NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

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 EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001

(2008/C 141/12)

Aid No: XA 263/07

Member State: Ireland

Region: Entire Member State

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF) — 2007 Progeny test programme

Legal basis:

National Development Programme 2007-2013

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 0,8 million in respect of eligible costs incurred in relation to the 2007 program over the period 2007-2010

Maximum aid intensity: 70 % of eligible costs

Date of implementation: 30 July 2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: December 2010

Objective of aid: The aim of this program is to identify and source the supply of Irish tested superior genetics to the beef and dairy farmers and to build a knowledge base upon which farmers will be able to access in order to make informed breeding decisions and thus produce better quality animals. The key to Ireland building a competitive based dairy and beef industry is the supply of Irish tested superior genetics to the beef and dairy farmer. This project represents a unique collaboration among all industry partners to cooperate in a progeny testing programme that will ensure a viable future for two Ireland's most valuable farming sectors.

This aid is provided in accordance with Article 16(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 — Support for the Livestock sector. Eligible costs will be those associated with herd recruitment and semen assembly, data recording, data collection and the return of data to ICBF

Sector(s) concerned: Bovines — dairy and beef

Name and address of the granting authority:

Department of Agriculture and Food, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

Website:

http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/index.jsp?file=schemes/NDP_State_Aid/index.xml

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Aid No: XA 269/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Municipality of Dobrovnik

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Programi razvoja podeželja v občini Dobrovnik 2007–2013

Legal basis:

Pravilnik o dodeljevanju državnih pomoči na področju razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Dobrovnik

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:

2007: EUR 4 000

2008: EUR 4 000

2009: EUR 4 000

2010: EUR 4 500

2011: EUR 4 500

2012: EUR 5 000

2013: EUR 6 000

Maximum aid intensity:

1. *Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:*

— up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas and up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas.

The purpose of the aid is investment to restore farm features, to purchase equipment to be used for agricultural production and to invest in improving farmland.

2. *Aid for conservation of traditional buildings:*

— up to 50 % of eligible costs for investment to conserve the cultural heritage of productive assets (farm buildings), provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,

— up to 50 % of eligible costs for investment to conserve non-productive heritage located on agricultural holdings (sites of archaeological or historical interest),

— additional aid is granted at a rate of up to 50 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to conserve the heritage features of buildings.

3. *Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:*

— the amount of municipal support is the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

4. *Aid for land reparcelling:*

— up to 100 % of actual legal and administrative costs incurred.

5. *Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:*

— the aid is granted to cover up to 50 % of costs in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

6. *Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector:*

— up to 100 % of costs concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services and the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications, catalogues and websites. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

Date of implementation: October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

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

Objective of the aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: The draft Rules on granting State aid for rural development in the municipality of Dobrovnik includes measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

— Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,

— Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,

— Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,

— Article 13: Aid for land reparcelling,

— Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,

— Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:

Občina Dobrovnik, Dobrovnik 297, SLO-9223 Dobrovnik

Website:

http://www.dobrovnik.si/sl/novica.asp?vrsta_novice=3&id_novice=485

Other information: The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Mayor
Marjan KARDINAR , univ. dipl. inž. agr.

Aid No: XA 271/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Municipality of Vipava

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Subvencioniranje obrestne mere v letih od 2007–2013 za naložbe v kmetijstvu

Legal basis:

Pravilnik o subvencioniranju obrestne mere kreditov, najetih za pospeševanje in razvoj kmetijstva iz sredstev odškodnin zaradi spremembe namembnosti kmetijskih zemljišč in gozdov zaradi gradnje HC Vipava-Razdrto

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:

2007: EUR 30 000

2008: EUR 50 000

2009: EUR 50 000

2010: EUR 50 000

2011: EUR 60 000

2012: EUR 60 000

2013: EUR 60 000

Maximum aid intensity:

1. *Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:*

   — up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas and up to 40 % in other areas.

   Support is granted for the improvement of farmland, the construction and adaptation of livestock buildings for agricultural production and investment in the purchase of equipment and machinery for agricultural production

Date of implementation: October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

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

Objective of the aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: The Rules on the provision of interest rate subsidies on loans to promote and develop agriculture from compensation for the change in the intended use of farmland and forests due to the construction of the Vipava-Razdrto express road include measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

— Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:

Občina Vipava, Glavni trg 15, SLO-5271 Vipava

Website:

http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200785&dhid=91593

Other information: The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Župan
mag. Ivan PRINCES, dr. vet. med.

Aid No: XA 272/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Osrednjeslovenska — Municipality of Škofljica

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Programi za ohranjanje, spodbujanje in razvoj podeželja v občini Škofljica 2007–2013

Legal basis:

Pravilnik o sofinanciranju programov za ohranjanje, spodbujanje in razvoj podeželja v občini Škofljica

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:

2007: EUR 48 000

2008: EUR 50 000

2009: EUR 55 000

2010: EUR 58 000

2011: EUR 60 000

2012: EUR 60 000

2013: EUR 63 000

Maximum aid intensity:

1. *Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:*

   — up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas,

   — up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas.

The purpose of the aid is investment to restore farm features and to purchase equipment to be used for agricultural production, to invest in permanent crops, to improve farmland and to manage pastures.

2. *Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings:*

— up to 100 % of actual costs for investment in non-productive features,

— up to 60 % of actual costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, for investment in productive assets on farms, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,

— additional aid may be granted at at rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to preserve the heritage features of buildings.

3. *Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:*

— the amount of municipal co-financing is the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

4. *Aid for land reparcelling:*

— up to 100 % of actual legal and administrative costs incurred.

5. *Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:*

— up to 100 % of actual costs incurred; this is to be provided in the form of subsidised services and does not involve direct payments of money to producers.

6. *Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector:*

— up to 100 % of costs concerning education and training, consultancy services provided by third parties, the organization of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications and websites, and the costs of replacement services. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

Date of implementation: October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

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

Objective of aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: Chapter II of the draft Rules on the co-financing of programmes for the preservation, promotion and development of rural areas in the municipality of Škofljica includes measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

— Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,

— Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,

— Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,

— Article 13: Aid for land reparcelling,

— Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,

— Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:

Občina Škofljica, Šmarska cesta 3, SLO-1291 Škofljica

Website:

http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200784&dhid=91568

Other information: The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Mag. Lorena GORIČAN
Tajnica občine

Aid No: XA 281/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Tehnična podpora informiranju o generičnih lastnostih mesa

Legal basis:

PROGRAM UKREPOV: Tehnična podpora informiranju o generičnih lastnostih mesa, številka: 3314-8/2007 iz dne 29. maja 2007

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The scheme will be implemented in 2007 for an amount of EUR 176 340

Maximum aid intensity: The aid is to be granted to cover 100 % of the eligible costs of activities to provide information on the generic properties of the agricultural product of meat; it is to be provided as a subsidised service that is completely financed from public funds

Date of implementation: October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2007

Objective of the aid: To support SMEs — Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: The scheme includes measures constituting State aid in accordance with Article 15(2)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector.

The purpose of the aid is to cover the costs of providing consumers with factual information on the generic properties of meat, its nutritional benefits and its recommended use, and on quality assurance schemes.

Individual companies, brands or origins are not to be named

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of the granting authority:

Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano RS
Dunajska 58
SLO-1000 Ljubljana

Website:

http://www.mkgp.gov.si/fileadmin/mkgp.gov.si/pageuploads/saSSo/1ukrep_min.doc

Other information: —

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