Summary information 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 90/06)

Aid No: XA 67/05
Member State: Spain
Region: Navarre

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Aid for 2005 to renew Navarre’s fleet of agricultural tractors and provide it with safety systems

Legal basis: Orden foral 167/2005, de 12 de septiembre, del consejero de agricultura, ganadería y alimentación por la que se aprueba la convocatoria de ayudas a la renovación y dotación de sistemas de seguridad del parque de tractores agrícolas de Navarra para el año 2005, y se establecen las bases reguladoras que regiran dicha convocatoria

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 100 000 for the 2005 financial year

Maximum aid intensity: 50 % in less-favoured areas, 40 % in the others

In the case of young farmers acquiring a new tractor and scrapping another, the above percentages will increase by ten points

Date of implementation: 29 September 2005

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: December 2005

Objective of aid: Acquisition of new tractors, provided this involves the scrapping of old ones and the fitting of roll-over protection systems in tractors registered before 1978. Article 4, ‘Investment in agricultural holdings’. Eligible costs: cost of the new tractor and of the roll-over protection systems

Sector(s) concerned: Plant production and animal production. The aid objective is to acquire new tractors with, in each case, the scrapping of an old one, and to fit roll-over protection systems. Every subsector within the sectors mentioned is eligible: for example, wheat or grapes with regard to plant production, pigs or poultry with regard to animal production

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Gobierno de Navarra
Departamento de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación
C/ Tudela 20
E-31003 Pamplona

Web address: www.navarra.es

Aid No: XA 3/06
Member State: Austria
Region: Upper Austria

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Guidelines on support for farming mountain pastures in protected areas within the meaning of the Ordinance on protected areas


Annual expenditure planned/overall amount of individual aid granted to company: Total annual costs: approximately EUR 13 000; aid per mountain-pasture holding: probably less than EUR 2 100

Maximum aid intensity: Aid per mountain-pasture holding: probably less than EUR 2 100

Implementation date: From 25 January 2006 onwards

Duration of scheme or period during which individual aid is paid: Annual payment with a five-year commitment in each case

Purpose of the aid: Aid in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004

Since over recent decades farming mountain pastures has in many cases been discontinued, many of these typical farmlands in Upper Austria have disappeared. The purpose of this support is therefore to maintain these farmlands by sustainably farming mountain pastures in compliance with measures which have been devised jointly by the mountain-pasture farmer and the district representative responsible for protecting nature and the landscape and which serve to achieve the objective of safeguarding the protected area

Economic sectors concerned: mountain-pasture farming

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Amt der Oberösterreichischen Landesregierung Naturschutzabteilung
Bahnhofplatz 1
A-4021 Linz

Website: http://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at
Aid No: XA 04/06

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Beauty

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Chilterns Landscape Conservation Programme


Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: 1 February — 31 December 2006: GBP 160,499

Maximum aid intensity: For capital grants, the maximum aid intensity will normally be 50 % of eligible costs. Exceptionally capital grants may be paid up to 100 % of eligible costs. Where the investment would lead to an increase in the agricultural production capacity, the maximum rate of grant will be 40 % of the eligible costs. Where the aid is in the form of advice or training, the maximum aid intensity will be 100 %

Date of implementation: 1 February 2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2006

Objective of aid: Sectoral development and environmental enhancement and protection

The grant scheme will be implemented under Articles 5 and 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004

The eligible expenses are as per Article 5 and 14

a) the costs incurred for investments or capital works intended for the conservation of productive and non-productive heritage features located on agricultural holdings

b) the costs incurred for technical support, education and training of farmers and farm workers and consultancy services

Sector(s) concerned: The programme applies to all agricultural businesses in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including production, processing and marketing. The programme is open to all sub-sectors

Name and address of the granting authority:
Chilterns Conservation Board
The Lodge
Station Road
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Oxon OX39 4HA
United Kingdom

Web-Address:
www.chilternsaonb.org

Alternatively, you can visit the UK’s central page for exempted agricultural State aids at:
www.defra.gov.uk/farm/state-aid/setup/exist-exempt.htm

Other information:
The Programme consists of two separate measures:
1) Capital grants for landscape conservation
2) Technical assistance towards landscape conservation

Signed and dated on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK competent authority)

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Aid No: XA 05/2006

Member State: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Financial aid for investment in technological innovation, environmental protection, organisational innovation, commercial innovation and health and safety in the workplace


Annual expenditure forecast under the scheme or total annual amount awarded to the company: EUR 25 million

Aid No: XA 05/2006

Member State: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Financial aid for investment in technological innovation, environmental protection, organisational innovation, commercial innovation and health and safety in the workplace


Annual expenditure forecast under the scheme or total annual amount awarded to the company: EUR 25 million
Maximum aid intensity: Interest-rate subsidy

The amount of financing may reach up to 100% of the investment plan for a period of up to 7 years, including a grace period of up to 2 years.

The level of financing is 100% of the reference level, which is set and updated by a Decree of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Crafts (under Article 2(2) of Legislative Decree No 123/98), applicable at the time the financing contract is concluded, within the limits of aid intensity set by the European Union.

Date of implementation: 27 September 2005: in any case the first payment will be awarded when notification of the identification number given by the Commission is sent, which is issued when the summary information is received.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31 December 2006


Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to small and medium businesses involved in the processing and marketing of agricultural products under Annex I of the EC Treaty.

Name and address of the granting authority:
Region of Piedmont
Department for Industry, Employment and Budget – Directorate for Industry
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I-10152 Turin
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E-mail: direzione16@regione.piemonte.it

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www.regione.piemonte.it/industria/index.htm

Other information: The annual expenditure indicated herein is cumulative for the two laws cited under the legal basis and also includes annual expenditure forecast under the scheme with the same legal basis targeting SMEs that are covered not by Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 but by Regulation (EC) No 70/2001.

