

**Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 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 of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001**

(2008/C 97/06)

**Aid No:** XA 319/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Municipality of Sežana

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:**

Pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Sežana 2007–2013

**Legal basis:** Pravilnik o dodeljevanju državnih pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva ter podeželja v občini Sežana (II. Poglavje)

**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted:**

2007: EUR 65 390

2008: EUR 64 681

2009: EUR 64 681

2010: EUR 64 681

2011: EUR 66 104

2012: EUR 67 558

2013: EUR 69 045

**Maximum aid intensity:**

1. *Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:*

- up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas and up to 40 % of eligible costs for investment in other areas.

The support is granted in respect of investment in the restoration of farm features and the purchase of equipment to be used for agricultural production, and for investment in permanent crops, farmland improvement and pasture management.

2. *Conservation of traditional buildings:*

- for non-productive features, up to 100 % of the real costs,
- up to 60 % of the real costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, for production facilities on farms, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
- additional aid may be granted at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to maintain the cultural heritage features of buildings.

3. *Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:*

- up to 100 % of actual costs, provided that relocation involves only the dismantling, removal, and re-erection of existing buildings,
- where the relocation results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, the farmer must contribute at least 60 %, or 50 % in less-favoured areas, of the increase in the value of the facilities concerned after relocation. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is at least 55 %, or 45 % in less-favoured areas,
- where the relocation entails an increase in production capacity, the contribution from the beneficiary must be at least equal to 60 %, or at least 50 % in less-favoured areas, of the expenses relating to this increase. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is at least 55 %, or 45 % in less-favoured areas.

4. *Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:*

- the amount of municipal co-financing is the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops, fruit and livestock against disease.

5. *Aid for land reparaelling:*

- up to 100 % of actual legal and administrative costs.

6. *Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:*

- up to 100 % of costs in the form of subsidised services; this must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

7. *Technical support in the agricultural sector:*

- up to 100 % of costs in the form of subsidised services concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, publications, catalogues and websites, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. The aid must be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

**Date of implementation:**

October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until the summary is published on the European Commission's website.)

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:**

Until 31 December 2013

**Objective of the aid:**

— To support SMEs

**Reference to Articles of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:**

Chapter II of the Draft Rules on granting State aid for the preservation and development of agriculture and rural areas in the municipality of Sežana includes measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

- Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
- Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
- Article 6: Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest,
- Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 13: Aid for land reparation,
- Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

**Economic sector(s) concerned:**

Agriculture

**Name and address of granting authority:**

Občina Sežana  
Partizanska cesta 4  
SLO-6210 Sežana

**Web address:**

<http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200792&-dhid=91916>

**Other information:**

The measure concerning the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

*Signature of responsible person*

Mayor

Davorin TERČON

**Aid No:** XA 320/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Municipality of Šmarješke Toplice

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:**

Podpora ohranjanju in spodbujanju razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Šmarješke Toplice 2007–2013

**Legal basis:**

Pravilnik o ohranjanju in spodbujanju razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Šmarješke Toplice za programsko obdobje 2007–2013 (II. Poglavje)

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

The annual budget planned for the period 2007–2013 is EUR 16 000

**Maximum aid intensity:**1. *Investment in agricultural holdings:*

- up to 40 % of eligible investment costs.

Support is to be provided for the purchase of equipment and machinery for primary production and for the management of multiannual crops.

2. *Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings:*

- for non-productive features, up to 40 % of the real costs, subject to a limit of EUR 1 700 per feature (this may include reasonable compensation for the work undertaken by the farmer himself, or his workers, up to a limit of EUR 1 000 a year),

- for productive assets on farms, up to 60 % of the real costs, subject to a limit of EUR 1 500 per investment, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,

- additional aid may be granted at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to preserve the heritage features of buildings.

### 3. Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:

- aid is to be provided in the form of a grant covering up to 25 % of the costs incurred in the removal and re-erection of existing facilities, subject to a limit of EUR 2 500 per farm,
- where relocation in the public interest results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, or an increase in production capacity, the farmer must contribute at least 60 % of the increase in the value of the facilities concerned after relocation. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, this contribution is to be at least 55 %. The level of support provided by the municipality is reduced to a maximum of 15 % of the costs incurred in the relocation, subject to a limit of EUR 1 500 per farm, or 20 % if the beneficiary is a young farmer, subject to a limit of EUR 2 000 per farm.

