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

(2006/C 146/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption of the decision: 5.10.2005 **Member State:** United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

Aid No: N 190a/2005

Title: Modification of the Climate Change Levy (C18/2001)

Objective: The measure enlarges the right to conclude voluntary climate change agreements (and thus to benefit from the existing system of climate change tax reduction) to the companies of all sectors

- with an at least 12 % energy intensity, or

— with an energy intensity of 3 % to 12 % if the import penetration ratio of the sector is of at least 50 % or the export to production ratio of the sector is of at least 30 %.

In that framework, the decision covers the new climate change agreements with the British Compressed Gases Association and the Kaolin and Ball Clay Association.

Legal basis: Finance Act 2000 **Budget:** Around GBP 25 million/year **Duration:** Until 31 March 2011

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

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Date of adoption of the decision: 20.4.2004

Member State: Belgium

Aid No: N 604/03

Title: Aid for the reclassification of employees made redundant by firms undergoing restructuring

Objective: Promotion of an active reclassification policy

Legal basis: Loi-programme du 22 décembre 2003/Programmawet van 22 december 2003

Budget: EUR 25 million in 2004, EUR 50 million in 2005

Aid intensity or amount: Maximum repayment of reclassification costs of EUR 1 800 per employee; maximum reduction in employees' contributions of EUR 1 200 per employee; maximum reduction in employers' contributions of EUR 1 200 per employee;

Duration: Pilot project

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