting producers in Morocco requesting an exemption, and the questionnaire for importers are available in the file for inspection by interested parties and on DG Trade's website: https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case_details.cfm?id=2528. The questionnaires have to be submitted within the time-limit indicated in Article 3(2) of this Regulation.

F. REGISTRATION

- (26) Pursuant to Article 24(5) of the basic Regulation, imports of the product under investigation shall be made subject to registration in order to ensure that, should the investigation result in findings of circumvention, countervailing duties of an appropriate amount, not exceeding the residual duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776, can be levied from the date on which registration of such imports was imposed.

G. TIME-LIMITS

- (27) In the interest of sound administration, time-limits should be stated within which:
- interested parties may make themselves known to the Commission, submit questionnaires, present their views in writing or any other information to be taken into account during the investigation,
 - producers in Morocco may request exemptions from measures,
 - interested parties may make a written request to be heard by the Commission.
- (28) Attention is drawn to the fact that the exercise of procedural rights set out in the basic Regulation therefore depends on parties making themselves known within the time-limits laid down in Article 3 of this Regulation.

H. NON-COOPERATION

- (29) If any interested party refuses access to or does not provide the necessary information within the time-limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, findings, affirmative or negative, may be made on the basis of facts available in accordance with Article 28 of the basic Regulation.
- (30) Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information shall be disregarded and use may be made of facts available in accordance with Article 28 of the basic Regulation.
- (31) If an interested party does not cooperate or cooperates only partially and findings are therefore based on the facts available in accordance with Article 28 of the basic Regulation, the result may be less favourable to that party than if it had cooperated.

I. SCHEDULE OF THE INVESTIGATION

- (32) The investigation will be concluded, pursuant to Article 23(4) of the basic Regulation, within nine months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

J. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

- (33) It is noted that any personal data collected in this investigation will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽ⁱ⁾.
- (34) A data protection notice that informs all individuals of the processing of personal data in the framework of Commission's trade defence activities is available on DG Trade's website: <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/accessing-markets/trade-defence/>.

K. HEARING OFFICER

- (35) Interested parties may request the intervention of the Hearing Officer for trade proceedings. The Hearing Officer reviews requests for access to the file, disputes regarding the confidentiality of documents, requests for extension of time limits and any other request concerning the rights of defence of interested parties and third parties as may arise during the proceeding.
- (36) The Hearing Officer may organise hearings and mediate between the interested party/-ies and Commission services to ensure that the interested parties' rights of defence are being fully exercised. A request for a hearing with the Hearing Officer should be made in writing and should specify the reasons for the request. The Hearing Officer will examine the reasons for the requests. These hearings should only take place if the issues have not been settled with the Commission services in the due course.
- (37) Any request must be submitted in good time and expeditiously so as not to jeopardise the orderly conduct of proceedings. To that effect, interested parties should request the intervention of the Hearing Officer at the earliest possible time following the occurrence of the event justifying such intervention. Where hearing requests are submitted outside the relevant timeframes, the Hearing Officer will also examine the reasons for such late requests, the nature of the issues raised and the impact of those issues on the rights of defence, having due regard to the interests of good administration and the timely completion of the investigation.
- (38) For further information and contact details interested parties may consult the Hearing Officer's web pages on DG TRADE's website: <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/trade-policy-and-you/contacts/hearing-officer/>

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

An investigation is initiated pursuant to Article 23(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1037, in order to determine if imports of fabrics of woven, and/or stitched continuous filament glass fibre rovings and/or yarns with or without other elements, excluding products which are impregnated or pre-impregnated (pre-preg), and excluding open mesh fabrics with cells with a size of more than 1,8 mm in both length and width and weighing more than 35 g/m², currently classified under CN codes ex 7019 39 00, ex 7019 40 00, ex 7019 59 00 and ex 7019 90 00 consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not, (TARIC codes 7019 39 00 81, 7019 40 00 81, 7019 59 00 81 and 7019 90 00 81) are circumventing the measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776.

⁽ⁱ⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

Article 2

1. The customs authorities of the Member States shall, pursuant to Articles 23(4) and 24(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1037, take the appropriate steps to register the imports identified in Article 1 of this Regulation.
2. Registration shall expire nine months following the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 3

1. Interested parties must make themselves known by contacting the Commission within 15 days from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.
2. Interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must present their views in writing and submit questionnaire replies, requests for exemptions, or any other information within 37 days from the date of the publication of this Regulation in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, unless otherwise specified.
3. Interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same 37-day time limit. For hearings pertaining to the initiation stage of the investigation the request must be submitted within 15 days of the date of entry into force of this Regulation. Any request to be heard must be made in writing and must specify the reasons for the request.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/864**of 28 May 2021**

initiating an investigation concerning possible circumvention of the anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt by imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not, and making such imports subject to registration

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽¹⁾ ('the basic Regulation') and in particular Articles 13(3) and 14(5) thereof,

After having informed the Member States,

Whereas:

A. REQUEST

- (1) The European Commission ('the Commission') has received a request pursuant to Articles 13(3) and 14(5) of the basic Regulation, to investigate the possible circumvention of the anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt and to make imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not, subject to registration.
- (2) The request was lodged on 19 May 2021 by TECH-FAB Europe e.V.