### 4. Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:

- support provided by the municipality, in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on the co-financing of premiums to insure agricultural production during the current year, brings the balance of aid to up to 50 % of the eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

### 5. Aid for land reparation:

- financial aid is provided in the form of a grant covering up to 100 % of the actual legal and administrative costs incurred.

### 6. Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector:

- up to 100 % of the eligible costs concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, and publications. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

#### Date of implementation:

October 2007 (Aid will not be granted before publication of the summary on the European Commission's website.)

#### Duration of scheme or individual aid award:

31 December 2013

#### Objective of the aid:

- To support SMEs

#### Reference to Articles of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:

Chapter II of the draft Rules on the preservation and the promotion of the development of agriculture and rural areas in the Municipality of Šmarješke Toplice during the 2007-2013 programming period includes measures which constitute State aid under the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application

of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 (O) L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3-22):

- Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
- Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
- Article 6: Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest,
- Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 13: Aid for land reparation,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

**Sector(s) concerned:** Agriculture

#### Name and address of the granting authority:

Občina Šmarješke Toplice  
Šmarjeta 66  
SLO-8220 Šmarješke Toplice

#### Web address:

<http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200791&-dhid=91856>

#### Other information:

The measure concerning the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

*Signature of responsible person*  
Bernardka KRNC  
Mayor of the Municipality of Šmarješke Toplice

**Aid No:** XA 321/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Municipality of Šmartno pri Litiji

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:**

Podpora programom razvoja podeželja v občini Šmartno pri Litiji 2007-2013

**Legal basis:** Pravilnik o dodeljevanju pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Šmartno pri Litiji za programsko obdobje 2007-2013

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

2007: EUR 43 000

2008: EUR 43 000

2009: EUR 43 000

2010: EUR 44 000

2011: EUR 44 000

2012: EUR 45 000

2013: EUR 45 000

**Maximum aid intensity:****1. Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:**

- up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas, and up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas,
- up to 60 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas, and up to 50 % of eligible costs in other areas, in the case of investments made by young farmers within five years of setting up.

Support is to be granted for investment in the restoration of farm features and the purchase of equipment to be used for agricultural production, and for investment in permanent crops, farmland improvement and pasture management.

**2. Conservation of traditional buildings:**

- for non-productive features, up to 100 % of the real costs,
- for productive assets on farms, up to 60 % of actual costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, provided the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
- additional aid may be granted at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to maintain the heritage features of the building.

**3. Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:**

- up to 100 % of the actual costs incurred where a relocation simply consists of the dismantling, removal and re-erection of existing facilities,
- where the relocation results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, the farmer must contribute at least 50 % in less-favoured areas, and at least 60 % in other areas, of the increase in the value of the facilities after relocation. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is to be at least 55 %, or 45 % in less-favoured areas,
- where the relocation results in an increase in production capacity, the contribution from the beneficiary must be at least equal to 60 %, or 50 % in less-favoured areas, of

the expenses relating to this increase. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is to be at least 55 %, or 45 % in less favoured areas.

**4. Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:**

- the difference between the level of co-financing of an insurance premium from the national and up to 50 % of eligible costs of an insurance premium for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

**5. Aid for land reparation:**

- up to 100 % of the actual legal and administrative costs incurred.

**6. Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:**

- up to 100 % of actual costs incurred in the form of subsidised services; this must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

**7. Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector:**

- up to 100 % of costs concerning the education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications, catalogues and websites, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

**Date of implementation:**

October 2007 (Aid will not be granted before publication of the summary on the European Commission's website.)

