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

(2007/C 301/07)

**XA Number:** XA 183/07

**Member State:** The Netherlands

**Region:** West-Brabant — Oost Zeeland

**Title of aid scheme:** Project Stikstof op het juiste Peil

**Legal basis:**

*Provincie Noord-Brabant:* Provinciale Beleidsregel subsidie Water (BsW) en de Algemene Subsidieverordening provincie Noord-Brabant (ASV)

*Waterschap Brabantse Delta:* Besluit van dagelijks Bestuur 18 april 2006 Aanpak diffusie bronnen.

*Stuurgroep Landbouw Innovatie Noord-Brabant:* Besluit van de stuurgroep van 19 januari 2007

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

2007 EUR 48 915, of which EUR 15 000 intended for 3 holdings receiving advice on installing the variable drainage system (EUR 5 000 per holding).

EUR 33 915 intended to cover the cost of advising 30 holdings on optimising grassland management (EUR 1 130,50 per holding).

2008 EUR 34 593 intended to cover the cost of advising 30 holdings on optimising grassland management (EUR 1 153,10 per holding).

2009 EUR 35 285 intended to cover the cost of advising 30 holdings on optimising grassland management (EUR 1 176,17 per holding).

The above amounts relate to individual provision of advice to the participants.

**Maximum aid intensity:** 100 % of the number of consultancy visits, determined beforehand, to the participating holdings

**Date of implementation:** Subsidy will be granted, after the consultancy visits have taken place, at the end of each calendar year. The first subsidy payment will be made at the end of 2007.

**Duration of scheme or individual aid:** From the end of 2007 until 31 December 2009

**Objective of aid:** The main objective of the project is to reduce the leaching of nitrogen from farmland. To that end, the agricultural holdings concerned (small and medium-sized cattle farms) will receive expert advice on manuring and grazing. The aid relates to consultancy services provided by third parties. In accordance with Article 15(2)(c), the services do not constitute a continuous or periodic activity, nor do they relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure. The consultancy services are necessary in order to reduce, beyond current environmental requirements, the leaching of nitrogen into surface water. Extra advice will have to be obtained in order to make the measures go further than current usual practice. The consultancy costs will be reimbursed only for the duration of the project.

**Sector(s) concerned:** The aid is applicable to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the primary production of agricultural products.

**Name and address of the granting authority:**

*Provincie Noord-Brabant*

Brabantlaan 1
5200 MC 's-Hertogenbosch
Nederland

www.brabant.nl

*Waterschap Brabantse Delta*

Bergschot 69-1
4801 DZ Breda
Nederland

www.brabantsedelta.nl

*Stuurgroep Landbouw Innovatie Noord-Brabant*

Spoorlaan 350
5000 AM Tilburg
Nederland

www.stuurgroepplib.net

http://www.brabant.nl/Werken/Land%20en%20tuinbouw/Landbouw%20Innovatie%20Noord%20Brabant%20LIB.aspx?docin-dexid={92FFB00A-F8FE-4AD2-827B-849DB4A6E373

**Web address:**

http://www.brabantsedelta.nl/werk_in_de_buurt/lopende_projecten

**Other information:** —

**XA Number:** XA 184/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Območje občine Škocjan

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:** Podpora ohranjanju in spodbujanju razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Škocjan 2007-2013

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The annual budget planned for the period 2007-2013 is EUR 46 000.

Maximum aid intensity:

1. Investment in agricultural holdings:
   — up to 40 % of eligible investment costs,
   — The purpose of the aid is investment to restore farm features, to purchase equipment used for [or 'for use in'] agricultural production, to invest in permanent crops and to improve farmland.

2. Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings:
   — up to 40 % of eligible costs as regards investment in non-productive features and reasonable compensation, of up to EUR 1 000, for work undertaken by the farmer in the case of investment in non-productive heritage features,
   — up to 60 % of real costs as regards 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 a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to maintain the heritage features of buildings.

3. Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:
   — up to 25 % of actual costs, where the relocation simply consists of the dismantling, removal and re-erection of existing facilities,
   — where the relocation results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, the farmer must contribute at least 60 % of the increase in the value of the facilities concerned after relocation. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution shall be at least 55 %,
   — where the relocation results in an increase in production capacity, the contribution from the beneficiary must be at least equal to 60 % of the expenses relating to this increase. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution shall be at least 55 %.

4. Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:
   — the amount of municipal support is the difference between the amount of co-financing of an insurance premium 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.

5. Aid for land reparation:
   — up to 100 % of eligible costs incurred in legal and administrative procedures [or ‘of eligible legal and administrative costs’].

6. Provision of technical support:
   — up to 100 % of the costs concerning the education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions and 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: July 2007

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

Objective of aid: To support SMEs

   — Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
   — Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
   — Article 6: Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest,
   — Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
   — Article 13: Aid for land reparation,
   — Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector.