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Financial aid for the purchase or lease of new production machines and tools (‘Sabatini’)


La legge 28/11/1965 n. 1329 è stata già approvata dalla Commissione con Lettera D/55254 del 18 ottobre 2000 Aiuto N 659/A97

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or total annual amount awarded to the company: EUR 25 million

Maximum aid intensity: Interest-rate subsidy for the purchase of new machine tools or new manufacturing equipment, excluding replacement investments.

The amount of funding may reach up to 100% of the investment plan for a period of up to 5 years.

Aid may not exceed 40% of eligible expenditure.

Date of implementation: 27 September 2005: in any case the first payment will be awarded when notification of the identification number given by the Commission is sent, which is issued after the summary information is received.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31 December 2006


Financial contribution, including securities issued for a contract for the sale/purchase or hire of machines (with purchasing obligation), secured by options on the machines specified under Article 1 of Law No 1329/65 expiring up to 5 years from the issue date, provided they form part of the same contract, with a term of payment or hire lasting more than twelve months.

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to small and medium enterprises involved in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products under Annex 1 of the EC Treaty.
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Other information: The annual expenditure indicated herein is cumulative for the two laws cited under the legal basis and also includes annual expenditure forecast under the scheme with the same legal basis targeting SMEs that are covered not by Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 but by Regulation No (EC) 70/2001.

Aid No: XA 07/2006
Member State: Italy
Region: Piedmont
Title of aid scheme: Financial aid to purchase or lease new production machines and tools (‘Sabatini decambializzata’ Law)
La legge 28/11/1965 n. 1329 è stata già approvata dalla Commissione con Lettera D/55254 del 18 ottobre 2000 Aiuto N 659/A97

Annual expenditure forecast under the scheme or total annual amount awarded to the company: EUR 25 million
Maximum aid intensity: Interest-rate subsidy for the purchase of new machine tools or new manufacturing equipment, excluding replacement investments
The amount of funding may not exceed 40 % of eligible expenditure
Date of implementation: 27 September 2005: in any case the first payment will be awarded when notification of the identification number given by the Commission is sent, which is issued after the summary information is received
Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31 December 2006
Objective of aid: Article 4 and Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004
Financial contribution, not including securities, towards a contract for the sale/purchase or hire of machines (with purchasing obligation), secured by options on the machines specified under Article 1 of Law No 1329/65.
The aid may reach up to 100 % of the investment programme over a period of up to 7 years, including a grace period of up to 2 years.
Aid for each individual request may not exceed the maximum aid intensity granted under applicable EU rules.
Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to small and medium businesses involved in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products under Annex 1 of the EC Treaty.

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Other information: The annual expenditure indicated herein is cumulative for the two laws cited under the legal basis and also includes annual expenditure forecast under the scheme with the same legal basis targeting SMEs that are covered not by Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 but by Regulation (EC) No 70/2001.

Aid No: XA 08/06
Member State: United Kingdom
Region: The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Cotswolds Landscape Conservation Programme
Legal basis: Section 87 of The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949
Sections 83-84, 86-88 and 89-93 of The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The overall budget allocated to aid to agricultural businesses is GBP 646,016

1 February — 31 December 2006: GBP 646,016

Maximum aid intensity: For capital grants, the maximum aid intensity will normally be 50 % of eligible costs. Exceptionally capital grants may be paid up to 100 % of eligible costs where the investment is non-productive and where it leads to no increase in the agricultural production capacity of the holding. Where the aid is in the form of advice or training, the maximum aid intensity will be 100 % of the eligible costs of the Conservation Board but beneficiaries will receive no direct payments

Where the investment would lead to an increase in the agricultural production capacity, the maximum rate of grant will be 40 %

Date of implementation: 1 February 2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2006


Sectoral Development and environmental enhancement and protection

The aid will help the Conservation Board achieve its statutory purposes which are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and to increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB, ensuring these are compatible with their conservation and enhancement

The scheme consists of two measures: investments in holdings and technical support

Under investments the eligible costs will be the costs incurred for investments or capital works intended for the conversation of productive and non-productive heritage features located on agricultural holdings. Under technical support the eligible costs will be

— the education and training of farmers and farm workers (costs of organising the training programme)
— consultancy services

Sector(s) concerned: The programme applies to all agricultural businesses in the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including production, processing and marketing. The programme is open to all sub-sectors

Name and address of the granting authority:
Cotswolds Conservation Board
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Cotswolds Heritage Centre
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Gloucestershire GL54 3JH
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go to the menu at the top of the page and click on publications, then scroll down and click on 'State aid notification-Cotswolds Landscape Conservation Programme Guidance'

Alternatively you can visit the UK’s central page for exempted agricultural State aids at http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/state-aid/setup/exist-exempt.htm Click on The Cotswolds Landscape Conservation Programme

Other information:
The Programme consists of two separate measures

1. Capital grants for landscape conservation

To provide financial assistance as a contribution towards investments and activities that will contribute directly to the conservation or enhancement of the special landscape quality, biodiversity or cultural heritage of the Chilterns

2. Technical assistance towards landscape conservation

To providing advice, both bespoke and general, on countryside management that aims to further the statutory purpose of the AONB; to organise training to explain countryside management techniques; and to organise and participate in fairs, shows and other events that raise awareness about the Conservation Board’s work, environmental schemes and environmental management techniques. Where technical advice is not provided by the Conservation Board itself, the service provider will be chosen and remunerated according to market principles, in a non-discriminatory way, where necessary using tendering procedures which are in accordance with Community law

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