

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 (ex Articles 92 and 93) of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2000/C 12/02)

Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Molise)

Aid No: N 311/98

Title: Measures to assist holdings damaged by enzootic bovine leukosis

Objective: To assist holdings damaged by enzootic bovine leukosis to resume stockfarming

Legal basis: Legge regionale approvata dal Consiglio regionale del Molise il 16 aprile 1998

Budget:

— 1998: ITL 500 million

— 1999: ITL 400 million

— 2000: ITL 350 million

Aid intensity or amount: 50 %

Duration: 11 July 1996 to 31 December 1997, extendible

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Abruzzo)

Aid No: N 88/99

Title: Measures in favour of Producer Organisations in accordance with Council Regulation 952/97 and Council Regulation 2200/96

Objective: Consolidation and rationalisation of provisions on Producers organizations at regional level

Legal basis: Disegno di legge sulle associazioni di produttori agricoli e di produttori ortofrutticoli

Duration: Undefined

Other information: It is a general framework law providing for the implementation of Regulation 952/97 and 2200/96 at Regional level. It does not provide for the granting of any form of aid supplementing or replacing Community financing. The compatibility of Article 3, which does provide for State aids, with the common market will be assessed within the framework of State aid No N 622/98

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Date of adoption of the decision: 25.11.1999

Member State: Italy (Emilia-Romagna)

Aid No: NN 114/99 (ex N 91/99)

Title: Aid to develop and market local agricultural products and foodstuffs

Objective: To develop and diversify agricultural production by means of experimentation, development of quality products and promotion

Legal basis: Deliberazione della giunta regionale n. 3560 del 30.12.1996

Budget:

— EUR 1 086 071 for the local action group SOPRIP,

— EUR 917 932 for the local action group Antico Frignano,

— EUR 787 477 for the local action group L'Altra Romagna,

— EUR 917 693 for the local action group Delta 2000

Aid intensity or amount:

— Up to 50 % for physical operations

— 65 to 80 % for non-physical operations

Duration: Four years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 25.11.1999

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 258/99

Title: Transitional agrimonetary aid — Aids having an operative event on 1 and 3 January 1999

Objective: Compensate the losses of producer income caused by the reduction in the exchange rates applicable to certain common agricultural policy direct aids

Legal basis: Ministerial decision, Council Regulation (EC) No 2800/98 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 2808/98 (EC), No 2813/98 and No 755/1999

Budget:

- 1999: EUR 2,26 million
- 2000: EUR 0,75 million
- 2001: EUR 0,38 million

Aid intensity or amount: Variable according to the nature of the measures

Duration: Three years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 9.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Marche)

Aid No: N 266/99

Title: Additional contribution for farmers in the region Marche for lucerne cultivation

Objective: allocation of a payment (over and above the premium granted under the cofinancing scheme) of an amount from EUR 20 to 65 per hectare in favour of farmers who have undertaken the cultivation of lucerne for dehydration in soils previously cultivated with lucerne dehydrated

Legal basis: Programma Zonale Pluriennale Regionale, approvato dalla Commissione con decisione C(96) 2133 del 26.8.1996

Budget: ITL 502 000 000 (EUR 250 000)

Duration: One year

Beneficiaries: Approximately 115 to 130 producers of lucerne for dehydration

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Date of adoption of the decision: 9.12.1999

Member State: Portugal

Aid No: N 320/99

Title: Measures to assist producers affected by cyclones in December 1998

Objective: To compensate for damage caused to farming

Legal basis: Projecto de decreto-lei relativo a uma ajuda destinada a compensar os agricultores que sofreram prejuízos derivados de ventos ciclónicos em Dezembro de 1998, nas regiões do Alentejo e Algarve

Budget: PTE 1 000 billion (EUR 5 million)

Aid intensity or amount:

- Standard: 2,6 %
- Small farmers: 13,0 %

Duration: Unspecified

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Lombardy)

Aid No: N 378/99

Title: Promotion of Agricultural Products according to article 3(1), (l), (m) and (n) of Regional Law n. 11 of 4 July 1998

Objective: Enhancement of the image of the agricultural productions of the region

Legal basis: Legge regionale 4 luglio 1998, n. 11

Budget: Not defined

Duration: Not defined

Other information: Italian Authorities have engaged to submit to the Commission copies of the promotional and advertising materials covered by the scheme

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Date of adoption of the decision: 9.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Tuscany)

Aid No: N 408/99

Title: Amendments to the Programme of Promotion of Agricultural Resources for the Year 1999

Objective: Enhancement of the image of the agricultural productions of the region in Italy and abroad

