

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 99/08)

Aid No: XA 370/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Območje občine Apače

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Podpora programom razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Apače 2007–2013

Legal basis: Pravilnik o dodeljevanju pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Apače za programsko obdobje 2007–2013

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

2007: EUR 28 000

2008: EUR 28 000

2009: EUR 28 000

2010: EUR 28 000

2011: EUR 28 000

2012: EUR 28 000

2013: EUR 28 000

Maximum aid intensity:

1. *Investment in farms for primary production:*

- up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas,
- 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, where the investment is made by young farmers within five years of setting up.

The purpose of the aid is to invest in the restoration of farm features, to purchase equipment to be used for agricultural production, to invest in permanent crops and in farmland improvement and pasture management.

2. *Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings:*

- up to 100 % of actual costs as regards investment in non-productive features,
- up to 60 % of actual costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, as regards investment in productive assets 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 heritage features of buildings.

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

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

4. *Aid for land reparcelling:*

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

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

- up to 100 % of the eligible costs concerning the education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, publications, catalogues and websites and 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: November 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been 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 in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: Chapter II of the draft Rules on granting aid for preserving and developing agriculture, forestry and rural areas in the municipality of Apače for the programming period 2007-2013 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 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 13: Aid for land reparation,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of the granting authority:

Občina Apače
Apače 42b
SLO-9253 Apače

Internet address:

http://www.obcina-apace.si/images/stories/pdf/pravilnik_kmetijstvo.pdf

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 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Darko ANŽELJ
Mayor of the Municipality of Apače

Aid No: XA 371/07

Member State: Netherlands

Region: Overijssel, Gelderland, Utrecht, Noord-Brabant

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Verplaatsingsregelingen grondgebonden agrarische bedrijven Overijssel, Gelderland, Utrecht, Noord-Brabant.

See legal basis for exact titles of the schemes

Legal basis:

— Wet inrichting landelijk gebied

— Provinciewet

— De volgende provinciale regelingen:

Overijssel: Uitvoeringsbesluit Subsidies Overijssel 2007, paragraaf 8.6 Stimulering verplaatsing voor realisatie provinciale doelen natuur, recreatie of landschap en de verbetering van de ruimtelijke structuur van de landbouw.

Gelderland: Subsidieregeling vitaal Gelderland 2007; Provinciaal Meerjarenprogramma 2007-2013 Gelderland, deel 3 het subsidiekader, artikel 2.1.2 Verplaatsing grondgebonden landbouw- en glastuinbouwbedrijven in algemeen belang.

Utrecht: Subsidieverordening inrichting landelijk gebied provincie Utrecht 2006/Subsidiekader ILG/AVP.

Noord-Brabant: Subsidieregeling verplaatsing grondgebonden agrarische bedrijven

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

The table below shows planned annual expenditure by province.

Province	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Overijssel	p.m. (*)	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 24 million
Gelderland	p.m. (*)	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 4 million	EUR 0	EUR 0	EUR 16 million
Utrecht	p.m. (*)	EUR 1 million	EUR 1,2 million	EUR 1,2 million	EUR 1,2 million	EUR 1,2 million	EUR 1,2 million	EUR 7 million
Noord-Brabant	EUR 0	EUR 7 million	EUR 7 million	EUR 7 million	EUR 7 million	EUR 7 million	EUR 7 million	EUR 42 million

(*) It is not known as yet whether there will be expenditure for the year in question and, if so, how much. Any expenditure for the year will be deducted from the amounts planned for subsequent years (the total amount will remain the same).

Maximum aid intensity: Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 as regards land-dependent agricultural undertakings (arable farming, open-air and glasshouse horticulture, arboriculture, cattle farming, and chicken and poultry farming, where the farms' yield depends predominantly on the production potential of undeveloped land in their immediate vicinity).

1. 100 % of costs, including costs of advice, planning and searches, actually incurred for the purposes of relocation within the meaning of Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006;
2. up to 40 % of the increase in the value of the facilities concerned after relocation, if relocation in the public interest results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, on condition that the farmer's own contribution corresponds to at least 60 % of the related expenditure;
3. up to 40 % of the expenditure incurred to increase production capacity, if relocation in the public interest leads to such an increase, on condition that the farmer's own contribution corresponds to at least 60 % of the related expenditure.

