HBS Anonymisation Criteria

1. Due to the presence of two different (non-nested) classifications related to the geographical detail of the household (the classical NUTS classification and the degree of urbanisation), for many MSs there were several unique cases in the size of municipalities at NUTS2 level. For this reason the variable HA08 (region) is released at NUTS1 level.

2. Variables HA06 (stratum) and HA07 (primary sampling unit) are dropped.

3. The variables MB01 (Country of Birth), MB01.1 (Country of Citizenship) and MB01.2 (Country of Residence) are released according to the following classification: National, Non-National but EU-National, Non-National and non-EU-National.

4. The "sin-consumption" variables are dropped from the SUF. The "sin-consumption" variables are the following: HE02.3 (Narcotics), HE02.3.1; HE12.2 (Prostitution), HE12.2.1, HE12.2.1.1; HE09.4.3 (Games of chance), HE09.4.3.1.

5. MB03 (Age) is recoded to 5-year classes with a top-coding of 85 years.

6. MB04 (Marital Status): the categories of widowed and divorced, are aggregated.

7. ME0908 (Occupation) - Codes '01','02','03' are aggregated to "AF" i.e. "Armed Forces" and Codes '11','12','13' are aggregated to "LM" i.e. "Legislators & Managers".

Specific to individual Member State

Portugal (PT)
1. MB03: Top-coded at 75+
2. MC01: Codes 3+4 merged into 4; Codes 5+6 merged into 6
3. MC02: Codes 3+4 merged into 4; Codes 5+6 merged into 6
4. ME01: Codes 6+9 merged into 9
5. ME12: Codes 4+5 are merged into 5
6. 'Sin-consumption' expenditure items are not suppressed.

Malta (MT)
Categorical Variables
1. MB03: Bottom coded at '14 or less' and top- coded at 65+.
2. MB01 and MB01.1: Codes 21+22 merged into 21_22
3. HB05: Top-coded at 6+.
4. HB05.1, HB05.2, HB05.3, HB05.4, HB05.5 and HB05.7 are top-coded at 2+.
5. HB05.6, HB07.6.1, HB07.6.2 and HD20 are top-coded at 3+.
6. HC23: Codes 1-6 are merged into 1_6, codes 8-11 are merged into 8_11.
7. HC24: Codes 1-3 are merged into 1_3, codes 5-6 are merged into 5_6
8. ME01: Codes 3-7 are merged into 3_7
9. ME12: Codes 1-2 are merged into 1_2, 3-5 are merged into 3_5

Income and Expenditure Variables

10. Values for income and expenditure variables at household level are suppressed if each of the following two rules are satisfied:

a) For the household reference person only, there is a unique record with the following demographic characteristics: HA09 (degree of urbanisation), MB02 (sex) and MB03_10years (age re-grouped in ten year classes).

b) If, for the household reference person, the pro-capite value (i.e. value/ number of persons in household) of these variables is greater than the upper risk threshold and smaller than the lower risk threshold.

- The upper risk threshold is calculated as follows: Upper risk threshold= Q3 + 3*IQR where IQR=Q3-Q1. Q1 and Q3 are calculated from the pro-capite value of the income and expenditure variables.
- The lower risk threshold is calculated as follows: Lower risk threshold= Q1 - 3*IQR where IQR=Q3-Q1. Q1 and Q3 are calculated from the pro-capite value of the income and expenditure variables.

11. Negative values for MF09.9 are suppressed.