

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/2381**of 17 December 2015****implementing Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), as regards the transmission of the time series for the new regional breakdown**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to 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) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 constitutes the legal framework for the regional classification in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Union.
- (2) According to Article 5(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003, when an amendment is made to the NUTS classification, the Member State concerned should transmit to the Commission the time series for the new regional breakdown to replace data already transmitted. The list of the time series and their length should be specified by the Commission taking into account the feasibility of providing them. These time series are to be supplied within 2 years of the amendment to the NUTS classification.
- (3) The NUTS classification has been amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013 ⁽²⁾ with effect from 1 January 2015 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 868/2014 ⁽³⁾ with effect from 1 January 2016.
- (4) 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

Member States shall transmit to the Commission the time series for the new regional breakdown in accordance with the list specified 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 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013 of 9 December 2013 amending annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 342, 18.12.2013, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 868/2014 of 8 August 2014 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 241, 13.8.2014, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Required starting year by statistical domain

Domain	NUTS level 2	NUTS level 3
Agriculture — agricultural accounts	2007 ⁽¹⁾	
Agriculture — animal populations	2010	
Agriculture — crop production	2007	
Agriculture — milk production	2010	
Agriculture — structure of agricultural holdings	2010	2010 ⁽¹⁾
Demography — population, live births, deaths	1990 ⁽²⁾	1990 ⁽²⁾
Labour market — employment, unemployment	2010	2010 ⁽¹⁾
Environment — waste treatment facilities	2010	
Health — causes of death	1994 ⁽³⁾	
Health — infrastructure	1993 ⁽¹⁾	
Health — patients	2000 ⁽¹⁾	
Information society	2010 ⁽¹⁾	
Regional economic accounts — Household accounts	2000	
Regional economic accounts — Regional accounts	2000	2000
Science and technology — R & D expenditure and staff	2011	
Tourism	2012	

⁽¹⁾ The transmission is not mandatory.

⁽²⁾ The transmission is not mandatory for reference years 1990 to 2012.

⁽³⁾ The transmission is not mandatory for reference years 1994 to 2010.