B. PRODUCT

- (3) The product concerned by the possible circumvention is fabrics of woven, and/or stitched continuous filament glass fibre rovings and/or yarns with or without other elements, excluding products which are impregnated or pre-impregnated (pre-preg), and excluding open mesh fabrics with cells with a size of more than 1,8 mm in both length and width and weighing more than 35 g/m², classified on the date of entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 ⁽²⁾ under CN codes ex 7019 39 00, ex 7019 40 00, ex 7019 59 00 and ex 7019 90 00 (TARIC codes 7019 39 00 80, 7019 40 00 80, 7019 59 00 80 and 7019 90 00 80) and originating in People's Republic of China and Egypt ('the product concerned'). This is the product to which the measures that are currently in force apply.
- (4) The product under investigation is the same as that defined in the previous recital, currently falling under CN codes ex ex 7019 39 00, ex 7019 40 00, ex 7019 59 00 and ex 7019 90 00, but consigned from Morocco, whether declared as originating in Morocco or not (TARIC codes 7019 39 00 81, 7019 40 00 81, 7019 59 00 81 and 7019 90 00 81) ('the product under investigation').

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 of 1 April 2020 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt (OJ L 108, 6.4.2020, p. 1).

C. EXISTING MEASURES

- (5) The measures currently in force and possibly being circumvented are anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt ('the existing measures').

D. GROUNDS

- (6) The request contains sufficient evidence that the existing anti-dumping measures on imports of the product concerned are being circumvented by imports of the product under investigation.
- (7) The evidence in the request shows the following.
- (8) A change in the pattern of trade involving exports from the People's Republic of China and Egypt and Morocco to the Union has taken place following the imposition of measures on the product concerned.
- (9) This change appears to stem from the consignment of the product concerned via Morocco to the Union after having undergone assembly operations in Morocco. The evidence shows that such assembly operations constitute circumvention as the operations started or substantially increased since, or just prior to, the initiation of the anti-dumping investigation. Moreover, the request contains sufficient evidence showing that the parts from the People's Republic of China and Egypt constitute 60 % or more of the total value of the assembled product and the value added brought in to the parts during the assembly or completion operation is lower than 25 % of the manufacturing cost.
- (10) Furthermore, the evidence tends to show that the practice described above undermines the remedial effects of the existing anti-dumping measures on the product concerned both in terms of quantity and prices. Significant volumes of imports of the product under investigation appear to have entered the EU market. In addition, there is sufficient evidence that imports of the product under investigation are made at injurious prices.
- (11) Finally, the evidence tends to show that the product under investigation is exported at dumped prices in relation to the normal value previously established for the product concerned.
- (12) If the investigation would identify other circumvention practices covered by Article 13 of the basic Regulation than the ones mentioned above, then the investigation may also cover these practices.

E. PROCEDURE

- (13) In light of the above, the Commission has concluded that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of an investigation pursuant to Article 13(3) of the basic Regulation and to make imports of the product under investigation subject to registration, in accordance with Article 14(5) of the basic Regulation.
- (14) In order to obtain the information necessary for this investigation, all interested parties should contact the Commission forthwith, but not later than the time-limit set in Article 3(2) of this Regulation. The time-limit set in Article 3(2) of this Regulation applies to all interested parties. If appropriate, information may also be sought from the Union industry.
- (15) The authorities of Morocco, the People's Republic of China and Egypt will be notified of the initiation of the investigation.

(a) Instructions for making written submissions and sending completed questionnaires and correspondence

- (16) Information submitted to the Commission for the purpose of trade defence investigations shall be free from copyrights. Interested parties, before submitting to the Commission information and/or data which is subject to third party copyrights, must request specific permission to the copyright holder explicitly allowing (a) the Commission to use the information and data for the purpose of this trade defence proceeding; and (b) to provide the information and/or data to interested parties to this investigation in a form that allows them to exercise their right of defence.
- (17) All written submissions, including the information requested in this Regulation, completed questionnaires and correspondence provided by interested parties for which confidential treatment is requested shall be labelled 'Sensitive' ⁽³⁾. Parties submitting information in the course of this investigation are invited to reason their request for confidential treatment.
- (18) Parties providing 'Sensitive' information are required to furnish non-confidential summaries of it pursuant to Article 19(2) of the basic Regulation, which will be labelled 'For inspection by interested parties'. These summaries should be sufficiently detailed to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information submitted in confidence.
- (19) If a party providing confidential information fails to show good cause for a confidential treatment request or does not furnish a non-confidential summary of it in the requested format and quality, the Commission may disregard such information unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated from appropriate sources that the information is correct.
- (20) Interested parties are invited to make all submissions and requests via TRON.tdi (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tron/> TDI) including scanned powers of attorney and certification sheets.
- (21) In order to have access to TRON.tdi, interested parties need an EU Login account. Full instructions on how to register and use TRON.tdi are available on <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tron/resources/documents/gettingStarted.pdf>.
- (22) By using TRON.tdi or email, interested parties express their agreement with the rules applicable to electronic submissions contained in the document 'CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN TRADE DEFENCE CASES' published on the website of the Directorate-General for Trade: http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2011/june/tradoc_148003.pdf
- (23) The interested parties must indicate their name, address, telephone and a valid email address and they should ensure that the provided email address is a functioning official business email which is checked on a daily basis. Once contact details are provided, the Commission will communicate with interested parties by email only, unless they explicitly request to receive all documents from the Commission by another means of communication or unless the nature of the document to be sent requires the use of a registered mail. For further rules and information concerning correspondence with the Commission including principles that apply to submissions by email, interested parties should consult the communication instructions with interested parties referred to above.

