

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Summary information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001

(2007/C 143/02)

XA Number: XA 64/07

Member State: Republic of Lithuania

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Paramos teikimas už šalutinių gyvūninių produktų, neskirtų vartoti žmonėms, pašalinimą ir sunaikinimą

Legal basis: Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 13 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-162 „Dėl paramos teikimo už šalutinių gyvūninių produktų, neskirtų vartoti žmonėms, pašalinimą ir sunaikinimą taisyklių patvirtinimo ir žemės ūkio ministro 2006 m. gegužės 26 d. įsakymo Nr. 3D-217 bei žemės ūkio ministro 2006 m. spalio 3 d. įsakymo Nr. 3D-385 pripažinimo netekusiais galios“

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: LTL 6 800 000, in accordance with the official EUR exchange rate (EUR 1 971 000).

Maximum aid intensity:

Up to 100 % of the costs of the removal and destruction of fallen stock, when TSE testing of such fallen stock is obligatory.

Up to 100 % of the costs of removing fallen stock.

Up to 75 % of the costs of the destruction of such fallen stock.

Date of implementation: 1 May 2007.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013.

Objective of aid: Aid to SMEs.

To provide aid for enterprises and farmers operating in the stock-farming sector in order to ensure a consistent programme of control and safe removal of all fallen stock.

Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 applies.

The eligible costs are costs related to the removal and destruction of fallen stock.

Sector(s) concerned: Primary production of agricultural products.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija
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LT-01103 Vilnius

Web: http://www.zum.lt/min/Isakymai/dsp_isakymas.cfm?IsakymasID=3409&langparam=Lt

Other information: —

XA Number: XA 65/07

Member State: Cyprus

Region: The aid is not granted by a regional authority.

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Sigan Management — Plan for the Collection, Transport and Processing of Animal Waste

Legal basis: Άρθρο 120470.07501 του Προϋπολογισμού για το 2007 — Άλλες Δαπάνες — Συλλογή, μεταφορά, επεξεργασία και τελική διάθεση Ζωικών Αποβλήτων (προσφορά 20/2004) [(Article 120470.07501 of the Budget for 2007 — Other expenditure — Collection, transport, processing and final disposal of animal waste (Bid 20/2004)]

Ο περί της Εφαρμογής Κοινοτικών Κανονισμών στον Τομέα της Κτηνιατρικής Νόμος του 2004 [N149(I)/2004 (2004 Law on the implementation of Community Regulations in the veterinary sector) (N149(I)/2004)]

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: Sigan Management is granted 1 295 000 CYP annually. Each year, before the last monthly payment is made, the annual amount is readjusted on the basis of any change in fuel costs and the payment is adjusted accordingly.

Maximum aid intensity: 100 % coverage of expenditure on the removal and destruction of dead adult sheep and goats (over 18 months old). These animals must be checked for TSE.

100 % coverage of expenditure on the removal and destruction of dead cattle over 24 months old. These animals must be checked for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE). 100 % coverage of expenditure on the removal and destruction of dead animals (calves up to 24 months, sheep and goats up to 18 months, pigs, poultry and rabbits). The competent authority will increase the slaughter fee for all animals and poultry to cover 25 % of expenditure on the destruction of those animals. According to the competent authority's calculations, 25 % of the cost of destroying the dead animals (calves up to 24 months, sheep and goats up to 18 months, pigs, poultry and rabbits) amounts to 150 892 CYP per year.

Date of implementation: The scheme started operating on 1.12.2006 (it is a State aid scheme implemented before the date of entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and which nonetheless falls within its scope, by virtue of Article 23(2) thereof).

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The company is obliged to offer its services in accordance with the terms laid down in the tender documents for a period of 7 years, i.e. until 30.11.2013.

Objective of aid: The collection, transport, storage and general handling of animal waste not intended for human consumption, governed by the provisions of Regulation (EC) 1774/2002, which have been transposed into Cypriot law by the 2004 Law on the implementation of Community Regulations in the veterinary sector (N149(I)/2004).

Sector(s) concerned: All livestock farmers in areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus who avail themselves of the services provided free of charge by Sigan Management: collection and destruction of dead animals.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Κτηνιατρικές Υπηρεσίες (Veterinary Services)
Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Φυσικών Πόρων και Περιβάλλοντος (Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment)
CY-1417 Λευκωσία (CY-1417 Nicosia)

Internet address: www.moa.gov.cy/vs

Other information: —

XA Number: XA 66/07

Member State: Latvia

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Eiropas Savienības struktūrfonda Eiropas Lauksaimniecības virzības un garantiju fonds Vienotā programmdokumenta 4. prioritātes "Lauku un zivsaimniecības attīstības veicināšana" 4.1. pasākuma "Investīcijas lauksaimniecības uzņēmumos"

