

Summary information communicated by Member States on State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 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

(2007/C 71/18)

XA Number: XA 101/06

Member State: Netherlands

Region: Provincie Limburg

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Stichting Administratiekantoor Aandelen KnowHouse.

Legal basis:

Algemene subsidieverordening 2004

Nadere subsidieregels ontwikkeling landelijk gebied

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: A single contribution by the Province of EUR 191 000. An advance may be granted up to a maximum of 80 %. The accounts will be finally settled in 2007 at the latest.

Maximum aid intensity: The total costs are estimated at EUR 382 000. Of those, the subsidy amount granted is EUR 191 000. This amount is lower than the permitted aid of EUR 100 000 or 50 % of the eligible costs if that is more, per three-year period per beneficiary. Concerning consultancy services, the fees for services which do not constitute a periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services, or advertising. This is in accordance with Article 14(1), (2)(c) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004.

In anticipation of the new exemption regulation for agriculture, 100 % aid may be granted in relation to consultancy services provided by third parties, the fees for services which do not constitute a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure. Since the aid is granted to the producer via KnowHouse B.V. in the form of subsidised services, it complies with the requirement that aid must not be in the form of direct financial payments to the producer.

Date of implementation: The decision granting subsidy will be issued within four weeks following the EU's confirmation of receipt of this notification.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: From November 2006 to 1 December 2009 (settlement will be sooner, but projects may continue until 1 December 2009).

Objective of aid: The aid relates to answering know-how questions and supporting development projects which are necessary for an innovation process, in addition to which company know-how questions will be answered.

The target group for this aid comprises all agricultural enterprises and organisations which embark on an innovative course

whose main economic effect is on Limburg. All subprojects aimed at increasing production are excluded. Within the framework of Article 14(2)(c), this consultancy service for agricultural enterprises is a service which does not constitute a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure.

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

Name and address of the granting authority:

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Limburglaan 10
Postbus 5700
6202 MA Maastricht
Nederland

Website: www.limburg.nl

XA number: XA 114/06

Member State: Poland

Region: Województwo śląskie

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Rolnicza Spółdzielnia Produkcyjna w Raciborzu

Legal basis: Ustawa dnia 27 kwietnia 2001 r. Prawo ochrony środowiska (Dz.U. nr 62, poz. 627, z późniejszymi zmianami) — art. 405, art. 406 pkt 7 i 9, art. 409

Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The aid is granted as a soft loan not exceeding PLN 53 016. The loan will be paid out until 15 December 2006. The loan will be repaid in the period from January 2008 to October 2013. The gross value of the aid (gross grant equivalent) is PLN 4 812,6.

Maximum aid intensity: The gross aid intensity is 6,35 %.

Date of application: Following confirmation, by means of a notification and an identification number, that the European Commission has received this summary information on the individual aid in question.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Estimated — from November 2006 to October 2013.

Objectives of aid: The aid is intended for the thermal modernisation of the buildings (pigsty, workshop and office buildings) of Rolnicza Spółdzielnia Produkcyjna w Raciborzu by means of:

- a) heat source modernisation — removal of a solid fuel-fired boiler located in the workshop building (supplying three buildings) and installation of low-emission coal-fired boilers in the pigsty and workshop buildings and a gas-fired boiler in the office building,
- b) modernisation of the internal central heating installation in the workshop and office buildings

The aid will be granted under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2004 for an investment to modernise heat sources and central heating installations at Rolnicza Spółdzielnia Produkcyjna w Raciborzu. The eligible costs will include investment costs related to the construction and modernisation of heat sources and central heating installations.

Sector(s) concerned: The aid is granted to an operator active in the cultivation of cereals and pig farming.

Name and address of the granting authority: The aid is granted from the Wojewódzki Fundusz Ochrony Środowiska i Gospodarki Wodnej w Katowicach (Voivodship Fund for the Protection of the Environment and Water Management in Katowice), ulica Plebiscytowa 19, 40-035 Katowice.

Web address: www.wfosigw.katowice.pl

Other information: The gross amount of aid (gross aid intensity) has been calculated in accordance with the definition laid down in Article 2(5) of 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. This is the ratio of the gross grant equivalent to the eligible costs attracting assistance.

The gross grant equivalent resulting from the soft loan has been calculated in accordance with the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 11 August 2004 on the method of calculating the value of State aid granted in various forms (Journal of Laws No 194, item 1983). The gross grant equivalent is PLN 4 812,6.

Eligible costs attracting assistance: PLN 75 738.

Gross amount of aid = PLN 4 812,6/75 738 = 6,35 %.

XA Number: XA 5/07

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Vendée

Title of aid scheme: Aid for environmental investment on agricultural holdings (oil presses)

Legal basis:

- Article 4(3)(d) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1/2004.
- Articles L 1511-2 et L 1511-5 du code général des collectivités territoriales
- Convention-cadre entre le Département de la Vendée et l'État du 24 octobre 2006

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: EUR 45 000

Maximum aid intensity: 30 % of an amount limited to EUR15 000 per oil press.

Date of implementation: As soon as acknowledgement of receipt is received from the Commission.

Duration of scheme: Five years from when the Commission acknowledges receipt.

Objective of aid: Aid for the acquisition, during 2006 and 2007, of pure vegetable oil presses will make it possible to promote using this oil instead of diesel oil.

The aid is intended for the following beneficiaries:

- groups of farmers,
- cooperatives comprising users of agricultural materials.

A precondition is that the beneficiaries must be economically viable.

The amount of support provided will firstly be determined, for each operation, on the basis of the estimated cost stated when the application is submitted.

The actual aid will be determined when receipted invoices are submitted. The Department will be able to carry out document and on-the-spot checks.

If the actual purchase cost is less than the estimated cost stated when submitting the file to the standing committee, the aid will be reduced in proportion to the actual expenditure. In the opposite case, the support will not be increased.

The beneficiary of the support must undertake to use the Department's support, from when the decision is notified, for the specific purpose for which it has been allocated and to submit, each year for three years, a technical report on the operation of the oil press.

The decision awarding support must precede implementation of the project. Otherwise the application for support will be inadmissible.

The Department's support will be automatically cancelled by the standing committee if there is no response to notice being served, and it will be possible to demand immediate repayment if the beneficiary does not furnish the supporting documents requested. The Department will also be able to call for the support to be paid back if the nature or purpose of the expenditure is not in accordance with the award criteria.

Any decision to grant support will be invalidated if the equipment is not purchased within two years from when the decision is notified. The support will therefore be cancelled automatically.

By way of exception and with the agreement of the regional council's standing committee, however, it will be possible to extend the validity by a maximum of one year for purchasing the equipment, provided that the beneficiary is not responsible for the delay and that the request for extension is submitted with supporting documents two months before expiry of the support's initial period of validity.

Sector(s) concerned: All polyvalent holdings, via the following structures:

- groups of farmers;
- cooperatives comprising users of agricultural materials.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Address for correspondence:

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Direction de l'Environnement et de l'Aménagement
Service Agriculture et Pêche
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