

**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 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 331/05)

**Aid No:** XA 352/08

**Member State:** France

**Region:** These measures may also be financed by any regional authorities (regional or general councils) that wish to do so, subject to compliance with the conditions governing support under the National Guarantee Fund for Agricultural Disasters (FNGCA) and with the limits set by the Rural Code

**Title of aid scheme:**

Aides au paiement des primes et cotisations d'assurance afférentes aux dommages causés par plusieurs phénomènes météorologiques, dont au moins à la fois la sécheresse, la grêle, le gel et l'inondation ou l'excès d'eau

**Legal basis:**

- Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- loi 64.706 du 10 juillet 1964,
- article L 361-8 du livre III (nouveau) du code rural,
- article L 122.7 du code des assurances.

Décret n° 2008-270 fixant les modalités d'application de l'article L.361-8 du livre II (nouveau) du code rural en vue de favoriser le développement de l'assurance contre certains risques agricoles

**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:** EUR 37 million from the National Guarantee Fund for Agricultural Disasters (FNGCA)

**Maximum aid intensity:** 35 %, from the FNGCA, of the premium or contribution invoiced to the insured party, net of tax, for eligible cover.

The extent of eligible cover is determined on the basis of a minimum excess of 25 % for single crop insurance, and 20 % for insurance covering the entire production of the farm.

For instance, for contracts with an excess higher than or equal to the minimum level, the eligible cover is the actual cover set out in the contract, and the amount of the eligible premium is the amount of the net premium invoiced to the insured party.

In the case of contracts with an excess lower than the minimum level, the amount of the eligible premium is limited to the amount of the net premium invoiced to the insured party, which relates only to the eligible cover defined above.

The FNGCA aid amounting to 35 % will be increased by 5 % for young farmers who have been established for less than five years.

Where there is a cumulation of aid from the Fund and from a regional authority, the total aid must not in any case exceed 50 % of the amount of the premium or contribution

**Date of implementation:** From confirmation of receipt by the Commission

**Duration of scheme:** Until the end of 2010

**Objective of aid:** To promote the spread of insurance against various agricultural risks. The insurance premiums for which aid is granted are those referred to in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

**Sector(s) concerned:** All agricultural holdings, excluding large enterprises, engaged in the primary production of fruit, vegetables, vines, cereals, oil and protein-bearing plants, perfumed, aromatic and medicinal plants and industrial crops

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

Ministère de l'agriculture et de la pêche,  
Direction générale des politiques agricole, agro-alimentaire et des territoires,  
Bureau du crédit et de l'assurance,  
78, rue de Varenne  
F-75700 Paris

**Website:**

<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/sections/thematiques/exploitations-agricoles/assurance-recolte>

**Aid No:** XA 355/08

**Member State:** Italy

**Region:** Veneto

**Title of aid scheme:**

Progetti formativi rivolti a favore delle piccole medie imprese attive nella produzione di prodotti agricoli

**Legal basis:**

L. 845/1978 «Legge quadro in materia di formazione professionale»;

L.R. n. 10 del 30 gennaio 1990 «Ordinamento del sistema della formazione professionale e organizzazione delle politiche regionali del lavoro»;

Deliberazione della Giunta Regionale n. 2327 del 8 agosto 2008

**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:** EUR 1 500 000

**Maximum aid intensity:** The aid intensity is that laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 for the activities referred to in Article 15.

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 100 % of eligible expenditure, based on the cost per hour of training, set at EUR 130/hour

**Date of implementation:** Regional Council Decision of 8 August 2008 published in the Official Gazette of the Veneto Region No 70 of 22 August 2008 and on the Veneto Region's website on 27 August 2008 and, as from the date of publication of the registration number of the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

**Duration of scheme:** From 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011

**Objective of aid:** Under the terms of Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006, the aid will serve to provide ongoing training for farmers and those working alongside them. The following kinds of training are involved:

- training for the purposes of achieving authorisation for the purchase and use of plant protection products,
- training leading to the award of a trade qualification or certificate of competency as referred to in current legislation and for which the training element or skills updating element is of prime importance,
- training to update or perfect subject-knowledge,
- training with a view to acquiring sufficient 'professional abilities' as referred to in Community legislation and/or the certification referred to in Legislative Decree No 99/2004 (professional farmer)

**Sector(s) concerned:** Agriculture — primary production of agricultural produce

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

Segreteria Regionale attività produttive, istruzione e formazione  
Rio dei Tre Ponti Dorsoduro, 3  
I-Venezia  
Tel. (39) 412 791 560  
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Sommario Bandi — Sito Ufficiale della Regione Veneto

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**Aid No:** XA 369/08

**Member State:** United Kingdom

**Region:** Northern Ireland

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

National Fallen Stock Scheme (Northern Ireland)-Collection of Aborted Material Pilot Scheme

**Legal basis:**

The Animal By-Products Regulations Northern Ireland 2003 (SR 2003 No 495) and Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption requires Member States to ensure adequate arrangements are in place to enable aborted material to be disposed of in accordance with those Regulations

**Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:** GBP 0,05 million

**Maximum aid intensity:** The aid intensity for transport costs of having aborted material collected from holdings by an approved contractor is up to 100 % in accordance with Article 16(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

The aid intensity for the disposal costs of rendering or incineration of aborted material by an approved contractor is up to 75 % in accordance with Article 16(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

**Date of implementation:** 5 November 2008

**Duration of scheme or individual aid award:** The scheme will close on 29 March 2009 or when the budget has been exhausted, whichever occurs first

**Objective of aid:** Agriculture, forestry and fishing. Article 16(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

**Sector(s) concerned:** Small and medium sized enterprises involved in the primary production of agricultural products

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

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
TB/BR Policy Branch  
Room 657B Dundonald House  
Upper Newtownards Road  
Belfast  
BT4 3SB  
Ireland

**Website:**

<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/animal-diseases/br/free-collection-and-removal-of-aborted-material-scheme.htm>

**Other information:** —