Legal basis: 2006. gada 19. septembra MK noteikumi Nr. 777 "Noteikumi par atklāta projektu iesniegumu konkursa "Investīcijas lauksaimniecības uzņēmumos" vadlīnijām"

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The total amount under the aid scheme is LVL 5 000 000

Maximum aid intensity:

Public financing of the applicable costs does not exceed:

- a) 50 % of eligible investments in less favoured areas or in areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, as designated by Member States in accordance with Articles 50 and 94 of that Regulation;
- b) 40 % of eligible investments in other regions;
- c) 60 % of eligible investments in less-favoured areas or in areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, as designated by Member States in accordance with Articles 50 and 94 of that Regulation and 50 % in other regions, in the case of investments made by young farmers within five years of setting up.

Eligible costs:

- 1. Costs of new construction, reconstruction and renovation, based on contracts with third persons;
- 2. Acquisition of new fixed capital goods to ensure the functioning of newly constructed, reconstructed and renovated buildings;
- 3. Costs of construction materials (in cases where new construction, reconstruction or renovation works are carried out by the holding itself), in accordance with an approved construction project.

Only those items in the construction project estimate that in the framework of the project are directly related to measures financed by the Structural Funds are eligible. However, the following costs not directly related to production will, for instance, be considered to be eligible costs if the amount thereof does not exceed 30 % of the total amount of eligible construction costs: construction reconstruction and renovation of administrative buildings, installation of external lighting, guard rooms within buildings, installation of security alarm systems, including video surveillance systems, auxiliary rooms, if their functional use is explained, staff rest rooms, etc.

If the construction project provides for landscaping, only the costs of asphaltting (or applying other surfacing materials), laying lawns and erecting fences and pass checkpoints will be considered as eligible costs.

- 4. General costs directly related to project preparation and implementation and not exceeding 6 % of the total amount of eligible project costs (including architects', engineers' and consultants' fees, legal services, technical and economical justifications, costs of acquiring patents and licences).

Date of implementation: 1 May 2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid: Until 30 December 2008

Objective of the aid: The objective of the aid is to ensure balanced and sustainable rural development, diminishing socio-economic differences between rural and urban areas, conserving a diverse rural environment and promoting the efficiency and competitiveness of agricultural production.

This measure is in conformity with Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Sector(s) concerned: The aid is intended for small and medium-sized enterprises active in agriculture.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Latvijas Republikas Zemkopības ministrija
LV-1981 Rīga

Internet address: www.zm.gov.lv

XA Number: XA 67/07

Member State: Republic of Lithuania

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Aid to stock breeding

Legal basis: Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 18 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-166 „Dėl paramos veislininkystei taisyklių patvirtinimo“

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: LTL 28 000 000, in accordance with the official EUR exchange rate (EUR 8 109 360).

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 100 % of the administrative costs of establishing and maintaining herd books;

Up to 70 % of the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties to determine the genetic quality or productivity of livestock, with the exception of checks performed by the livestock owner and routine checks on milk quality;

Up to 40 % of the costs related to the introduction of innovative stock breeding methods or techniques at farm level, with the exception of any costs related to artificial insemination, until 31 December 2011;

Up to 100 % of the costs related to the organisation of competitions, shows, fairs and forums, and participation in them, with a view to exchanging information.

Date of implementation: 1 May 2007.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013

Aid towards costs related to the introduction of innovative stock breeding methods or techniques at farm level, with the exception of costs related to artificial insemination, until 31 December 2011.

Objective of aid:

- support to SMEs;
- to encourage stock breeders to participate in programmes for the evaluation of breeding stock on the basis of their progenies and in other selection programmes;
- to increase the productivity of reared animals and improve the genetic potential, and to expand herds with high breeding values;
- to collect data on animal productivity and breeds, and to develop computerised stock breeding and animal selection programmes using a single computer network;
- to modernise animal productivity and meat quality assessment technologies;
- to encourage stock breeders to rear animals of high breeding value and to improve animal breeding values;
- to preserve and improve Lithuanian livestock breeds and their gene pool;
- to assess breeding stock and to organise livestock shows and horse trials and competitions.

Articles 15 and 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 apply.

The eligible costs are:

1. the administrative costs of establishing and maintaining herd books;
2. the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties to determine the genetic quality or productivity of livestock, with the exception of controls undertaken by the livestock owner and routine controls of milk quality;
3. costs related to the introduction at farm level of innovative stock-breeding methods or techniques, with the exception of costs related to the introduction or performance of artificial insemination;
4. costs related to the organisation of competitions, shows, fairs and forums, and participation in them with a view to exchanging information.

Sector(s) concerned: Animal husbandry (cattle farming, horse farming, pig farming, sheep farming, goat farming).

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Other information: —