

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

(2009/C 189/08)

Aid No: XA 156/09

Member State: Spain

Region: Comunitat Valenciana

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Ayudas compensatorias por los costes de prevención y erradicación de Salmonelosis en avicultura

Legal basis: Borrador de Orden de la Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, por la que se establecen Ayudas compensatorias por los costes de prevención y erradicación de Salmonelosis en avicultura

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 800 000

Maximum aid intensity: 80 % of the eligible expenditure

Date of implementation: 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 or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013

Objective of the aid: Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 (aid in respect of animal and plant diseases and pest infestations)

Sector(s) concerned: SMEs on the Comunitat Valenciana's register of livestock holdings for poultry.

Name and address of granting authority:

Conselleria de Agricultura Pesca y Alimentación
C/ Amadeo de Saboya, 2
46010 Valencia
ESPAÑA

Website:

http://www.agricultura.gva.es/especiales/ayudas_agrarias/pdf/salmonelosis2009.pdf

Other information: —

Aid No: XA 157/09

Member State: Spain

Region: Comunitat Valenciana

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

Legal basis: Resolución de la Consellera de Agricultura Pesca y Alimentación, que concede la subvención basada en una línea nominativa descrita en la ley 17/2008 de presupuestos de la Generalitat

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 24 000 during 2009

Maximum aid intensity: 100 % of the eligible expenditure

Date of implementation: As from the publication of the identification number of the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of individual aid award: Throughout 2009 and until 31 December 2013

Objective of the aid:

To develop livestock farming through training, advisory and technical assistance service to livestock farmers (Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006).

The aid will cover the eligible costs of training livestock farmers (costs of organising the training programme, participants' travel and subsistence expenses), consultancy services provided by third parties (not those usually used by the undertaking), the organisation of knowledge-sharing forums, and publications such as catalogues or websites.

Sector(s) concerned: Livestock sector

Name and address of the granting authority:

Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación
C/ Amadeo de Saboya, 2
46010 Valencia
ESPAÑA

Website:

http://www.agricultura.gva.es/especiales/ayudas_agrarias/pdf/upv09.pdf

Aid No: XA 158/09

Member State: Spain

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Subvenciones destinadas a las Agrupaciones de Defensa Sanitaria Ganaderas (ADSG en lo sucesivo)

Legal basis:

Proyecto de Real Decreto /2009, por el que se establecen las bases reguladoras de las subvenciones destinadas a las agrupaciones de defensa sanitaria ganaderas (pendiente de publicación en el Boletín Oficial del Estado).

This sets out details of the requirements and the health programmes to be applied, lays down the criteria for distribution between the various Autonomous Communities and adapts the rules to the new *Reglamento de la Ley de Subvenciones* (as approved by Royal Decree No 887/2006 of 21 July 2006), which has involved slight adjustments.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The planned expenditure from the public purse to be granted to all the beneficiaries as a whole is EUR 8 million in 2009, to be gradually increased to EUR 16,5 million in 2013 for a maximum overall amount of EUR 57,15 million

Maximum aid intensity: In accordance with Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006, the aid intensity may not exceed 100 % of the eligible activity.

Date of implementation: The granting of aid regulated by the Royal Decree is subject to the publication of the registration number of the exemption request on the website of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. The aid may not be applied before the date of the above publication.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013. A call for proposals will be published annually.

Objective of aid:

Transparent aid to Livestock Health Protection Groups (ADSG) for the provision to integrated livestock farms, which must be agricultural producer SMEs, of common health measures and programme implementation in respect of diseases mentioned in the list of animal diseases established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and in the Annex to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field. The aid will cover the following:

- (a) Health checks, diagnostic or laboratory tests or other screening measures to detect animal disease, including expenses for ADSG veterinary doctors' professional activities. Expenses relating to sampling or diagnostic activities by ADGS veterinary doctors within the framework of national programmes for the eradication of animal disease part-financed by the European Union are excluded.
- (b) The purchase and administration of vaccines, veterinary medicines, biocides and other animal health products, including the expenses for ADGS veterinary doctors' professional activities.
- (c) The slaughter of animals or the destruction of beehives, either infected or suspected of being infected, including the expenses for ADGS veterinary doctors' professional activities.
- (d) The application of any additional health measures decided by the competent bodies of the autonomous community where the ADGS operates, based on the health conditions of the area and the specific features of each livestock health protection group, including the expenses for ADGS veterinary doctors' professional activities.