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⁽³⁾ A 'Sensitive' document is a document which is considered confidential pursuant to Article 19 of the basic Regulation and Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (Anti-Dumping Agreement). It is also a document protected pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

TRON.tdi: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tron/tdi>

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- (26) Since the possible circumvention takes place outside the Union, exemptions may be granted, in accordance with Article 13(4) of the basic Regulation, to producers of the product under investigation in Morocco who can show that they are not engaged in circumvention practices as defined in Articles 13(1) and 13(2) of the basic Regulation. Producers, if any, wishing to obtain an exemption should make themselves known within the time-limit indicated in Article 3(1) of this Regulation. Copies of the questionnaire for exporting producers in the People's Republic of China and Egypt, the questionnaire for exporting producers in Morocco requesting an exemption, and the questionnaire for importers are available in the file for inspection by interested parties and on DG Trade's website: https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case_details.cfm?id=2527 The questionnaires have to be submitted within the time-limit indicated in Article 3(2) of this Regulation.

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- (33) The investigation will be concluded, pursuant to Article 13(3) of the basic Regulation, within nine months of the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

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- (34) It is noted that any personal data collected in this investigation will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾.
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Article 1

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Article 2

1. The customs authorities of the Member States shall, pursuant to Article 13(3) and Article 14(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036, take the appropriate steps to register the imports identified in Article 1 of this Regulation.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

2. Registration shall expire nine months following the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 3

1. Interested parties must make themselves known by contacting the Commission within 15 days from the date of entry into force of this Regulation
2. Interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must present their views in writing and submit questionnaire replies, requests for exemptions, or any other information within 37 days from the date of the publication of this Regulation in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, unless otherwise specified.
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Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/865**of 28 May 2021****entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Rooibos'/'Red Bush' (PDO))**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 52(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the application from South Africa to register the name 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' as protected designation of origin (PDO) was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽²⁾.
- (2) On 7 September 2020 the Commission received the notice of opposition and the related reasoned statement of opposition from the United Kingdom. The Commission forwarded the notice of opposition and the reasoned statement of opposition sent by United Kingdom to South Africa on 16 September 2020.
- (3) The Commission examined the opposition sent by the United Kingdom and found it admissible. The opposition claims that registration of the name 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' does not comply with the conditions laid down in Article 5 and 7(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 as the proposed description of the product and of raw materials are inconsistent. The opposition claims further that the proposed rules concerning labelling of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' are not specific enough and in contradiction to conditions set out in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾.
- (4) By letter of 22 September 2020 the Commission invited the interested parties to engage in appropriate consultations to seek agreement among themselves in accordance with their internal procedures.
- (5) South Africa and the United Kingdom reached an agreement, which was communicated by South Africa to the Commission on 11 November 2020, within the prescribed deadline.
- (6) South Africa and the United Kingdom concluded that protection of the designation 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' (PDO) should be granted with some modifications to the single document, including consistent reference throughout the document to ten flavours, the references to aspelathin and nothofagin being expanded to make reference to the fact that it will be controlled according to the South African GI protection at origin as well as revised rules concerning labelling of the product.
- (7) As it complies with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 and EU legislation, the content of the agreement concluded between South Africa and the United Kingdom should be taken into account.
- (8) On 7 September 2020 the Commission received the notice of opposition and the related reasoned statement of opposition from the Swiss Association of Tea, Spices and related Products (IGTG).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 190, 8.6.2020, p. 46.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).

- (9) The Commission examined the opposition sent by the IGTG and found it inadmissible as none of the grounds provided in the Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been substantiated in the reasoned statement submitted by the IGTG. By letter of 4 December 2020 the Commission informed the IGTG by that it will not send to the IGTG an invitation to start appropriate consultations with South Africa. By letter of 8 December 2020 addressed to the Commission the IGTG withdrew its opposition against the registration of the designation 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' (PDO).
- (10) Accordingly, the designation of origin 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' (PDO) should be entered into the register. The consolidated version of the single document should be published for information,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' (PDO) is registered.

The name in the first paragraph identifies a product from Class 1.8. Other products listed in Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.). The consolidated single document is set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that 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, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

‘ROOIBOS’/‘RED BUSH’**EU No: PDO-ZA-2427 – 21.8.2018****PDO (X) PGI ()****1. Name(s) [of PDO or PGI]**

‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’

2. Member State or Third Country

South Africa

3. Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff**3.1. Type of product [listed in Annex XI]**

Class 1.8. Other products listed in Annex I to the Treaty (spices etc.)

