

CMFB Opinion on the Draft Commission Decision further clarifying Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) no. 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts

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Eurostat consulted the CMFB on Wednesday 15 May 2002 on the above-mentioned subject. The deadline for returning the questionnaire was Wednesday 5 June 2002. Both the procedure and the content of the consultation were agreed by the CMFB Executive Body. Fifteen (15) national statistical institutes and twelve (12) national central banks from the Member States returned the questionnaire (one national institution responded that it had no comments). A total of twenty-seven (27) national institutions, from all Member States, thus participated in the consultation. One institution from the EEA responded that it had no comments. The ECB also responded to the consultation.

The result of the consultation was as follows:

- Nineteen (19) national institutions agreed with the content of the draft Commission Decision. Seven (7) national institutions also agreed, but expressed some reservations. No national institution disagreed. All the comments have been transmitted to Eurostat.

Accordingly, the CMFB agrees with the content of the draft Commission Decision further clarifying Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) no. 2223/96 as concerns the principles for measuring prices and volumes in national accounts.

In addition to this opinion, the following has been transmitted to Eurostat and will be kept in the records of the secretariat of the CMFB: a document putting together the answers of all the institutions; a summary of the vote; and the original replies of the institutions.

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