Legal basis: Deliberazione del Consiglio regionale del 23.7.1997, n. 292 «Piano di promozione economica per il triennio 1998-2000» approvato ai sensi dell'articolo 4 della Legge regionale 14.4.1997 n. 28

Budget: ITL 342 000 000 (EUR 176 628)

Duration: One year

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Date of adoption of the decision: 26.10.1999

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 576/99

Title: Transitional agrimonetary aid — Arable area scheme

Objective: Compensate the losses of producer income caused by the reduction in the exchange rates applicable to certain common agricultural policy direct aids

Legal basis: Ministerial decision, Council Regulation (EC) No 2800/98 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 2808/98, (EC) No 2813/98 and (EC) No 1639/1999

Budget:

— 1999: EUR 26,38 million

— 2000: EUR 8,79 million

— 2001: EUR 4,40 million

Aid intensity or amount: In 1999: Between EUR 10,60 and EUR 20,85

Duration: Three years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: United Kingdom

Aid No: N 599/99

Title: Record Books for Cattle and Sheep Farmers

Objective: The United Kingdom Government will prepare and distribute a standardised record book to all cattle and sheep producers throughout the UK with an aim to make sure that producers keep an accurate livestock record of at least all information the authorities need from them. This will facilitate the task of the United Kingdom authorities in fulfilling their obligations to verify the data provided by farmers. The data relate to claims under community funded aid schemes and to identification of the origin of animals. These records will facilitate the control of public expenditure and tracing back in the farmwork of animal diseases, some of which have possible public health implications

Legal basis: The provision of free record booklets to sheep and cattle producers will be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Executive Minister for Rural affairs and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in exercise of their powers under Section 2(2)(b) of the European Communities Act 1972

Budget: The maximum expenditure will total GBP 150 000

The estimated number of recipients is a maximum of 130 000 cattle producers and a maximum of 80 000 sheep producers

Aid intensity or amount: Measure not constituting aid

Duration: Distribution is foreseen for winter 1999/2000

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: Germany

Aid No: N 605/99

Title: Promotion of qualitative improvement in complementary revenue gaining activities on farms in Allgäu, Bavaria

Objective: To give farmers the means to bring about qualitative improvements in their supplementary activities (tourism, sales of products)

Legal basis: Richtlinie zur Förderung der qualitativen Verbesserung zusätzlicher Erwerbszweige

Budget:

- 1999: DEM 1 290 000
- 2000: DEM 300 000
- 2001: DEM 250 000 (nationally financed)

Aid intensity or amount: Maximum aid amounts will be 25 % of the investment concerned with an upper limit of DEM 200 000 per investment per beneficiary

Duration: The measure will be in force till 2001

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Date of adoption of the decision: 25.11.1999

Member State: United Kingdom

Aid No: N 621/99

Title: Transitional agrimonetary aid — Flax and hemp schemes

Objective: Compensate the losses of producer income caused by the reduction in the exchange rates applicable to certain common agricultural policy direct aids

Legal basis: Ministerial decision, Council Regulation (EC) No 2800/98 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 2808/98 (EC) No 2813/98 and (EC) No 2200/99

Budget:

- 1999: EUR 2,35 million
- 2000: EUR 0,78 million
- 2001: EUR 0,39 million

Aid intensity or amount:

In 1999:

- Flax: EUR 708,98 (high rate) and EUR 615,40 (low rate)
- Hops: EUR 662,88

Duration: Three years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 13.12.1999

Member State: Italy (Piemonte)

Aid No: N 622/99

Title: Modernisation of the Piemontese agro-industrial sector

Objective: Acceleration of the informatisation and telematisation

Legal basis: Disegno di legge regionale n. 504/99

Budget: ITL 16 000 000 000 (Approximately EUR 8 000 000)

Duration: One year

Beneficiaries:

- For points (a), (b) and (c): 10 to 50
- For point (d): 200 to 500

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Date of adoption of the decision: 25.11.1999

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 636/99

Title: Revocation of fund environmental research 1988 — modification of the financing of the fund of the promotion of applied research regarding environmental problems

Objective: Reduction of manure production, treatment and processing of manure, sale of manure, and reduction of environmentally damaging products from manure

Legal basis:

Verordening tot intrekking verordening Vvr fonds milieuonderzoek 1988

Heffingsverordening Vvr fondsen mengvoederindustrie, productie grondstoffen en handel in enkelvoudige diervoeders 1992

Budget: Not communicated

Aid intensity or amount: For aid granted via the fund for the promotion of applied research regarding environmental problems: 20 % of eligible costs. This percentage may be increased if the project entails additional risks and has a higher degree of uncertainty as to profitability and feasibility, up to a maximum of 35 %. If research activities are part of the project, the subsidies for that part may amount to a maximum of 45 %

Duration: Indefinite

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