3.2. Description of product to which the name in (1) applies

The name of ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ can only be used to refer to the dried leaves and stems of 100 % pure ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ – derived from *Aspalathus linearis* and that has been cultivated or wild-harvested in the geographic area as described in this application.

‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ is presented in two forms: a) oxidised and b) green (unoxidised) dried leaves and stems of *Aspalathus linearis*.

- (a) In the case of oxidised dried leaves and stems of *Aspalathus linearis*, ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ has a distinctive colour that ranges from light brown, yellow to a shiny brick-red colour. It may also have some lighter coloured sticks (dried pieces of stem) mixed with the rest of the product. The moisture level of ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ is below 10 %.
- (b) Green (unoxidised) ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ is the unoxidised dried leaves and stems of the *Aspalathus linearis* plant. Any sign of browning or oxidation is absent from green (unoxidised) ‘Rooibos/Red Bush’. Green (unoxidised) ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ leaves have a dominant light green colour and it includes reddish brown thin stem and white woody pieces. The moisture level of green (unoxidised) ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ is below 5 %.

The flavour and taste of ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ is determined by a human sensoric test which is conducted by a trained tester. The flavour and taste of different batches of ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ may differ but through the analysis of a large sample set, the following flavours have been proven to be present in ‘Rooibos’/‘Red Bush’ to differing degrees.

Flavour	Sweet	Honey
		Caramel
	Fruity	Citrus
		Berry
		Apricot Jam
	Woody	Bushy/Stemmy
		Smokey/Burnt
	Floral	Fynbos
		Perfume
	Spicy	Cinnamon

Taste and mouthfeel	Basic tastes	Sweet
		Bitter
		Sour
	Mouthfeel	Soft and smooth
		Astringent

3.3. Feed (for products of animal origin only) and raw materials (for processed products only)

The only raw material for 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' is the freshly harvested leaves and stems of *Aspalathus linearis*.

It contains between 0,02 and 1,16 % of aspalathin and up to 0,4 % nothofagin. Aspalathin and nothofagin will be controlled at origin according to the South African GI protection.

3.4. Specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area

During the production of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' the following steps must take place in the identified geographical area:

- Seeds of the plant *Aspalathus linearis* is gathered by local seed gathers, often from ant heaps. The gatherers then supply the seeds to farmers. This is an age-old tradition still being implemented today and an essential part Rooibos cultivation as it is known today
- It is commercially cultivated or grows naturally in the wild.
- It is harvested from the cultivated fields (either mechanically or by hand) or from the wild (by hand only).
- It is processed and dried at a tea court. The tea court may be on or off-farm, but it must be in the designated area.

3.5. Specific rules concerning slicing, grating, packaging, etc. of the product the registered name refers to

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3.6. Specific rules concerning labelling of the product the registered name refers to

'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' may be blended with teas, infusions and other products, whether or not for human consumption. The labelling of such products must conform with the rules applicable to labelling of products in the territory where the product is marketed.

4. Concise definition of the geographical area

The geographical area of production, drying and oxidation of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' is the following:

- In the Western Cape Province the local municipalities of Bergrivier, Breede Valley, Cape Agulhas, Cederberg, City of Cape Town, Drakenstein, Langeberg, Matzikamma, Overstrand, Saldanha Bay, Stellenbosch, Swartland, Swellendam, Theewaterskloof and Witzenberg.
- In the Northern Cape Province the local Municipality of Hantam.

5. Link with the geographical area

Geographical area

The taste and specific composition of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' is directly related to the climate where it is grown. Cold wet winters, growth in spring and early summer and then maturity and polyphenol accumulation as the weather gets hotter and drier. It follows that, if *Aspalathus linearis* is grown in any other climate, it will not have the same characteristics as 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' due to less polyphenol accumulation. In order to understand this causal relationship, it is important to understand the way in which *Aspalathus linearis* has adapted to the unique climate, soils and geography of this area.

The geographical area in which 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' naturally grows is known for its hot, dry summers and cold wet winters. Indeed, on 27 October 2015 a temperature of 48,3 °C was measured in Vredendal; the highest October temperature ever measured on earth. The rainfall in this area ranges between 380 to 635 mm per year and precipitation is predominantly during the winter months with occasional showers in early summer and late autumn. The long, hot summer months are extremely dry. The soils in the area is derived from the Table Mountain Sandstone Complex resulting in nutrient poor, coarse, sandy soils with a pH between 4,5 to 5,5. Table Mountain Sandstone is made up predominantly of quartzitic sandstone laid down between 510 and 400 million years ago. It is the hardest, and most erosion resistant layer of the Cape Supergroup.

'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' has developed some unique characteristics (i.e. shape and coating of leaves, etc.) to adapt in this harsh climate. In addition to a network of lateral roots just below the soil surface that can utilize even light precipitation, the plant has a long tap root that reaches as deep as two meters and helps the plant find moisture and reach water during the dry summers. The lateral roots enables the plant to enhance phosphorus acquisition from the soil which is among the most phosphorous impoverished in the world.

