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ECB statistics *

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European Parliament legislative resolution of 24 March 2009 on the recommendation for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank (13411/2008 – C6-0351/2008 – 2008/0807(CNS))

(2010/C 117 E/38)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the European Central Bank recommendation to the Council (13411/2008) [1],

— having regard to Article 107(6) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0351/2008),

— having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (A6-0119/2009),

1. Approves the European Central Bank recommendation as amended;

2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

3. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the European Central Bank recommendation substantially;

4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the European Central Bank.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK	AMENDMENT

Amendment 1

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Recital 7 a (new)

	(7a) In order to enhance transparency, the statistical data collected from financial sector institutions by the ESCB should be made publicly available but a high level of data protection should be guaranteed.

Amendment 2

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Recital 7 b (new)

	(7b) Best practices and the relevant international recommendations should be taken into account in the development, production and dissemination of European Statistics.

[1] OJ C 251, 3.10.2008, p. 1.

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Amendment 3

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Recital 8

(8) Furthermore, it is important to ensure close cooperation between the ESCB and the European Statistical System (ESS), notably to foster exchange of confidential data between the two systems for statistical purposes, in the light of Article 285 of the Treaty and Article 5 of the Statute.	(8) Furthermore, it is important to ensure close cooperation between the ESCB and the European Statistical System (ESS) ***in order to avoid duplication in statistical data collection***, notably to foster exchange of confidential data between the two systems for statistical purposes, in the light of Article 285 of the Treaty and Article 5 of the Statute.

Amendment 4

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Article 1 – point 2 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 2533/98
Article 2 a (new)

	(2a) The following article is inserted:
	'***Article 2a***
	Cooperation with the ESS
	In order to minimise the reporting burden, avoid duplication, and guarantee a coherent approach to the production of European Statistics, the ESCB and the ESS shall cooperate closely, while complying with the statistical principles laid down in Article 3.'.

Amendment 5

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Article 1 – point 4 – point g
Regulation (EC) No 2533/98
Article 8 – paragraphs 11 to 13

(g) the following paragraphs 11 to 13 are added:	***deleted***
'11. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that this transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB. Any transmission beyond the first transmission must be explicitly authorised by the ESCB member that collected the information.	
12. If confidential data are transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member, these data shall be used exclusively for statistical purposes and only be accessible to staff working in statistical activities within their specific domain of work.	

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13. The protection measures referred to in Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No [XX] shall apply to all confidential data transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12 above, and to Article 20(1a) of Regulation (EC) No [XX]. The ECB shall publish an annual confidentiality report on the measures adopted to safeguard the confidentiality of the statistical data.';	

Amendment 6

Recommendation for a regulation – amending act
Article 1 – point 4 a (new)
Regulation (EC) No 2533/98
Article 8 a (new)

(4a) The following article is inserted:

'***Article 8a***

Cooperation between the ESS and the ESCB

1. Without prejudice to national provisions on the exchange of confidential statistical information other than information covered in this Regulation, the transmission of confidential statistical information between an ESCB member that collected the information and an ESS authority may take place provided that such transmission is necessary for the efficient development, production or dissemination or for increasing the quality of European Statistics, including euro area statistics, within the respective spheres of competence of the ESS and the ESCB.

Any further transmission beyond the first transmission shall require the explicit authorisation of the ESCB member that collected the information.

2. Where confidential data are transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member, those data shall be used exclusively for statistical purposes and shall be accessible only to staff working in statistical activities within their specific domain of work.

3. The protection rules and measures referred to in Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No …/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of … on European Statistics (*) shall apply to all confidential data transmitted between an ESS authority and an ESCB member pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, and to Article 21(2) of Regulation (EC) No …/2009. The ECB shall publish an annual report on the measures adopted to safeguard the confidentiality of the statistical data.

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