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(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DECISION OF THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

of 13 December 2010 and 14 February 2011

amending the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament

(2011/C 49/02)

THE BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 223(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament [1],

Having regard to Rules 8 and 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

(1) Under the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament [2] ('the Implementing Measures'), the Bureau is required, where appropriate, to index-link the amount of the parliamentary assistance allowance annually on the basis of the joint index established by Eurostat, by agreement with the national statistical offices of the Member States, pursuant to Article 65 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union, laid down in Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 [3]. That index-linking may be backdated to the July of the year to which the index relates. This procedure is designed to ensure that the parliamentary assistance allowance remains in step with changes in the salaries of accredited assistants. By Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1190/2010 [4], the Council amended Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1296/2009 [5], taking account of the judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-40/10 [6], and adjusted with effect from 1 July 2009 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto. It is therefore necessary to adjust the parliamentary assistance allowance accordingly, as from 14 July 2009. As a consequence of that change, the increased amount of the parliamentary assistance allowance agreed in Amending Budget No 1 of the European Union for the financial year 2010 [7] should also be adjusted, and the new figure should apply from the same date as the original increase, namely 1 May 2010. By Regulation (EU) No 1239/2010 [8], the Council adjusted with effect from 1 July 2010 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto. It is therefore necessary to adjust the parliamentary assistance allowance accordingly, as from 1 July 2010.

(2) The Implementing Measures also provide that the Bureau may index-link Members' travel allowances, the general expenditure allowance and the subsistence allowance, up to a maximum increase equal to the annual inflation rate in the European Union in October of the previous year, as published by Eurostat. The inflation rate between

[1] Decision 2005/684/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ L 262, 7.10.2005, p. 1).
[2] Decision of the Bureau of the European Parliament of 19 May and 9 July 2008 concerning implementing measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ C 159, 13.7.2009, p. 1).
[3] OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 333, 17.12.2010, p. 1.
[5] Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1296/2009 of 23 December 2009 adjusting with effect from 1 July 2009 the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto (OJ L 348, 29.12.2009, p. 10).
[6] Judgment of 24 November 2010 in Case C-40/10 *Commission* v *Council* (not yet published in the European Court Reports).
[7] OJ L 183, 16.7.2010, p. 1.
[8] OJ L 338, 22.12.2010, p. 1.

1 November 2009 and 31 October 2010 as notified by Eurostat on 16 November 2010 was 2,3 %. The new figures should apply from 1 January 2011,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Implementing Measures are amended as follows:

1. in Article 15, point (c) is replaced by the following:

'(c) in the event of travel by car: EUR 0,50/km, plus the cost of any ferry crossing, or similar transport, required.';

2. in Article 20(1), point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) for the part of the journey between 0 and 50 km: EUR 22,51;';

3. Article 22 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The maximum annual amount which may be reimbursed in respect of travel expenses incurred in the cases referred to in Article 10(1), point (b) shall be EUR 4 243.';

(b) the first subparagraph of paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

'3. The maximum annual amount which may be reimbursed in respect of the travel expenses actually incurred by committee or subcommittee chairs travelling to attend conferences or events which deal with a matter of European interest falling within the sphere of responsibility of their committee or subcommittee and which have a parliamentary dimension shall be EUR 4 243. Such participation shall require prior authorisation from the President of Parliament, following verification that appropriations up to the maximum amount indicated above are available.';

4. in Article 24, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. If the official activity takes place on the territory of the Community, a Member shall receive a lump-sum allowance of EUR 304.';

5. in Article 26, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. The monthly amount of the allowance under Article 25 shall be EUR 4 299.';

6. in Article 33, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. The maximum monthly amount defrayable in respect of all the personal staff referred to in Article 34 shall be EUR 18 189. With effect from 1 May 2010, that amount shall be EUR 19 689. With effect from 1 July 2010, that amount shall be EUR 19 709.'.

Article 2

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

2. Article 1, points 1 to 5, shall apply from 1 January 2011.

3. Article 1, point 6, shall apply from 14 July 2009.