A condition for granting a subsidy is that the entire holding being left (premises, buildings and land belonging to the farm) should become available for the purposes of achieving public objectives (reducing environmental impact, nature conservation, spatial structure improvements). Compensation is based on the representative market value

Date of implementation: Implementation will start after publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, as set out in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013

Objective: Relocation in the public interest of farm buildings belonging to land-dependent agricultural undertakings with good future prospects (arable farming, open-air and glasshouse horticulture, arboriculture, cattle farming, and chicken and poultry farming, where the farms' yield depends predominantly on the production potential of undeveloped land in their immediate vicinity), where the farmland is needed in order to achieve public objectives as regards:

- Natura 2000 sites, other parts of the protected areas network and strong corridor links,
- changes to water management arrangements, including those resulting from transposition of the Water Framework Directive (WFD),
- improving farm structure through the reparation of plots.

Agricultural undertakings sell their premises and all related farmland at the 'old' location to the Land Management Service (*Bureau Beheer Landbouwgronden* — BBL) or to a regional authority for the price they would fetch on the open market (representative market value) and buy new premises and farmland to continue farming operations elsewhere. Eligible costs are as follows:

1. costs of advice, planning and searches actually incurred for the purposes of relocation. These may include:
 - legal fees,
 - land registry fees,
 - costs of specialist services (advice from estate agents, accountants, architects, etc.) for the purposes of relocation only,
 - removal expenses.
2. 40 % of any positive difference between the representative market value of the 'old' premises and buildings, on the one hand, and the total of the following, on the other:
 - (a) the representative market value of the 'new' farm premises and buildings; and
 - (b) any investments for setting up, modernising, replacing and/or extending the 'new' farm buildings

Sector(s) concerned: All small and medium-sized primary agricultural holdings that produce products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty

Name and address of the granting authority:

Overijssel: Postbus 10078
8000 GB Zwolle
Nederland

Gelderland: Postbus 9090
6800 GX Arnhem
Nederland

Utrecht: Pythagoraslaan 101
Postbus 80300
3508 TH Utrecht
Nederland

Noord-Brabant: Postbus 90151
5200 MC Den Bosch
Nederland

Website:

Noord-Brabant:

<http://brabant.regelingenbank.eu/regeling/324-subsidieregeling-verplaatsing-grondgebonden-agrarische-bedrijven-noord-brabant/>

Gelderland:

For 'Artikel 2.1.2':

http://www.gelderland.nl/Docs/Landelijk_gebied/deel_3_PMJP_subsidiekader%20e%20herziening%20versie%20tbv%20publicatie.doc

For 'Subsidieregeling vitaal Gelderland':

http://www.gelderland.nl/Docs/Landelijk_gebied/ILG/Subsidieregeling%20vitaal%20Gelderland%202007%20vastgesteld%206-12-2006.pdf

Overijssel:

<http://provincie.overijssel.nl/contents/pages/11034/uitvoeringsbesluitsubsidiesoverijssel2007-9.pdf>

See Chapter 8, paragraph 8.6.

Utrecht:

<http://www.provincie-utrecht.nl/prvutr/internet/landelijk.nsf/all/AVP-documenten?opendocument>

Documentation: 'nieuwe subsidieverordening en nieuw subsidiekader', paragraph 3.1.4

Other information: Sheets 125 and 216 of the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programme refer to the possibility of subsidising the relocation of businesses. The current measure, based on the exemption Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006), provides scope for subsidising relocations in the public interest that goes beyond the possibilities mentioned in the sheet as regards reducing ammonia emissions and deposits and restoring irrigation systems. The policy objectives are set out in the Living Countryside Agenda and the multiannual programmes of the respective provinces.

Subsidies may not be granted under the relocation scheme for land-dependent agricultural undertakings if they are being granted for (part of) the same undertaking under the relocation scheme for intensive agricultural undertakings (XA 62/05), and *vice versa*

Aid No: XA 372/07

Member State: Netherlands

Region: Fryslân

Title of the aid scheme: Subsidie dakbedekking van boerderijen

Legal basis: Algemene wet bestuursrecht, Hoofdstuk 4; Kadersubsidieverordening Inrichting Landelijk Gebied provincie Fryslân 2007.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:

2007: EUR 500 000

2008: EUR 1 500 000

2009-2013: EUR 170 000

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 35 % of the costs eligible for aid, with an upper limit of EUR 15 000

Date of implementation: 15 December 2007

Duration of the scheme: 2007-2013

Objective of the aid: To preserve the basic historical design and traditional roofing of farmhouses built before 1940 and not classified as national monuments.

