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Dear Ms De Smedt

Grant Agreement No 35200.2006.004-2006.302

Enclosed please find the Interim Report for Grant Agreement No 35200.2006.004-2006.302 regarding the implementation of Commission Regulation 341/2006 on Accidents at Work and Work-related Health Problems.

Regards

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Ad Hoc module Interim Report - 2007

LFS Ad hoc module on Accidents at Work and Work-related Health Problems

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief description of work which has been carried so far in connection with the implementation of Commission Regulation 341/2006 on Accidents at Work and Work-related Health Problems.

1.0 General Description

1.1 General Characteristics

This Office plans to carry out the ad hoc module during the second quarter of 2007 and all questions are intended to be incorporated within the core questionnaire of the LFS 2007. The survey will be carried out amongst a sample of private households, including people who are temporarily absent from their usual residence. Within the LFS a household is defined as one or more persons who live together and share expenses. A person who is abroad during the reference week and who visits Malta on a regular basis, i.e. at least twice a year, is considered to be part of the household. Children or any other members who are living in another dwelling or institution are excluded.

1.2 Weighting and Questionnaire design

Specific weights will be computed for the ad-hoc module sample.

Ad module data will be collected using paper questionnaires. In view of this the module questions will be integrated in the questionnaire together with the core variables. Filters will be applied in the questionnaire so that ad hoc module questions are only addressed to the target population.

2.0 National questionnaire and filters

This part of report will provide the list and sequence of questions which will be included in the ad hoc module. Filters for the various questions are also included. Reference is being made to the EC Regulation column.

C209

Q1 During the last year, have you had an accident or injury while at work?

Accidents at work are defined as accidents that occurred whilst engaging in an occupational activity or during the time spent at work. Occupational diseases, accidents during leisure time and accidents during the journey from home to work or from work to home should be excluded. Accidents which take place during a journey in the course of work should be included.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes – one accident or injury
- 2. Yes – two or more accidents or injuries

	0	→ Q6
	1	→ Q2
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C210

Q2 Was the most recent injury caused by a road traffic accident?

Road traffic accidents refer to all accidents in public roads or public or private car parks provided that the accident happens in the course of work. The victim may be either on board of a means of transport (driver or passenger) or a pedestrian. Road traffic accidents include both accidents in which the victim's main professional activity is related to the transport (e.g. lorry or bus drivers) and accidents in which the victim was occasionally in road traffic in the course of work (e.g. a manager going on his/her way to a business meeting outside of the enterprise).

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

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C213

Q3 Was the job you were doing when the accident occurred the main job you have today?

Refers to jobs asked in cols 27-55 (main current job), 78—83 (second current job), 85-98 (last job), 147-149 (job one year ago) of the LFS. Code the first one that applies.

- 1. Yes – my main current job
- 2. No – my second current job
- 3. Last job (person not in employment)
- 4. Job I had one year ago
- 5. Some other job

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C211/212

Q4 How soon were you able to start work again after the accident?

Include all days of absence from work (i.e. not only work days). Exclude any absences which were not directly linked to the accident.

- 0. I am still off work because I have not recovered from the accident, but I expect to resume work later
- 1. I expect never to work again because of the accident
- 2. No time off or the same day as the accident
- 3. The day after the accident or later

	0	→ Q6
	1	→ Q6
	2	→ Q6
	3	→ Q5

Q5 How many days of absence from work did you have after your accident?

Specify whether figure provided is in days, weeks or months. Include all days of absence from work (i.e. not only work days). Exclude any absences which were not directly linked to the accident.

C214

Q6 (Apart from the accident you have told me about), within the last 12 months have you suffered from any illness, disability or other physical or mental problem which have been caused or made worse by your current job or by work you have carried out in the past?

Any complaint suffered by the person during the 12 months reference period has to be included.

- 0. No

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1. Yes – one illness
2. Yes – two or more illnesses

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	2	→ Q7

C215/216

Q7 If you had to describe the most serious illness that you had in the past 12 months and which was caused or made worse by your work, in which of the following would you classify it?

Record according to spontaneous answer. If more than one code applies, i.e. the respondent's illness has more than one effect, code the one which the respondent says is the most serious, or affects him/her most.

00. Bone, joint or muscle problem which mainly affects neck , shoulders, arms or hands
01. Bone, joint or muscle problem which mainly affects hips, legs, feet
02. Bone, joint or muscle problem which mainly affects back
03. Breathing or lung problem
04. Skin problem
05. Hearing problem
06. Stress, depression or anxiety
07. Headache and/or eyestrain
08. Heart disease or attack, or other problems in the circulatory system
09. Infectious disease (virus, bacteria or other type of infection)
10. Other types of complaint

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C217

Q8 Would you say that this illness limits your ability to carry out normal day to day activities either at work or outside work?

The complaint refers to the most serious complaint caused or made worse by work, while the limitation in day to day activities covers also activities outside work. E.g. if a skin problem caused or made worse by work considerably limits the person's day to day activities at home, it should be coded as 2 - Yes, considerably.