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:**

Until 31 December 2013

**Objective of the aid:**

- To support SMEs

**Reference to Articles of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:**

Chapter II of the draft Rules on the granting of aid for the preservation and development of agriculture and rural areas in the municipality of Šmartno pri Litiji for the 2007-2013 programming period includes measures which constitute State aid under the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

- Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
- Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,

— Article 6: Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest,	2008: EUR 12 000
— Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,	2009: EUR 12 000
— Article 13: Aid for land reparaelling,	2010: EUR 12 000
— Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,	2011: EUR 12 000
— Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector	2012: EUR 12 000
	2013: EUR 12 000

**Economic sector(s) concerned:**

Agriculture

**Name and address of the granting authority:**

Občina Šmartno pri Litiji  
Tomazinova 2  
SLO-1275 Šmartno pri Litiji

**Web address:**

<http://www.uradni-list.si/1/online.jsp?urlid=200789&-dhid=91707>

**Other information:**

The measure concerning the payment of premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Milan IZLAKAR  
Mayor of the Municipality of Šmartno pri Litiji

**Aid No:** XA 322/07

**Member State:** Republic of Slovenia

**Region:** Municipality of Zavrč

**Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:**

Dodeljevanje državnih pomoči za programe razvoja podeželja v občini Zavrč

**Legal basis:** Pravilnik o dodeljevanju državnih in drugih pomoči, ter ukrepov za programe razvoja podeželja v občini Zavrč

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

2007: EUR 12 000

**Maximum aid intensity:**1. *Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:*

- up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas,
- up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas,
- up to 50 % of eligible costs in other areas in the case of investments made by young farmers within five years of setting up.

Support is to be granted in respect of investment in the restoration of farm features, the purchase of equipment to be used for agricultural production, and investment in permanent crops, farmland improvement and pasture management.

2. *Conservation of traditional buildings:*

- for investment in non-productive features, up to 100 % of the real costs,
- for investment in productive assets on farms, up to 60 % of the real costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
- additional aid may be granted at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred in using traditional materials necessary to maintain the heritage features of buildings.

3. *Aid for land reparaelling:*

- up to 100 % of the actual legal and administrative costs.

4. *Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:*

- up to 100 % of eligible costs in the form of subsidised services; this must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

5. *Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector:*

- up to 100 % of costs concerning the education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, publications, catalogues and websites, and the cost of farmer replacement services. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

**Date of implementation:**

October 2007 (Aid will not be granted before publication of the summary on the European Commission's website.)

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:**

Until 31 December 2013

**Objective of the aid:**

— To support SMEs

**Reference to Articles of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:**

Chapter II of the draft Rules on the granting of State aid and other aid and measures under rural development programmes in the Municipality of Zavrč includes measures which constitute State aid under the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 (O) L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

- Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
- Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
- Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 13. Aid for land reparation,
- Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

**Economic sector(s) concerned:**

Agriculture

**Name and address of granting authority:**

Občina Zavrč  
Zavrč 11  
SLO-2283 Zavrč

**Web address:**

<http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200791&-dhid=91857>

**Other information:**

The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events

which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

*Signature of person responsible*  
Irena HORVAT-RIMELE  
*Secretary of the Municipal Administration*

**Aid No:** XA 364/07

**Member State:** Ireland

**Region:** Entire Member State

**Title of scheme:** Fallen Animals Scheme

**Legal basis:**

The Animal By-Products Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 controls the collection, transport, storage, handling, processing and use or disposal of animal by-products in EU member states. Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as amended provides for the testing of fallen cattle, sheep and goats. Statutory Instrument (EC) No 612/2006 provides for the application of both EU Regulations in Ireland

**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:**  
EUR 25 000 000

**Maximum aid intensity:** 100 %

**Date of implementation:** 1 December 2007

**Duration of Scheme:** 31 December 2013

**Objective of aid:** To facilitate the TSE testing of fallen stock, to ensure that all fallen stock is collected for proper disposal, to minimise the licensed burial of animals. The relevant Article is 16, paragraphs (d) and (f), *Support for the livestock sector*

**Sectors concerned:** Livestock sector

**Granting authority:**

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Johnstown Castle Wexford

**Web address:**

[http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/index.jsp?file=animal\\_products/fallenanimalscheme/index.xml](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/index.jsp?file=animal_products/fallenanimalscheme/index.xml)