



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, ECSC, EURATOM)**

**adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission in Austria,  
Finland and Sweden laid down in Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff  
Regulations of Officials of the European Communities**

(presented by the Commission)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- (1) Under Article 13 of Annex VII the daily subsistence allowance rates<sup>1</sup> referred to in that Article may be adjusted by the Council acting by qualified majority on a Commission proposal.
- (2) The current allowances for Austria, Finland and Sweden are still those set by the Council on 18 January 1991 following a survey of hotel rates and restaurant prices.
- (3) On 22 March 1999 the Council adopted Regulation No 620/99 adjusting as of 24 March 1999 the allowances for the other 12 Member States, which had also been set in 1991.
- (4) It was not possible to adjust the allowances for Austria, Finland and Sweden at that time because the rates had not yet been included in the Staff Regulations. On 14 June 1999 the Council adopted Regulation No 1238/1999<sup>2</sup> including the allowances for these three countries in the Staff Regulations, so that they can now be adjusted.
- (5) The rates fixed then no longer reflect prevailing economic conditions and therefore no longer fulfil their role.
- (6) As instructed by the Council, the Commission has launched a study to compare the arrangements for reimbursing mission expenses in the Member States with those applied by the European Union.
- (7) Without anticipating the results of that study, and in the interests of ensuring equal treatment, there is an urgent need to adjust the daily subsistence allowance rates and the ceilings for the reimbursement of hotel expenses for missions to Austria, Finland and Sweden using the same method and indexing date as for the twelve other Member States.

### **2. PROPOSED DECISION**

The Commission has therefore decided to present, on the basis of Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations, the attached proposal dealing solely with the adjustment of the scales for Austria, Finland and Sweden (on the basis of price trends<sup>3</sup> and exchange rates).

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<sup>1</sup> For officials on mission within the European territory of the Member States of the European Union.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L150, 17.06.1999.

<sup>3</sup> As reflected in the harmonised price indices for the hotel and catering industries and the exchange rates applied in November 1997.

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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, ECSC, EURATOM)**

**adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission in Austria, Finland and Sweden laid down in Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities laid down by Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68<sup>4</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 1238/1999<sup>5</sup>, and in particular Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations and Articles 22 and 67 of the Conditions of Employment,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the rates of the daily subsistence allowance for officials on mission should be adjusted in order to take account of the changes in prices and exchange rates recorded in Austria, Finland and Sweden since 1991,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations is amended as follows:

- 1) The amounts for Austria, Finland and Sweden in the scale in paragraph 1(a) are replaced by the following:

(in EUR)

Member States	I	II	III
	Grades A1 to A3 and LA3	Grades A4 to A8, LA4 to LA8 and B grades	Other grades
Austria	74,47	121,81	121,81
Finland	92,34	155,60	155,60
Sweden	92,91	156,54	156,54

- 2) The amounts for Austria, Finland and Sweden in the first sentence in paragraph 2 are replaced by the following:

EUR 128,58 for Austria  
EUR 140,98 for Finland  
EUR 141,77 for Sweden

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 56, 4.3.1969, p. 1.  
<sup>5</sup> OJ L 150, 17.6.1999.

## ANNEX

### Calculation of the indexed daily subsistence allowance rates for Austria, Finland and Sweden

	1991 decision amounts in ECU					1991 decision amounts in national currency					Indexed amounts in national currency					Proposed amounts in BEF			
	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades	Exchange rate ECU 1 =  oct-90	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades	CPI Hotel and catering industries  Oct90- Nov97	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades	Exchange rate =BEF  nov-97	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades
	Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel		Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel		Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel		Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	55	95	90	90	14,4840	797	1376	1304	1304	28,6%	1025	1770	1677	1677	2,9304	3004	5187	4914	4914
FIN	95	145	160	160	4,8832	464	708	781	781	17,1%	543	829	915	915	6,8601	3725	5687	6277	6277
S	95	145	160	160	7,5816	720	1099	1213	1213	10,1%	793	1210	1336	1336	4,7265	3748	5719	6315	6315

#### Montants en vigueur en EUR

	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades
	Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel
A	54,64	94,37	89,42	89,42
FIN	94,37	144,05	158,97	158,97
S	94,37	144,05	158,97	158,97

#### Proposed amounts in euro

	A1 to A3		A4 to A8 and B	Other grades
	Daily allowance not incl. hotel	Ceiling hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel	Daily allowance inc. hotel
A	74,47	128,58	121,81	121,81
FIN	92,34	140,98	155,60	155,60
S	92,91	141,77	156,54	156,54

#### Proposed % adjustment in euro

A	36%
FIN	-2%
S	-2%

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Daily mission allowances paid to officials and other staff (all grades) + hotel expenses for A1-A3

Budget headings: A701, A1040, sub-section B6, B21830, B43070 for the research budget.

### Annual amounts in EUR

	Commission Operating	Commission Research	Sub-total Commission	Council	Parliament	Court of Auditors	Court of Justice	ESC-CoR	Total for all institutions
Austria	285424	80941	366365	13332	24323	3957	919	919	409815
Finland	509549	89756	599306	23193	23558	13015	1600	1600	662272
Sweden	354073	163293	517367	22508	56436	8527	1552	1552	607942

	Adaptation	Difference in EUR								
Austria	<b>36%</b>	102753	29139	131891	4800	8756	1425	331	331	147533
Finland	<b>-2%</b>	-10191	-1795	-11986	-464	-471	-260	-32	-32	-13245
Sweden	<b>-2%</b>	-7081	-3266	-10347	-450	-1129	-171	-31	-31	-12159

**Total cost of adjusting the daily mission allowances for officials and other servants in EUR      122129**