The aid will be granted for activities carried out after submitting the aid application.

The aid, granted in kind to producers, falls under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Sector(s) concerned: ADGS consisting of SMEs operating in the field of primary production.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, y Medio Rural y Marino
C/ Alfonso XII, 62
28014 Madrid
ESPAÑA

Website:

The full text of the scheme criteria and conditions is available on the following website:

http://www.mapa.es/ministerio/pags/normas/proyecto_RD_ayudas.pdf

Likewise, once approved, the full text of the draft aid programme will be available on the Spanish Official State Gazette website:

<http://www.boe.es/g/es/iberlex/>

Other Information:

The grants will be compatible with any others that may be granted by other public administrations, public bodies attached to or subordinate to them, be they national or international, and other, private, natural or legal persons. However, grants, taken alone or together with one or more other aid payments or grants from any other administration, public body or natural or legal person, may not exceed the limits laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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.

More detailed information on scheme eligibility rules and criteria is available on the above websites.

Aid No: XA 160/09

Member State: Spain

Region: Comunitat Valenciana

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Asociación de Criadores de cordero del Maestrat

Legal basis: Resolución de la Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, que concede la subvención basada en una línea nominativa descrita en la ley 17/2008 de presupuestos de la Generalitat

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 12 000 during 2009

Maximum aid intensity: 100 % of the eligible expenditure

Date of implementation: from the date of publication of the identification number of the request for exemption on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Duration of scheme or of individual aid award: From 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013

Objective of aid:

Strategy and viability plan for the Maestrat lamb sector, involving in particular the introduction of a quality label (Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006).

Eligible expenditure includes hiring technical personnel to implement the strategy and viability plan, as well the cost of third party services needed to carry out the experiments, tests and studies provided for in this decision, as well as the costs

resulting from disseminating the plan, including for training the livestock farmers. It also includes the direct costs of advising the livestock farmers on implementing the viability plan, but not investment expenditure

Sector(s) concerned: Maestrazgo lamb sector; livestock farmers in the Maestrat district

Name and address of the granting authority:

Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación
C/ Amadeo de Saboya, 2
46010 Valencia
ESPAÑA

Website:

http://www.agricultura.gva.es/especiales/ayudas_agrarias/pdf/accm09.pdf

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Aid No: XA 191/09

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: Scotland

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Bluetongue Vaccination Campaign — 2nd Phase

Legal Basis: Section 4(3) of the Small Landholders Act 1911

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: GBP 1 200 000

Maximum aid intensity: 50 %

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on the 1 July 2009

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will start on 1 July and close on 31 December 2009.

Objective of aid: Aid to SMEs

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to the small and medium-sized enterprises involved in the primary production of agricultural products.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Scottish Government
Pentland House
47 Robbs Loan
Edinburgh
EH14 1TY
UNITED KINGDOM

Website:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Agriculture/animal-welfare/Diseases/SpecificDisease/bluetongue/BTVaccination/BTVaccinationStateAidInfo>

Other information:

The aim of the Scottish Vaccination Campaign against bluetongue serotype 8 (BTV8) is to keep Scottish livestock free from disease. Vaccination of cattle and sheep is compulsory, and vaccination of all other domestic susceptible animals is

voluntary (though strongly encouraged). The aid provided by the Scottish government will reduce the cost of the vaccine to producers and animal keepers by 50 % of the manufacturer's costs. Producers and animal keepers will pay the balance of the manufacturing and delivery costs.

At the beginning of the campaign in 2008, the Scottish government secured 12 million doses of vaccine for use by livestock producers and animal keepers meeting the definition of an SME. Of this 12 million, 5.5 million unused doses remain available, worth GBP 1 200 000. This second phase will continue to help producers and animal keepers meet the costs of bluetongue vaccination. The vaccine is supplied on a first come first, served basis. If the vaccine supply sells out, animal keepers will then have to pay the full commercial price for the vaccine.

The scheme complies with Chapter 1 Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006, by providing support of up to 50 % of the bluetongue vaccine manufacturing cost for SMEs. The support has been provided directly to the vaccine manufacturers. Producers will therefore receive the vaccine at the supported price when purchased from veterinary practices and is granted in kind by means of a subsidised service which will not involve direct payment of money to producers.

Farmers can administer the vaccine themselves, except where veterinary administration and certification is specifically required.

It is anticipated that all the vaccine will be used during the life of this scheme.