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture: arable and livestock farming

Name and address of granting authority:
Občina Škocjan
Škocjan, 67
SLO-8275 Škocjan

Web address:
http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200766&dhid=90868
**Other information:** The measure concerning 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 the grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid).

*Maire of the Municipality of Škocjan*

Anton ZUPET

**XA Number:** XA 185/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Območje celotne Slovenije, ter območje avtohtohnih narodnih skupnosti

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:** Dodeljevanje podpor za naložbe v primarno kmetijsko proizvodnjo na območju Republike Slovenije in na območju avtohtohnih narodnih skupnosti

**Legal basis:** Splošni pogoji poslovanja Javnega sklada Republike Slovenije za regionalni razvoj in razvoj podeželja, člen 7(a) Zakona o uporabi sredstev pridobljenih iz naslova kupnine na podlagi Zakona o lastninskem preoblikovanju podjetij (Ur.l. RS, št. 45/95, 34/96, 67/01 in 47/02)

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

- 2007: EUR 4 000 000
- 2008: EUR 4 000 000
- 2009: EUR 4 000 000
- 2010: EUR 4 000 000
- 2011: EUR 4 000 000
- 2012: EUR 4 000 000
- 2013: EUR 4 000 000

**Maximum aid intensity:**

Investment in agricultural holdings:

- gross aid intensity will not exceed 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas, or 40 % in other areas,

maximum amount of aid granted to an individual company may not exceed EUR 400 000 over any period of three fiscal years, or EUR 500 000 if the company is located in a less-favoured area.

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

**Date of implementation:** July 2007 (or the date on which the general conditions enter into force)

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

**Objective of the aid:** To support SMEs


Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings.

**Economic Sector(s) concerned:** Agriculture: arable and livestock farming

**Name and address of granting authority:**

Javni sklad RS za regionalni razvoj in razvoj podeželja
Škrabčev trg 9a
SLO-1310 Ržnica

**Web address:**

http://www.rdf-sklad.si/dl/Splosni_pogoji_JS.pdf

**Other information:** The Public Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for Regional Development and the Development of Rural Areas will, in accordance with Article 7(a) of the Act regulating the use of funds arising from proceeds and the Annual Programme to establish an economic base for autochthonous national communities, publish an invitation to tender under which funds will be granted in the form of loans and grants for primary agricultural production in areas home to Italian and Hungarian national communities.

Throughout the Republic of Slovenia, aid will be granted in the form of loans.
The General Business Conditions of the Public Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for Regional Development and the Development of Rural Areas meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 relating to the measures to be implemented by the Fund and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid).

Signature of person responsible
Velislav ŽVIPELJ
Chairman of the Management Board

XA Number: XA 186/07
Member State: Slovak Republic
Region: Slovenská republika
Title of aid scheme: Schéma štátnej pomoci na účasť na celonárodné poľnohospodárskej výstave v roku 2007

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: The planned expenditure is provided for in the budget chapter of the Slovak Ministry of Agriculture, in Programme 0920, sub-programme 02, component 02 — State aid to the amount of SKK 2 million.

Maximum aid intensity: The aid takes the form of discounts to the agricultural fair up to 100% of the value of the eligible costs. Aid may not be provided in the form of a direct cash payment to the aid beneficiary.

Date of implementation: August 2007
Duration of aid scheme or individual aid award: Until the end of 2007
Objective: The objective of the aid is to encourage the participation of SMEs in the national agricultural fair in 2007.
Economic sectors: Agricultural primary production, without restriction

Name and address of the granting authority:
Ministerstvo pôdohospodárstva SR
Dobroviežova 12
SK-812 66 Bratislava
Tel.: (421) 592 66 233
Web address: www.mpsr.sk, Aktuality
Other information: —

XA Number: XA 187/07
Member State: Republic of Ireland
Region: Entire Member State
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations (ITBA) — Training, Promotion & Dissemination of Information Scheme
Legal basis: National Development Plan 2007-2013
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 0,6 million in respect of eligible costs incurred over the period 2007-2013
Maximum aid intensity: 80% of eligible costs
Date of implementation: 30 July 2007
Duration of scheme or individual aid award: End December 2007
Objective of aid: The aim of this program is to support quality thoroughbred horse production through training courses and generic promotional activities in the areas of equine and veterinary health, quality improvement, husbandry, nutrition, stud management and quality breeding, and through participation at fairs and exhibitions.

This aid is provided in accordance with Article 15(2)(a) and Article 15(2)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 — Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector.
Sector(s) concerned: Equine
Name and address of the granting authority:
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Agriculture House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2
Ireland
Web address: http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/equine_ndp/