0. No at all
1. Yes, to some extent
2. Yes, considerably

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C218/219

Q9 In the last 12 months, how much time off work have you had because of this illness?

Are considered all calendar days from the cessation of work until the restart of work (i.e. weekends and bank holidays in between are also included). Are considered only periods related to the most serious illness caused or made worse by work, and are included all recurrent episodes of time off work due to this illness following the initial period.

01. I expect never to work again due to this illness
02. Person has not been to work during the past 12 months due to other reason not related to illness
03. Less than one day or no time off
04. Specify no of days/ weeks/ months

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C220

Q10 Was the job that caused or made your illness worse, the main job you have today?

1. Yes – my main current job.....
2. No – my second current job

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3. Last job (person not in employment)
4. Job I had one year ago
5. Some other job

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C221

Q11

At your workplace do you think that exposure to any of the following is effecting your mental well being:

A. Harassment or bullying

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

B. Violence or threat of violence

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

C. Time pressure or overload of work

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

Workplace refers to the usual environment where the respondent carries out his/her work activities. Usually it is the local unit or establishment, but for certain workers (e.g. firemen) it should be taken as the general environment where the work is usually carried out. Particular exposure refers to an existence of the mentioned factors which is more frequent or more intensive than people experience in general day to day life. Harassment and bullying refer to intentional use of power against another person or group that can result in harm to physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development (psychological violence is to be included in 11B).

C222

Q12

At your workplace do you think that exposure to any of the following is effecting your physical well being:

A. Chemicals, dusts, fumes, smokes or gases

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

B. Noise or vibration

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

C. Difficult work postures, work movements or handling of heavy loads

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

D. Risk of accident

- No = 0
 Yes, to some extent = 1
 Yes, considerably = 2

Exposure refers to handling, touching, inhaling etc. of agents (chemicals, dusts, fumes etc.) that may adversely affect the physical health of the worker. Particular exposure refers to an exposure which is clearly more frequent or more intensive than people experience in general day to day life. Physical well being refers to all other aspects of health other than mental health.

3.0 Codification of variables

The planned codification of variables is being provided.

C209

Code	Codification of the questions
0	Q1=0
1	Q1=1
2	Q1=2
9	((Col.24 = 3-9) and ((Col.84 = 0,9 or blank) or (Col.85/88 and Col.89/90 is more than one year before the date of the interview, or is blank))))

C210

Code	Codification of the questions
1	Q2=1
2	Q2=2
9	Q1=0 or blank

C211/212

Code	Codification of the questions
00	Q4=0
01	Q4=1
02	Q4=2
03	Q5
04	Q5
05	Q5
06	Q5
07	Q5
08	Q5
09	Q5
10	Q5
99	Q1=0 or blank

C213

Code	Codification of the questions
1	Q3=1
2	Q3=2
3	Q3=3
4	Q3=4
5	Q3=5
9	Q1=0 or blank

C214

Code	Codification of the questions
0	Q6=0
1	Q6=1
2	Q6=2
9	(Col.24 = 3-9) and (Col.84 = 0,9 or blank)

C215/216

Code	Codification of the questions
00	Q7=00
01	Q7=01
02	Q7=02
03	Q7=03
04	Q7=04
05	Q7=05
06	Q7=06
07	Q7=07
08	Q7=08
09	Q7=09

10	Q7=10
99	(Q7=0 or blank) or (Q7a=0 or blank)

C217

Code	Codification of the questions
0	Q8=0
1	Q8=1
2	Q8=2
9	(Q7=0 or blank) or (Q7a=0 or blank)

C218/219

Code	Codification of the questions
00	Q9=02
01	Q9=01
02	Q9=03
03	Q9=04
04	Q9=04
05	Q9=04
06	Q9=04
07	Q9=04
08	Q9=04
09	Q9=04
99	(Q6=0)

C220

Code	Codification of the questions
1	Q10=1
2	Q10=2
3	Q10=3
4	Q10=4
5	Q10=5
9	(Q6=0)

C221

Code	Codification of the questions
0	Q11A=0 and Q11B=0 and Q11C=0
1	Q11A=2 and Q11B=0 or 1 and Q11C=0 or 1
2	Q11A=0 or 1 and Q11B=2 and Q11C=0 or 1
3	Q11A=0 or 1 and Q11B=0 or 1 and Q11C=2
9	C24=3-9

C222

Code	Codification of the questions
0	Q12A=0 and Q12B=0 and Q12C=0
1	Q12A=2 and Q12B=0 or 1 and Q12C=0 or 1 and Q12D=0 or 1
2	Q12A=0 or 1 and Q12B=2 and Q12C=0 or 1 and Q12D=0 or 1
3	Q12A=0 or 1 and Q12B=0 or 1 and Q12C=2 and Q12D=0 or 1
4	Q12A=0 or 1 and Q12B=0 or 1 and Q12C=0 or 1 and Q12D=2
9	C24=3-9

4.0 Conclusion

In the coming months work will focus on defining the sampling methodology and selecting the sample itself. In addition the office will have to lay out the new questionnaire and training is to be provided to interviewers before the actual data collection takes place.