Summary communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 of 23 December 2003 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, processing and marketing of agricultural products

(2006/C 75/05)

Aid No: XA 1/2006

Region: The Province of Gelderland

Title of aid scheme (indicate the name of the aid scheme or in the case of individual aid, the name of the beneficiary): Subsidieregeling Vitaal Gelderland (SvG) — Vitaal Gelderland subsidy scheme. Paragraph 2.2.4 Sustainable agriculture. The SvG comprises several policy areas for which subsidies are granted. Most subsidies are granted to other authorities or are below the de minimis threshold and are thus not notified. A separate notification procedure has been initiated for the section on Water.

Legal basis: Artikel 2.2.4.1 van de SvG. Aanvragen die voldoen aan de voorwaarden van Verordening (EG) nr. 1/2004, artikelen 4, 7 of 14, tweede lid, onderdelen c, d III en d IV, kunnen voor subsidie in aanmerking komen

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:
The whole of the section on Nature, Countryside and Agriculture: EUR 7 760 000.
The part on Agriculture alone: EUR 1 700 000

Maximum aid intensity:
Investments (Articles 4 and 7): 25 % with a minimum of EUR 10 000 and a maximum of EUR 30 000
Use of consultancy services (Article 14): 75 % with a maximum of EUR 30 000
Organisation of exhibitions (Article 14): 25 % with a maximum of EUR 30 000

Date of implementation: 10 January 2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 1 January 2008

Objective of aid: Agriculture and horticulture in Gelderland is and will continue to be a sector in which fundamental changes are taking place. Market and price policy and environmental policy are of major significance in this respect. Growth, diversification or closure are the three options open to individual farms. The aim is to support farmers in this selection process and exchange know-how. Another objective is to provide incentives for farmers to invest in environmental measures over and above the statutory requirements and diversification (conversion). Parts of Articles 4, 7 and 14 are to be used for these purposes

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to farmers (livestock and arable), agricultural organisations and other agricultural associations. Only undertakings in the production sector are involved

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Aid No: XA 82/2005

Member State: Italy

Region: Abruzzi

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Top-up contribution from the regional authorities to the central government contribution to expenditure on insurance premiums where the latter is less than that provided for in Legislative Decree No 102/04 (80 %)

Legal basis:
Normativa nazionale: Decreto Legislativo 29 marzo 2004 n. 102
Normativa regionale: Legge Regionale 7 novembre 2005 n. 32

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: up to EUR 500 000

Maximum aid intensity: difference between the amount granted by the national ministry and 80 % of the cost of insurance premiums

Date of implementation: 2005

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: the same as that of the national law

Objective of aid: To provide aid towards the payment of insurance premiums on policies providing cover against adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters. Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004. The aid scheme covers up to 80 % of expenditure on insurance premiums where the contribution from the national government is less than that amount.

Sector(s) concerned: Plant products. The scheme covers expenditure on insurance premiums for policies providing compensation where losses, determined in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004, exceed 20 % of production in less favoured areas and 30 % in other areas
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Legal basis:
— Article 13(2)(g) of Commission Regulation (EC) of 23 December 2003,
— Articles L 1511-1 et L 1511-2 du code général des collectivités territoriales
— Délibération du conseil régional du 21 octobre 2005

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 400 000 a year, for two years

Maximum aid intensity:
— for organic producers: 100 % of the expenses, exclusive of tax, incurred in checking the certification body,
— for organic processors: 50 % of the expenses, exclusive of tax, incurred in checking the certification body, with an individual aid ceiling of EUR 1 000 per year

Date of implementation: On receipt of an acknowledgement of receipt from the European Commission

Duration of scheme: Two years, renewable

Objective of aid: To support and encourage organic production by assuming all or part of the compulsory costs of the certification carried out by independent bodies under Council Regulation (EEC) No 2091/91 of 22 July 1991

Sector(s) concerned: All holdings with organic farm production and all organic farm processors who are certified and are no longer in receipt of conversion aid

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Aid No: XA 85/05
Member State: Latvia
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Aid scheme: ‘Aid for agricultural investments’


Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The total amount of aid under the scheme for 2005 is LVL 4 792 505 (EUR 6 819 120)
**Maximum aid intensity:** Aid is granted at a rate of 30 % of expenditure for the following measures: acquisition, reconstruction or renovation of buildings, or the acquisition of essential construction materials for facilities for the pre-processing and storage of grain, oleaginous crops and fibre crops (including the acquisition and installation of automated weighing equipment and the acquisition of laboratory equipment); construction of asphalt or concrete areas adjacent to pre-processing sites not exceeding LVL 20 per square metre; acquisition of flax harvesting machinery; reconstruction or renovation of manufacturing buildings and/or the acquisition of essential construction materials for livestock products (honey, milk); acquisition of dairy cow farming facilities; acquisition of machinery used for the manufacture of agricultural products (soil processing machinery, fertilisation equipment, sowing and planting machinery, chemical pesticide machinery, specialised vehicles for the collection of milk or milk autocisterns, oil pressing equipment, machinery for the maintenance of seedlings and plants on fruit and vegetable farms, fruit and berry processing facilities, machinery for the preparation of animal fodder for livestock farms).

The total amount of aid granted may not exceed LVL 30 000 for each individual applicant, or LVL 100 000 for each accredited agricultural services cooperative. Expenditure figures used to calculate aid shall be determined in accordance with initial costs as stated on proof-of-purchase documents (not including VAT). Transport costs are not included in subsidy calculations.

**Date of implementation:** 25 November 2005

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:** 30 December 2005

**Objective of aid:** The objective of the aid is to support agricultural investments for the purposes of increasing the added value of production and improving the quality of agricultural production

**Sectors concerned:**
Aid is intended for small and medium-sized enterprises involved in agricultural activities.
Aid is intended for the livestock and crop-farming branches of the sector

**Name and address of the granting authority:**
Zemkopības ministrija
Rīga 04.10.2005.
Latvijas Republikas Zemkopības ministrija
Rīga, LV — 1981

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**Other information:** The aid schemes XA 29/05 and XA 72/05 are repealed upon entry into force of this aid scheme.

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**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:** Refresher courses on the correct use of plant-health products.


**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:** The annual budget is laid down in the Finance Act approved every year by the Regional Council. The annual financial allocation is expected to be EUR 220 000,00. This figure is given for information purposes only

**Maximum aid intensity:** Up to 100 % of eligible expenditure, on the basis of an hourly cost of training. This is currently EUR 110

**Date of implementation:** 2 January 2006

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:** To 30 June 2007

**Objective of aid:**

Eligible costs covered under the scheme: expenditure on organising and running vocational training and refresher courses for farmers and their workers.

**Sector(s) concerned:** The scheme covers vocational training for farmers involved in the production, processing and/or marketing of agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty

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**Aid No:** XA 87/2005

**Member State:** Italy

**Region:** Veneto

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**Aid No:** XA No 88/05

**Member State:** Italy

**Region:** Molise

Annual expenditure planned: To 31 December 2006, EUR 3 500 000

Date of implementation: The aid was granted from 15 November 2005

Duration of the scheme: To 31 December 2006

Objective of aid: The aid is restricted to SMEs active in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products. The aid is for modernising and improving local production systems and is granted under:

— Article 4: investment in agricultural holdings;
— Article 5: conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings;
— Article 7: investment in processing and marketing

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