Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2006/C 17/02)

Date of adoption of the decision: 7.12.2005

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 138/2002

Title: Subsidies for the production of salmonella free poultry meat

Objective: The purpose of the measure is to produce poultry (chick)meat free of salmonella

Legal basis: Kaderwet LNV subsidies, Staatsblad 1997, nr. 710

Budget: EUR 3 269 732

Duration: One-off subsidy. The pilot project itself will last two years

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Date of adoption of the decision: 8.12.2005

Member State: Spain

Aid No: N 171/05

Title: Aid for training and technology transfer in the agri-food sector

Objective: Modernisation of farms, bringing production more closely into line with demand and diversification of activities by means of training for farmers and technology transfer, using the prospective synergies between these two instruments

Legal basis: Proyecto de Orden de 20 de enero de 2005 de la Consejería de Agricultura y Agua, por la que se establecen las bases reguladoras y la convocatoria para el año 2005 de las líneas de ayuda para programas de colaboración para la formación y transferencia tecnológica del sector agroalimentario y del medio rural

Budget: EUR 895 269

Aid intensity or amount: The maximum rate of aid for training is 100 % for educational costs and 75 % for the cost of attending the courses. The rate of aid for technology transfer is 70 % of the eligible costs. (NB: for investment in infrastructure under the technology transfer programmes, which have no productive purpose but are intended for technical trials for subsequent use by all farmers, the rate of aid is limited to 40 % of the cost to beneficiaries of the individual technology transfer programme, and will not be more than 15 % of the overall budget for the aid scheme)

Duration: One year (2005)

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Date of adoption of the decision: 9.12.2005

Member State: Spain

Aid No: N 239/05

Title: Aid for promotion activities, carried out by the Designations of Origin Boards and Associations dealing with quality wines with a geographical indication (quality wines psr), with a view to developing voluntary food-quality disclosure programmes

Objective: To develop information activities relating to systems for monitoring the quality of agri-food products in order to increase consumer confidence in agricultural production and promote this economic sector as a whole

Legal basis: Acuerdo de 29 de marzo de 2005, del Consejo del Instituto Tecnológico Agrario de Castilla y León, por el que se establece la aportación económica del Instituto Tecnológico Agrario en las actividades promovidas por Consejos Reguladores y Asociaciones de Vino de Calidad con Indicación Geográfica (v.c.p.r.d.) para el desarrollo de programas voluntarios de divulgación de la calidad alimentaria, modificado por el Acuerdo de 28 de junio de 2005

Budget: EUR 1,150 million

Aid intensity or amount: The rate of the aid will be 50 % of the total cost of the measures envisaged, with a maximum of EUR 90 000 per beneficiary

Duration: One year

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**Decision on Program Management, Change of Function**

*Date of adoption of the decision:* 8.12.2005  
*Member State:* The Netherlands  
*Aid No:* N 301/2005  
*Title:* Program management, change of function  
*Objective:* To stimulate a change of function from farmland into nature area or woodland, to be managed by farmers  
*Legal basis:* Kaderwet LNV subsidies, Staatsblad 1997, nr. 710  
*Budget:* Increasing from EUR 0.2 million in 2002 to EUR 17.9 million in 2015  
*Duration:* Indefinite

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**Decision on Agricultural Development Services**

*Date of adoption of the decision:* 25.11.2005  
*Member State:* Italy (Liguria)  
*Aid No:* N 321/2005  
*Title:* Agricultural development services  
*Objective:* Aid for research and technical assistance in agriculture  
*Legal basis:* Legge regionale 29 novembre 2004, n. 22 — «Disciplina dei servizi di Sviluppo agricolo e degli interventi di animazione per lo sviluppo rurale»  
*Budget:* EUR 1.5 million per year  
*Aid intensity or amount:* Up to 100 % of eligible expenditure  
*Duration:* Unlimited  
*Other information:* The regional law makes provision for the financing of regional public services intended for the community or of paid technical services (at market rates), which do not constitute State aid under the terms of Article 87(1) of the Treaty

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**Decision on Hop Disease Prevention**

*Date of adoption of the decision:* 13.12.2005  
*Member State:* Czech Republic  
*Aid No:* N 378/2005  
*Title:* Prevention of the spread of viral and bacterial diseases in hops  
*Objective:* The measure aims to favour the eradication of viral and bacterial diseases affecting the productivity of hops in the Czech Republic by replanting with healthy, certified virus-free varieties  
*Budget:* 15 million CZK (EUR 0.5 million)  
*Aid intensity or amount:* Up to 15 CZK per hops seedling  
*Duration:* Unlimited  
*Other information:* The regional law makes provision for the financing of regional public services intended for the community or of paid technical services (at market rates), which do not constitute State aid under the terms of Article 87(1) of the Treaty

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**Decision on Agricultural Product Processing**

*Date of adoption of the decision:* 13.12.2005  
*Member State:* The Czech Republic  
*No of the aid:* N 428/2005  
*Title:* Aid for processing of agricultural products  
*Objective:* Investment aid in processing of agricultural products  
— Návrh dodatku k zásadám pro stanovení podmínek pro poskytování dotací pro rok 2005 na základě § 2 a § 2d zákona č. 252/1997 Sb., o zemědělství  
*Budget:* 300 000 000 CZK (EUR 10 million)  
*Aid intensity or amount:* 40 % of eligible costs  
*Duration:* 2005  
*Other information:* The regional law makes provision for the financing of regional public services intended for the community or of paid technical services (at market rates), which do not constitute State aid under the terms of Article 87(1) of the Treaty

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Date of adoption of the decision: 6.12.2005
Member State: Spain
Aid No: N 490/05
Title: Aid for the launch of livestock-excrement management plans
Objective: To lessen or eliminate the impact of livestock excrement on the environment by means of investment in the infrastructure required for the launch, control and monitoring of plans for the management of livestock excrement in the period 2006 and 2007
Legal basis: Resolución MAH/..../2006, de...., por la que se publican las bases y se abre la línea de ayudas para la financiación de las infraestructuras necesarias para la implantación, el control y el seguimiento de los planes de gestión de deyecciones ganaderas
Budget: EUR 7.2 million
Aid intensity or amount: The subsidy is 25% of the eligible costs
Duration: Two years (2006 to 2007)
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