Article 5 of the Regulation on the conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings applies

Sector(s) concerned: Enterprises active in the production of agricultural products from either livestock or arable farming

Name and address of the granting authority:

Gedeputeerde Staten van Fryslân
Postbus 20120
8900 HM Leeuwarden
Nederland

Website:

<http://www.fryslan.nl/sjablonen/1/infotype/loket/product/view.asp?objectID=20606>

Download 'informatie dakbedekking boerderijen.doc'

Further information: Consult the above website for information on the aid scheme

Aid No: XA 375/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: območje Občine Trzin

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Trzin za programsko obdobje 2007–2013

Legal basis: Pravilnik o dodeljevanju pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva ter podeželja v občini Trzin za programsko obdobje 2007–2013

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

2007: EUR 584

2008: EUR 1 899

2009: EUR 1 965

2010: EUR 3 296

2011: EUR 800

2012: EUR 2 900

2013: EUR 2 900

Maximum aid intensity:

1. *Investment in farms for primary production:*

— up to 40 % of eligible costs for investment.

The purpose of the aid is to invest in new farm buildings and alterations to existing buildings, to purchase equipment and machinery to be used for agricultural production, to invest in the purchase and erection of greenhouses and anti-hail nets, and the planting of permanent orchards.

2. *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 an insurance premium for insuring crops and fruit and insuring livestock against disease.

3. *Provision of technical support:*

- up to 100 % of costs concerning education and training, consultancy services provided by third parties, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions and fairs, publications and websites. 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: December 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been 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 aid for preserving and developing agriculture and rural areas in the municipality of Trzin for the programming period 2007-2013 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 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:

Občina Trzin
Mengeška c. 22
SLO-1236 Trzin

Internet address:

http://www.trzin.si/datoteke/predpisi/pravilnik_kmet_TRZIN_popravljen-27-08-2007.doc

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 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Tone PERŠAK
Mayor of the Municipality of Trzin

Aid No: XA 401/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Območje občine Velike Lašče

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Programi razvoja kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Velike Lašče 2007–2013

Legal basis: Pravilnik o dodeljevanju pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Velike Lašče (II. Poglavlje)

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

2007: EUR 31 000

2008: EUR 32 000

2009: EUR 32 000

2010: EUR 35 000

2011: EUR 35 000

2012: EUR 37 000

2013: EUR 37 000

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 for investment in other areas.

The support is to be granted for the modernization of agricultural holdings, the purchase of equipment and the management of pastures for primary agricultural production.

2. Aid for conserving traditional landscapes and buildings:

- up to 100 % of actual costs for non-productive features,
- up to 60 % of eligible costs in other areas, and up to 75 % in less-favoured areas,
- 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 buildings.

3. Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:

- up to 100 % of eligible costs where the 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 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, this contribution is to be at least 55 % or 45 % respectively,
- where the relocation results in an increase in production capacity, the contribution from the beneficiary must be at least 60 %, or 50 % in less-favoured areas, of the expenses relating to this increase. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, this contribution is to be at least 55 % or 45 % respectively.

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 and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

5. Aid for land reparation:

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

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

- up to 100 % of actual costs incurred or of activities, insofar as they relate to improving the quality of agricultural products. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

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

- up to 100 % of costs concerning farmers' education and training, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications, catalogues and websites, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the replacement of a farmer and a farmer's partner during illness and leave. 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 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been 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 in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs: Chapter II of the draft Rules on granting aid for preserving and developing agriculture, forestry and rural areas in the municipality of Velike Lašče 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 Velike Lašče
Levstikov trg 1
SLO-1315 Velike Lašče

Internet address:

http://www.velike-lasce.si/data/datoteke/vlsi/barbarap/akti/september_2007/pravilniki/pravilnik-pomoc_za_ohranjanje_kmet_podezelja.pdf

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 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Anton ZAKRAJŠEK
Mayor
