NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES


(2008/C 113/05)

Aid No: XA 260/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: Scotland

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

Sheep Welfare Scheme

Legal basis:

Section 4 of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911


Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: 2007: under GBP 10 000 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid will be limited to losses caused by disease for which an outbreak has been formally recognised by public authorities and will not exceed 100 % of the costs associated with dealing with the requirements of the scheme

Date of implementation: 15.10.2007 (or sooner if possible)

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will run for ten weeks and will close on the 21.12.2007

Objective of aid: The Sheep Welfare Scheme will be open to Scottish farmers facing animal welfare problems as a result of export restrictions imposed following the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the United Kingdom. Producers will be responsible for transporting eligible animals (namely light lambs under 25 kg live weight) to collection centres. The operators of the collection centres will pay GBP 15 per head for eligible animals. The animals will not enter the human food chain but will be transported to abattoirs for slaughter and subsequent disposal. Competitive tendering will be used to provide these services on behalf of the Scottish Government. This complies with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 where the gross aid intensity must not exceed 100 % and that the aid will be to compensate for income losses due to quarantine obligations

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to the light lamb sector of the farming industry

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Edinburgh EH14 1TY
United Kingdom
Contact Aileen Bearhop
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Aid No: XA 261/07

Member state: United Kingdom

Region: South East of England

Title of Aid Scheme:
The South East Collaboration Advisory Service
Legal Basis:

Section 5 of the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998

Expenditure planned under the scheme:

1 November 2007-31 March 2008: GBP 45 000

1 April 2008-31 March 2009: GBP 60 000

1 April 2009-31 March 2010: GBP 60 000

1 April 2010-31 March 2011: GBP 70 000

1 April 2011-31 October 2011: GBP 40 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity for technical support measure will be up to 100 % in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 1.11.2007

Duration of scheme: The scheme will begin on 1.11.2007 and the scheme will close on 31.10.2011. The final payment will be made on 31.10.2011

Objective of aid:

Sectoral development. The scheme will provide an information and advice service for farmers, farmer controlled businesses (FCBs) and other businesses within the agricultural supply chain in the South East of England.

The scheme will provide advice on collaboration, to improve farm business performance and efficiency and help improve the marketing of agricultural produce.

The aid will be provided in line with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and the eligible costs will be consultancy services.

It should also be noted that there will be no direct payment to producers this is in line with Article 15

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to the production of agricultural products

Name and address of the granting authority:

SEEDA
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The Observatory
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Kent ME4 4NT
United Kingdom

Website:

www.seeda.co.uk

Information on this scheme can be accessed via the UK’s central web listing for exempted agricultural State aid schemes:
http://defraweb/farm/policy/state-aid/setup/exist-exempt.htm
http://www.effp.com/x1907.xml
Then click on South East of England — Collaborative Advisory Service

Other information:

Aid for agricultural processing and marketing and non-agricultural business activities will be provided in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 which governs the granting of de minimis aid. De minimis aid is specific category of aid which does not require authorisation by the European Commission. Such support is limited to EUR 200 000 (approximately GBP 120 000) over three years for each business and can cover any type of activity.

The service provider for this scheme is English Farming and Food Partnerships who were chosen and will be remunerated on the basis of market principle in line with Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

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Aid No: XA 262/07

Member State: Federal Republic of Germany

Region: Rheinland-Pfalz

Title of aid scheme:

Förderung der privaten Beratung in der Landwirtschaft

Legal basis:

Verwaltungsvorschrift des Ministeriums für Wirtschaft, Verkehr, Landwirtschaft und Weinbau

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 700 000 from 2008

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 80 % of proven consultancy costs

Date of implementation: From 1.11.2007

Duration of scheme: Up to 1.12.2013
Objective of aid:
The funding covers consultancy services (not including routine consultancy services) on agricultural holdings in primary production. The objective of the consultancy services is to enhance enterprise skills and thus improve the farms’ competitiveness and ensure that production meets high environmental, animal-welfare and quality standards.

The scheme is based on Article 15(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 (Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector)

Sector(s) concerned: All agricultural production sectors

Name and address of the granting authority:
Aufsichts- und Dienstleistungsdirektion (ADD)
Willy-Brandt-Platz 3
D-54290 Trier

Website:
The draft administrative Regulation can be found at the following address:
http://www.add.rlp.de/add/broker?uMen=73170f8c-20d1-2ffa-3b21-7113e9246ca9&uCon=a5e407a9-1158-411b-e592-6a90b0e2236&uTem=7a370f23-4693-aefb-e592-613e9246ca93&ic_overview=73170f8c-20d1-2ffa-3b21-7113e9246ca9
(by following 'Medien-Download → Förderrichtlinien → Verwaltungsverordnung')
The final Land directives (administrative regulation, application forms, etc.), when issued, will be available at: www.add.rlp.de (under 'Förderungen')

Other information: —

Aid No: XA 434/07
Member State: Spain
Region: Castilla-La Mancha

Title of aid scheme:
Ayudas para reposición de ganado bovino en explotaciones sometidas a programas comunitarios de erradicación de enfermedades de los animales, y que hayan sido objeto de vaciado sanitario en Castilla-La Mancha

Legal Basis:
Orden de 23 de noviembre de 2007, de la Consejería de Agricultura, por la que se establecen las bases reguladoras para la reposición de ganado bovino en explotaciones sometidas a programas comunitarios de erradicación de enfermedades de los animales y que hayan sido objeto de vaciado sanitario en Castilla-La Mancha.

Resolución de 30 de octubre de 2007, de la Dirección General de Producción Agropecuaria, por la que se declara Zona de Especial Sensibilidad Sanitaria a tuberculosis bovina en determinados términos municipales de Castilla-La Mancha (publicado en el DOCM del 12 de noviembre de 2007)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 1 000 000

Maximum aid intensity: 20 %

Date of implementation: 31.1.2008

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31.12.2010

Objective of aid: To compensate farmers for losses caused by the slaughter of animals on their farms with aid for the replacement of cattle on farms covered by National Disease Eradication Programmes, and subject to depopulation in Special Health-Risk Areas in the Autonomous Community of Castile-La Mancha, in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: Cattle sector

Name and address of the granting authority:
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C/ Pintor Matías Moreno, nº 4
E-45071 Toledo

Website:
Provisionally:
After publication:
www.jccm.es/cgi-bin/docm.php3

General technical secretariat
Signed: Rosa Natividad Zambudio

Aid No: XA 435/07
Member State: Federal Republic of Germany
Region: Freistaat Bayern

Title of aid scheme:
Bezeichnung der Beihilferegelung: Grundsätze für die Förderung von Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der genetischen Qualität landwirtschaftlicher Nutztiere in Bayern

Legal basis:
Grundsätze für die Förderung von Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der genetischen Qualität landwirtschaftlicher Nutztiere in Bayern

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 17 million
Maximum aid intensity: Up to 70 % of the costs incurred

Date of implementation: Annual

Duration of scheme: Indefinite, first payment in 2008

Objective of aid: The aid is designed to support livestock breeding measures to maintain and improve genetic quality and genetic diversity. To this end, the service provider will carry out tests and collect and analyse data. The service provider will be paid at the market rate, with the costs covered partially by the aid and partially borne by the farmer. The cost of routine milk quality checks is not covered by the aid.


Sector(s) concerned: Cattle, pig, sheep, goat and horse farming

Name and address of the granting authority: Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Landwirtschaft und Forsten, Ludwigstr. 2 D-80339 München

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Website: http://www.stmlf.bayern.de/agrarpolitik/programme/26373/grunds.pdf

Other information: —