One of the biggest secrets underlying to the adaption of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' in this harsh climate can be found in its symbiotic relationship with the nitrogen-fixating bacteria on its roots. As a legume, the bacteria on the roots of *Aspalathus linearis* convert nitrogen dioxide to biologically useful ammonia in a process known as nitrogen fixation. The plant absorbs the nitrogen and benefits from it in exchange for providing the bacteria with food. This process is common for legumes, but what is unique in the case of *Aspalathus linearis* is that the indigenous *bradyrhizobia* are naturally tolerant of acidity and the plant has some ability to modify its rhizosphere pH in order to promote symbiotic establishment and nutrient availability to plants growing in this otherwise infertile acidic soil. It has been reported in the literature that very few symbioses can tolerate such extremities of soil acidity and low nutrient stress whilst fixing high levels of nitrogen as exhibited by *Aspalathus linearis*.

Producers of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' have taken advantage of the hot and dry summers to naturally dry the harvested material. 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' is harvested each year during the hot summers and is sun dried just after harvesting. The harsh sun, with the absence of rain, allows for natural drying of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' during which the process of oxidation can be optimally controlled.

Human intervention

Although the Cape Floral Region (with its distinctive 'Fynbos' vegetation) is the smallest of the six Floral Kingdoms of the world, it is the most diverse and it is one of the most special places in the world for plants in terms of diversity, density and the number of endemic species. However, *Aspalathus linearis* is one of a limited number of plants which has made a successful transition from a wild to a cultivated crop and is one of relatively few economically important fynbos plants to date; the result of human intervention.

Almost 250 years ago Swedish naturalist Carl Thunberg reported that, during his travels in Africa in 1772, he met the local inhabitants and observed that they used 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' as a beverage. 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' leaves and stems were collected on the mountains and bunched into hessian bags that were carried down the steep slopes on the backs of donkeys. The basic 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' processing methods that are still in use today (first cut and bruise the 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' leaves and stems, then 'sweat' or cure the tea in heaps and finally then spread it out to dry in the sun) were developed at that time.

Around 1930 a local Clanwilliam doctor and nature lover Le Fras Nortier became interested in 'wild bush tea' and started experimenting with 'Rooibos/Red Bush'. It was difficult to find 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' seeds (due to their extremely small size) and Nortier asked the local people, some of them his patients, to search for seeds in the sandy soils and collect some for him. A Khoi woman brought him a matchbox filled with seeds and later Nortier learnt her secret. The woman would follow ants that were dragging 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' seeds to their nests. She then broke open the nests to collect seeds, always leaving some for the ants to survive. This way of collecting seeds is still being used by some seeds collectors.

Looking for a way to propagate the seeds, Nortier discovered that the seeds would only germinate if they were cracked open first – imitating the effect of mountain fires. Nortier cultivated the first plants on the Klein Kliphuis farm near Clanwilliam. He learnt that the seeds should be sown in January and that the best time to transplant the tiny seedlings is just after heavy rain when more rain is due. Nortier also inspired and encouraged local farmers to start cultivating 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush'.

These practices of seed collection and scouring of seeds are still being used today and *Aspalathus linearis* is produced under dry land conditions as the plant is adapted to dry, hot summers. These environmental conditions influence the chemical composition of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush', in particular the level and type of polyphenols found in the final product. 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' producers have adapted their land management and cultivation practices to the harsh conditions of the region. For instance, fire cannot be used to clear areas for cultivation as it destroys the organic content of the soil. Furthermore, cover crops plays an important role during various stages of the cultivation process and minimum or conservation tillage is a common practice.

Harvesting takes place during the dry summer months of November to May and 20 % of the plant material must be left on the plant. The freshly harvested material must reach the tea court within 72 hours of being harvested and a mechanical cutter is used to reduce the stems and leaves so that they are between 1 and 10 mm in length. In the case of oxidised 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' the freshly cut material is then exposed to the sun in row-like heaps on the concrete or rock surface of the tea court. The rows are wetted, the leaves bruised and the rows turned at regular intervals until the right consistency is reached after which it is spread thinly on the tea court to dry. In the case of unoxidised (green) 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' the leaves and stems are thinly spread on the tea court straight after it was cut into 1-10 mm lengths.

The tea court process is often described as an art form and is one of the most critical parts of the 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' production process with specific know-how and expertise required. The tea maker carefully watches the colour, texture and moistness of the tea until the desired soapy feel is attained. A typical method is to take a handful of the wet, bruised tea and squeeze it until the hand forms a fist, and if the moisture level is correct, a tiny trickle of juice runs through the gaps between the base of the fingers.

Expert graders evaluate the quality of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' according to a number of factors, including the colour of the dry and infused leaves, the intensity, colour and clarity of the infusion, as well as the flavour and taste. Trained sensory panels are used to judge taste and flavour. A sensory wheel has been developed and is a valuable tool to facilitate communication among 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' producers, processors, grading experts, marketers, flavour houses, importers and consumers. To aid interpretation of the descriptors a preliminary sensory lexicon for some of the descriptors have also been developed.

