

**Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty****Cases where the Commission raises no objections**

(2006/C 2/02)

**Date of adoption of the decision:** 28.10.2005**Member State:** The Republic of Latvia**Aid No:** N 429/2005**Title:** Support to stabilisation of sustainable forest functions in private forests**Objective:** Support to maintenance and tending activities in sustainable forestry**Legal basis:** Lauksaimniecības un lauku attīstības likums (2004. gada 23. aprīlis) un projekts noteikumiem par kārtību, kādā piešķirams, administrējams un uzraugāms valsts atbalsts meža ilgtspējības funkcijas stabilizēšanai privātajos mežos 2005. gadā**Budget:** LVL 100 000 (approximately EUR 143 900)**Aid intensity or amount:** 86-100 % of eligible costs**Duration:** 2005

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[http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat\\_general/sgb/state\\_aids/](http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids/)**Date of adoption of the decision:** 27.1.2005**Member State:** The Republic of Lithuania**Aid No:** N 448/2004**Title:** Aid to compensate farmers for damages caused by unfavourable weather conditions**Objective:** Compensating damages caused to fruit cultures by spring frost in May 2004**Legal basis:**

— 2002 m. birželio 25 d. Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ir kaimo plėtros įstatymas Nr. IX-987 (Valstybės žinios, Nr. 72-3009).

— 2000 m. vasario 4 d. Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės nutarimas „Dėl ekstremalių įvykių kriterijų patvirtinimo“ Nr. 216 (Valstybės žinios Nr. 19-439).

— Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerijos įstatymo projektas „Dėl paramos žemės ūkio bendrovėms, patyrusioms nuostolius dėl 2004 m. pavasario šalnų, taisyklių patvirtinimo“

**Budget:** LTL 3 million (around EUR 869 000)**Aid intensity or amount:**

— LTL 538 (EUR 155)/ha of apple, pear, plum, cherry and sweet cherry,

— LTL 273 (EUR 79)/ha of black currant, red currant and chokeberry,

— LTL 461 (EUR 133,5)/ha of strawberry and raspberry

**Duration:** One year from the approval by the Commission

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[http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat\\_general/sgb/state\\_aids/](http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids/)**Date of adoption of the decision:** 18.10.2005**Member State:** Germany**Aid No:** N 452/05**Title:** On-the-spot-payments to compensate for damages caused by the flood of August 2005 in Bavaria to holdings in the agriculture, forestry and fishery sector**Objective:** Mitigation of physical damages caused by the flood in August 2005 to holdings in the agriculture, forestry and fishery sector**Legal basis:** Verwaltungsvereinbarung zwischen der Bundesregierung und dem Freistaat Bayern über die Beteiligung der Bundesregierung an den Einmalzahlungen an die land- und forstwirtschaftlichen Betriebe, die von dem Hochwasser im August 2005 betroffen waren**Budget:** EUR 4,95 million**Aid intensity or amount:** 50 %**Duration:** 31.12.2005

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 14.4.2004

**Member State:** France

**Aid No:** N 481/2003

**Title:** Aid for the Morne Rouge SOCOMOR agricultural cooperative

**Objective:** To provide financial support for the restructuring of SOCOMOR

**Budget:** Aid for restructuring: EUR 2,856 million

**Duration:** One-off aid.

**Other information:** France undertakes to submit an annual report on application of the aid scheme

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 6.7.2004

**Member State:** France

**Aid No:** N 489/2003

**Title:** Aid from the Burgundy Regional Council to barley producers

**Objective:** To offset losses caused by adverse wether conditions

**Budget:** EUR 4 million

**Aid intensity or amount:** Maximum 100 %

**Duration:** One off

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 14.4.2004

**Member State:** France.

**Aid No:** N 490/2003.

**Title:** Aid for the olive sector

**Objective:** To modernise oil mills, fund research and ensure the traceability of products

**Budget:** EUR 400 000 per year

**Aid intensity or amount:** Variable (maximum of 40 % for investments and 100 % for research and technical assistance)

**Duration:** Three years.

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 17.11.2005

**Member State:** United Kingdom

**Aid No:** N 508/2005

**Title:** Extension to the Agriculture Development Scheme 2002

**Objective:** With this extension to the aid scheme N 505/2002 — Agriculture Development Scheme 2002, this measure is prolonged by one year with an increase of the budget

**Legal basis:**

The Food Development Scheme 1997

The Food Industry Development Scheme (Specification of Activities) order 1997

The Food Industry Development (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2001

**Budget:** Increase of the budget: GBP 5,9 million (EUR 8,7 million)

**Aid intensity or amount:** Up to 50 %

**Duration:** Prolongation for the year 2006/07

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 27.4.2004

**Member State:** The Netherlands

**Aid No:** N 527/2003

**Title:** Ocean Desert Enterprises

**Objective:** Industrial research and precompetitive development concerning the use of halophytic trees as a source of raw material for the production biomass

**Legal basis:** Wet overige OC en W Subsidies en Kaderregeling subsidiëring projecten Onderzoek en Wetenschap

**Budget:** EUR 1 000 000

**Aid intensity or amount:** 100 %

**Duration:** 2004-2007

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 17.10.2005

**Member State:** Italy

**Aid No:** N 532/2003

**Title:** Advertising measures in the food-processing industry in the Member States of the EU and in the Accession States

**Objective:** Advertising and promotion. The scheme notified sets out the general criteria for the granting, by the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade (ICE) <sup>(1)</sup>, of public part-financing for projects aimed at boosting awareness of Italian food and wine products, and supporting the *Made in Italy* brand-image in various distribution sectors in the old and new Member States of the European Union, as well as countries applying for EU membership during the period of the scheme

**Budget:** EUR 2 000 000 for the first year of implementation

**Aid intensity or amount:** For advertising measures: 50 % of eligible costs.

For promotion measures: 50 % of eligible costs in cases where small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will benefit; in other cases, the overall amount of the aid may not exceed EUR 100 000 per beneficiary per three-year period

**Duration:** Ten years from the date of notification of the scheme to the Commission (from 20 November 2003 to 19 November 2013).

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<sup>(1)</sup> The Italian Institute for Foreign Trade is the government agency responsible for encouraging, developing and promoting Italian trade links abroad.

**Date of adoption of the decision:** 11.1.2005

**Member State:** United Kingdom (Wales)

**Aid No:** N 546/2004

**Title:** Extension to the Meat Generic Advertising (Wales) Scheme

**Objective:** The approved Meat Generic Advertising (Wales) Scheme (N 696/2002) will be prolonged by one year

**Legal basis:** Agriculture Act 1967 (as amended); Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (as amended)

**Budget:** GBP 2,25 million (EUR 3,22 million)

**Aid intensity or amount:** Parafiscal levies will always finance at least 50 % of the budget

**Duration:** 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006

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