

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises**

(2007/C 126/10)

Aid No	XA 7010/07		
Member State	Italy		
Region	Regions of Sicily and Valle d'Aosta		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Financial aid for the purchase or lease of new production machinery and tools		
Legal basis	Legge 28.11.1965, n. 1329 Deliberazione del comitato agevolazioni nazionale del 21.12.2006		
Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 10 million
		Guaranteed funds	—
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	—
		Guaranteed funds	—
Maximum aid intensity	<p>The scheme is subject to the aid ceilings laid down by Article 4 of the Regulation.</p> <p>The contribution is calculated on the basis of the amount eligible for aid and is equal to the difference between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— the net proceeds of the loan at the reference rate; and</li> <li>— the net proceeds of the loan at the reduced rate;</li> </ul> <p>applicable on the date on which the loan is granted.</p> <p>The interest rate for recipient enterprises is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— zero (no interest payments, i.e. a contribution of 100 % of the reference rate) for enterprises located in Sicily;</li> <li>— 50 % of the reference rate for enterprises located in Valle d'Aosta.</li> </ul> <p>Enterprises from either Sicily or Valle d'Aosta investing in the processing and marketing of agricultural products sector may not benefit from an aid intensity higher than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 40 % of eligible costs for enterprises located in non-disadvantaged areas;</li> <li>— 50 % of eligible costs for enterprises located in disadvantaged areas</li> </ul>		
Date of implementation	1.1.2007		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until the expiry date of Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 set by Article 10 of that Regulation and subsequent amendments and additions		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	

Economic sectors concerned	<p>The aid is intended for SMEs, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— agricultural production</li><li>— hunting</li><li>— fisheries</li><li>— dairy production</li><li>— transport</li></ul> <p>The aid is also subject to specific restrictions for the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— steel</li><li>— shipbuilding</li><li>— processing and marketing of agricultural products</li><li>— synthetic fibres</li></ul>
Name and address of the granting authority	<p>Ministero dell'Economia e delle finanze Dipartimento del Tesoro Via XX Settembre, 97 I-00187 Roma</p>