Specificity of the product

The unique sensory characteristics (or flavour and mouth-feel) of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' has been described above. These descriptors are based on analysis of a large sample set and captures the sensory fingerprint of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush'.

These unique sensory characteristics of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' can be ascribed to the complex phenolic chemistry of *Aspalathus linearis*. The flavonoid composition of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' is unique in that it contains aspalathin and aspalalinin, as well as the rare compounds nothofagin and enolicphenylpyruvic acid glucoside. Whereas most of the flavonoids occur ubiquitously in the plant kingdom, until now aspalathin has only been detected in *Aspalathus linearis*, creating it's unique sensory characteristics.

It was noted in the previous section that the use of the dried leaves and stems of 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' as a tea was first documented almost 250 years ago. Since then its fruity, sweet taste with caffeine free low tannin status has resulted in it being a cultural icon of South Africa. Surveys conducted in 2005 showed that 'Rooibos'/'Red Bush' tea was one of the ten most frequently consumed foods in an informal settlement in South Africa.

Reference to publication of the specification

(the second subparagraph of Article 6(1) of this Regulation)

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/866**of 28 May 2021****suspending commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3286/94 laying down Community procedures in the field of common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Community's rights under international trade rules ⁽¹⁾, and in particular paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 June 2018, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 ⁽²⁾ on commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America (the United States) that provides for the application of additional customs duties on imports into the Union of a number of products originating in the United States.
- (2) In particular, the Commission, on behalf of the Union, imposed additional customs duties on the products listed in Annex I and Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886, to the effect that:
 - (a) the additional ad valorem duties of a rate of 10 % and 25 % on imports of the products listed in Annex I, as specified therein, entered into force on 21 June 2018 and were set to apply until the United States ceases to apply its safeguard measures to products from the Union;
 - (b) the additional ad valorem duties of a rate of 10 %, 25 %, 35 % and 50 % on imports of the products listed in Annex II, as specified therein, would apply from 1 June 2021 or upon the adoption by, or notification to, the WTO Dispute Settlement Body of a ruling that the United States' safeguard measures are inconsistent with the relevant provisions of the WTO Agreement, if that is earlier, until the United States ceases to apply its safeguard measures to the Union.
- (3) Following the adoption of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724 ⁽³⁾, the Commission, on behalf of the Union, suspended, in the WTO, the application of import duty concessions to the trade with the United States under GATT 1994 in respect of products included in Annex I and Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724. Such step allowed for an application of additional customs duties on the importation of products originating in the United States as listed in Annex I and Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886.
- (4) Recital 7 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 provides that the Commission, on behalf of the Union, may amend that Regulation, should it deem that appropriate, to account for any modification of or amendment to the United States' safeguard measures.
- (5) On 17 May 2021, the Union and the United States published a Joint Statement where they both 'agreed to chart a path that ends the WTO disputes following the U.S. application of tariffs on imports from the EU under section 232'. In this context, the Union should suspend the application of the additional ad valorem duties on products listed in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 as an important step towards the reciprocal elimination of restrictive measures and with the objective to provide the time and conditions necessary for politically resolving the matter.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 50; amended by Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 and by Regulation (EU) 2021/167 of the European Parliament and the Council (OJ L 49, 12.2.2021, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 of 20 June 2018 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724 (OJ L 158, 21.6.2018, p. 5).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724 of 16 May 2018 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America (OJ L 122, 17.5.2018, p. 14).

- (6) The period of the suspension should last until 30 November 2021, which is considered as a sufficient period for the purposes stated in the preceding recital.
- (7) In accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EU) No 654/2014, the Commission may adopt immediately applicable implementing acts suspending commercial policy measures on grounds of urgency, when this suspension is related to the modification of the third country's measure concerned. The immediate application of this Regulation is justified in light of the objective to provide the time and conditions necessary for resolving the matter, as stated in recital (5), and to that end, it is necessary to suspend the impending application of Annex II, so that additional ad valorem duties on products listed in Annex II do not apply during the period necessary for attaining the objectives at stake.
- (8) This Regulation does not affect the suspension, in the WTO, of the application of import duty concessions to the trade with the United States under GATT 1994 in respect of both products included in Annex I and Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724, as modified through Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886. This suspension of WTO obligations remains applicable, while this Regulation suspends the application of additional import duties.
- (9) In accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾, at the latest 14 days after its adoption, the Commission will submit this Regulation to the Trade Barriers Committee, established by Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾, for its opinion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The EU suspends the application of additional ad valorem duties of a rate of 10 %, 25 %, 35 % and 50 % on imports of the products listed in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 ranging to and including 30 November 2021.

The duties provided for in Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 shall thus apply with effect from and including 1 December 2021.

Article 2

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, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 laying down Union procedures in the field of the common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Union's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (codification) (OJ L 272, 16.10.2015, p. 1).

DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2021/867

of 28 May 2021

on harmonised standards for toys drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 13 of Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, toys which are in conformity with harmonised standards or parts thereof, the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, are to be presumed to be in conformity with the requirements covered by those standards or parts thereof set out in Article 10 of Directive 2009/48/EC and Annex II to that Directive.
- (2) Directive 2009/48/EC lays down, in Part III of Annex II thereto, specific requirements in order to ensure that there are no risks of adverse effects on human health due to exposure to the chemical substances or mixtures of which the toys are composed or which they contain. Directive 2009/48/EC also lays down, in Part IV of Annex II thereto, specific requirements in order to ensure a high level of toy safety with regard to electrical hazards.
- (3) By letter M/445 ⁽³⁾ of 9 July 2009 the Commission made a request to the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (Cenelec) for the drafting of new and the revision of existing harmonised standards in support of Directive 2009/48/EC.
- (4) On the basis of the request M/445 of 9 July 2009, CEN revised harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018 'Safety of toys – Part 7: Finger paints – Requirements and test methods', the reference of which was published by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728 ⁽⁴⁾. This resulted in the adoption of harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020.
- (5) Harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 provides for an updated reference to the applicable Union legislation as regards the use of a number of colourants listed in tables A.1 and A.2 of Annex A to that standard, taking into account the latest specifications and purity criteria laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 ⁽⁵⁾. The list of preservatives allowed for use in finger paints, set out in table B.1 of Annex B to harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020, reduces the maximum allowed concentration of climbazole to 0,2 % in line with latest scientific advice provided in the addendum to the opinion of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety ⁽⁶⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys (OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ M/445 of 9 July 2009 on a standardisation mandate addressed to CEN and CENELEC within the framework of Directive 2009/48/EC revising Directive 88/378/EEC concerning the safety of toys.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728 of 15 October 2019 on harmonised standards for toys drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 263, 16.10.2019, p. 32).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 of 9 March 2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 83, 22.3.2012, p. 1).

⁽⁶⁾ The Opinion on Climbazole (P64) ref. SCCS/1506/13.

- (6) On the basis of the request M/445 of 9 July 2009, CEN revised harmonised standard EN 71-12:2013 'Safety of toys – Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances', the reference of which was published by Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728. This resulted in the adoption of harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016.
- (7) Harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016 provides for improved test methods for N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances in elastomers, in particular concerning the ability to detect (the often carcinogenic) N-nitrosamines even at low levels, as well as concerning practical test details thus leading to a more consistent application of the test method. The standard also includes alternative ways to measure and identify any N-nitrosamines potentially present in certain toys. Furthermore, the scope of the standard has been extended with regard to the materials to be tested and the duration of the migration step for elastomers, which is the core part of the related test method for those toy materials.
- (8) On the basis of the request M/445 of 9 July 2009, Cenelec revised harmonised standard EN 62115:2005 'Electric toys – Safety' and its related amendments, the references of which were published by Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728. This resulted in the adoption of harmonised standard EN IEC 62115:2020 and its amendment EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020.
- (9) The revised standard EN IEC 62115:2020 and its amendment EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020 provides for the addition of further warnings to ensure better consumer information on the hazards associated with swallowing coin batteries. It updates the accessibility requirements for coin and button batteries, in order to ensure a higher level of protection, and it adds new requirements for toys connected to domestic appliances, including computers, in order to protect users from electric shock. It further modifies the criteria for reduced testing to allow simplified requirements for electric toys with low levels of power, and provides for further requirements for the safety of LEDs in toys in order to minimise the risk of ocular injury. It adds new requirements to address hazards associated with the use of remote-controlled electric ride-on toys. It further specifies the type of batteries to be used for testing electric toys that are provided without batteries, in order to improve the reproducibility of the testing, due to the increase in available battery types. It further provides for the categorisation of the general conditions for tests to ensure that the test conditions are appropriate for each type of toy and its power supply.
- (10) The Commission together with CEN has assessed whether harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 drafted by CEN complies with the request M/445 of 9 July 2009. Harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 satisfies the requirements which it aims to cover and which are set out in Directive 2009/48/EC. It is therefore appropriate to publish the reference of that standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (11) Harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 replaces harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018. It is therefore necessary to withdraw the reference of that standard from the *Official Journal of the European Union*. In order to afford toy manufacturers sufficient time to adapt their products to the revised specifications in harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the reference of harmonised standard EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018.
- (12) The Commission together with CEN has assessed whether harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016 drafted by CEN complies with the request M/445 of 9 July 2009. Harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016 satisfies the requirements it aims to cover and which are set out in Directive 2009/48/EC. However, point a) of table 2 of harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016 goes beyond the requirements set out in point 8 of part III of Annex II to that Directive, by providing for a limit value for N-nitrosamines of 0,01 mg/kg instead of 0,05 mg/kg, and a limit value for N-nitrosatable substances of 0,1 mg/kg instead of 1 mg/kg. Given that the limit values set in Directive 2009/48/EC are the limit values to be complied with, it is necessary to add an informative note in this regard when publishing standard EN 71-12:2016.
- (13) Harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016 replaces harmonised standard EN 71-12:2013. It is therefore necessary to withdraw the reference of that standard from the *Official Journal of the European Union*. In order to afford toy manufacturers sufficient time to adapt their products to the revised specifications in harmonised standard EN 71-12:2016, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the reference of harmonised standard EN 71-12:2013.
- (14) The Commission together with Cenelec has assessed whether harmonised standard EN IEC 62115:2020 and its amendment EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020 drafted by Cenelec, comply with the request M/445 of 9 July 2009. Harmonised standards EN IEC 62115:2020 and EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020 satisfy the requirements which they aim to cover and which are set out in Directive 2009/48/EC. It is therefore appropriate to publish the reference of those standards in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

- (15) Harmonised standard EN IEC 62115:2020 and its amendment EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020 replace harmonised standard EN 62115:2005 and its related amendments. It is therefore necessary to withdraw the reference of standard EN 62115:2005 and its related amendments from the *Official Journal of the European Union*. In order to afford toy manufacturers sufficient time to adapt their products to the revised specifications in harmonised standard EN IEC 62115:2020 and its amendment EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the reference of harmonised standard EN 62115:2005 and its related amendments.
- (16) In the interests of clarity, rationality and simplification, a complete list of references of harmonised standards drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC and satisfying the requirements they aim to cover should be published in a single act. The references of harmonised standards drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC are currently published by Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728. Consequently, it is necessary to replace Decision (EU) 2019/1728 by a new Decision.
- (17) Compliance with a harmonised standard confers a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements set out in Union harmonisation legislation from the date of publication of the reference of such standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. This Decision should therefore enter into force on the date of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The references of the harmonised standards for toys drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC, listed in Annex I to this Decision, are hereby published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 2

Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728 is repealed.

However, Article 1 of Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1728 shall continue to apply to the references of the harmonised standards for toys drafted in support of Directive 2009/48/EC, listed in Annex II to this Decision, until the dates set out in that Annex.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 28 May 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX I

No	Reference of the standard		
1.	EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018 Safety of toys — Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties		
2.	EN 71-2:2011+A1:2014 Safety of toys — Part 2: Flammability		
3.	EN 71-3:2019 Safety of toys - Part 3: Migration of certain elements		
4.	EN 71-4:2013 Safety of toys — Part 4: Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities		
5.	EN 71-5:2015 Safety of toys — Part 5: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets		
6.	EN 71-7:2014+A3:2020 Safety of toys — Part 7: Finger paints — Requirements and test methods		
7.	EN 71-8:2018 Safety of toys — Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use		
8.	EN 71-12:2016 Safety of toys — Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances		
	Informative note: The limit values in point a) of Table 2 of clause 4.2 of standard 'EN 71-12:2016 Safety of toys — Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances' are lower than the limit values to be complied with set in point 8 of part III of Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC. In particular those values are as follows:		
	Substance	Standard EN 71-12:2016	Directive 2009/48/EC
	N-nitrosamines	0,01 mg/kg	0,05 mg/kg
	N-nitrosatable	0,1 mg/kg	1 mg/kg
9.	EN 71-13:2014 Safety of toys — Part 13: Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games		
10.	EN 71-14:2018 Safety of toys - Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use		
11.	EN IEC 62115:2020 Electric toys — Safety EN IEC 62115:2020/A11:2020		

ANNEX II

No	Reference of the standard	Date of withdrawal
1.	EN 71-7:2014+A2:2018 Safety of toys - Part 7: Finger paints – Requirements and test methods Note: For the allowed preservative climbazole (entry 22 in Table B.1 of Annex B to this standard) the presumption of conformity applies up to a maximum allowed concentration of 0,2 % (not: 0,5 %). This is based on the 'ADDENDUM to the Opinion on Climbazole (P64) ref. SCCS/1506/13' of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) that was adopted after the publication of the standard by CEN. https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/consumer_safety/docs/sccs_o_212.pdf	28 November 2021
2.	EN 71-12:2013 Safety of toys — Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances	28 November 2021
3.	EN 62115 :2005 Electric toys – Safety IEC 62115:2003 (Modified) + A1:2004 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012/AC:2013 EN 62115:2005/A11:2012 EN 62115:2005/A12:2015 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011/AC:2011 EN 62115:2005/A2:2011 IEC 62115:2003/A2:2010 (Modified)	21 February 2022

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/856 of 25 May 2021 determining the date on which the European Public Prosecutor's Office assumes its investigative and prosecutorial tasks*(Official Journal of the European Union L 188 of 28 May 2021)*

On the cover page and on page 100, the title of the Decision:

for: 'Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/856 of 25 May 2021 determining the date on which the European Public Prosecutor's Office assumes its investigative and prosecutorial tasks',

read: 'Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/856 of 26 May 2021 determining the date on which the European Public Prosecutor's Office assumes its investigative and prosecutorial tasks'.

On page 102, the introductory sentence to the signature:

for: 'Done at Brussels, 25 May 2021.',

read: 'Done at Brussels, 26 May 2021.'.

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