

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

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

(2009/C 261/06)

Aid No: XA 220/09

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Seine-Maritime

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Aides aux investissements en agriculture biologique (Seine-Maritime)

Legal basis: Articles L1511-2, L3231-2 et 3232-1 du Code général des collectivités territoriales; délibération du Conseil général du 31 mars 2009 relative à la politique agricole départementale de la période 2009-2012

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 130 000 per year

Maximum aid intensity: 40 % maximum

Date of implementation: From when the Commission confirms receipt

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 2009-2012 period

Objective of aid:

The number of farms certified in organic farming in Seine-Maritime is relatively low. The objective of this aid is to encourage specific investment in organic farming.

Eligible investments will be between EUR 2 000 and EUR 15 000. The planned rate of aid is between 20 and 40 % depending on how specialised the equipment is. Priority will be given to young farmers, farms which are converting to organic farming and specialized farms, and market gardening, horticulture and arboriculture.

In addition to, where appropriate, other State aid, or aid from public bodies or collectivities, and strictly in compliance with the aid ceiling set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 where aid is accumulated, this scheme must encourage the development of organic farming in the department.

40 % rate of aid for mechanical and thermal weeding equipment for market gardening: hoes, hillers, harrows and cultivators, ridgers and bed formers, thermal weeders and humidifiers.

20 % rate of aid: chain harrows, bladed or star-toothed hoeing machines, bevelled continental Cambridge rollers, pasture regenerators, tank netting for harvesters.

Aid shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: The entire agricultural sector

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Département de Seine-Maritime
Quai Jean Moulin
76101 Rouen Cedex 1
FRANCE

Website:

<http://www.seinemaritime.net/guidedes aides/medias/File/aide-aux-investissements-en-agriculture-biologique-t2.pdf>

Other information: —

Aid No: XA 221/09

Member State: France

Region: Département de la Seine-Maritime

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Aides aux investissements pour le séchage du foin en grange (Seine-Maritime)

Legal basis: Articles L1511-2, L3231-2 et 3232-1 du Code général des collectivités territoriales; délibération du Conseil général du 31 mars 2009 relative à la politique agricole départementale de la période 2009-2012.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 400 000 per year

Maximum aid intensity: 30 % maximum

Date of implementation: From when the Commission confirms receipt

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 2009-2012 period

Objective of aid:

In the context of consolidated farming, more and more systems are based on fully distributed feeding. Such feeding is often based on maize for silage and the proportion of grass is continuing to decrease. However, maintaining, or even developing, green land is a significant environmental challenge for the department in order to reduce erosion, water turbidity, alluviation of rivers and chemical pollution of water points. The technique of barn hay drying allows large-scale, and even exclusive, green land areas to be maintained for large flocks and for distributed feeding. The drying is based on the use of a renewable energy source (usually solar heating of the under-roof air, or boilers run on biomass fuel). To maximise the benefit of this investment in farms, aid will be granted preferentially to farmers certified in organic farming, farmers producing farm cheese with the Neufchâtel registered designation of origin and collective projects. The scheme has already been the subject of an exemption over the period 2006-2009 under reference No XA 84/06.

The aid will be granted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: The entire agricultural sector

Name and address of the granting authority:

Monsieur le Président du Département de Seine-Maritime
Quai Jean Moulin
76101 Rouen Cedex 1
FRANCE

Website:

<http://www.seinemaritime.net/guidedesaides/medias/File/aide-aux-investissements-pour-le-sechage-du-foin-en-grange-t2.pdf>

Other information: —

Aid No: XA 222/09

Member State: Italy

Region: Provincia Autonoma di Trento

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Aiuti destinati alla lotta contro le epizootie, le zootie e le fitopatie. Indennizzi per i danni agli allevamenti colpiti da tubercolosi, brucellosi e leucosi bovina enzootica

Legal basis:

Livello nazionale

— Legge 9 luglio 1964 n. 615 «Bonifica sanitaria degli allevamenti dalla tubercolosi e brucellosi».

Livello provinciale

— L.P. 4 del 28 marzo 2003 «Sostegno dell'economia agricola, disciplina dell'agricoltura biologica e della contrassegnazione di prodotti geneticamente non modificati». Capo IX «Eventi calamitosi»; articolo 52 «Altri eventi naturali».

— Deliberazione n. 2682 di data 16 dicembre 2005 che ha approvato il «Piano provinciale di controllo della tubercolosi, brucellosi, leucosi bovina enzootica negli allevamenti bovini della provincia di Trento».

— Deliberazione n. 1541 del 13 giugno 2008 avente per oggetto: «Disciplina relativa alla concessione degli indennizzi per i danni agli allevamenti colpiti da tubercolosi, brucellosi e leucosi bovina enzootica».

— Deliberazione n. 1945 del 30 luglio 2009 avente per oggetto: «Disciplina relativa alla concessione degli indennizzi per i danni agli allevamenti colpiti da tubercolosi, brucellosi e leucosi bovina enzootica: modifica della deliberazione n. 1541 del 13 giugno 2008».

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: Quantification of the loss and the relevant public contribution was carried out on the basis of the data on the epidemic verified by the health authorities; on the basis of the data currently available to us and validity of the aid scheme until 31 December 2010, overall annual expenditure can be estimated at EUR 450 000

Maximum aid intensity:

Aid amounting to 90 % of the estimated loss is provided for.

The payments provided for under this aid scheme will be made direct to the farmer that suffered the loss; alternatively, the injured farmer may delegate the relevant farming cooperative to submit the application and collect the aid in his name and on his behalf: in that case, the aid is paid to the cooperative and subsequently transferred to the farmer in its entirety

Date of implementation: The aid scheme will be implemented from the date of publication in the Regional Official Gazette of the notice of the successful outcome of the European Commission's examination of compatibility in accordance with Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The aid may be granted until 31 December 2010

Objective of aid:

The aim of the aid scheme is to compensate farmers in the Province affected by cases of bovine tuberculosis for earnings lost as a result of:

- the loss of animals, limited to their replacement period (for four months),
- the extra costs incurred by the farmer in having to keep non-infected animals on the farm,
- the extra costs incurred by the farmer in having to isolate the fresh milk concerned, both during its refrigeration on the farm and during transport,
- the reduced payment per kg/litre of milk supplied as a result of having to change its use (UHT).

The aid is within the scope of Articles 10 and 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: NACE Codes A.10.401 (Raising of dairy cattle) and A.10.402 (Raising of other cattle and buffaloes)

Name and address of the granting authority:

Provincia Autonoma di Trento
Servizio Aziende agricole e territorio rurale
Via G.B. Trener 3
38100 Trento TN
ITALIA

Website:

- http://www.consiglio.provincia.tn.it/banche_dati/codice_provinciale/clex_ricerca_per_campi.it.asp (you need only enter the number and year of the Provincial law to be consulted),
- http://www.delibere.provincia.tn.it/ricerca_delibere.asp (you need only enter the number and year of the decision to be consulted)

Other information:

The compensation payments provided for under this aid scheme are made as part of a public programme for the prevention and control of epizootic diseases. To that end the Provincial Council approved the 'Provincial Plan for the control of tuberculosis, brucellosis and enzootic bovine leucosis in bovine herds in the Province of Trento' by Decision No 2682 of 16 December 2005.

The aid scheme set up by Article 52 of Provincial Law No 4/2003 and Decision No 1541 of the Provincial Council of 13 June 2008 has already been approved under XA 223/08.

Aid No: XA 223/09

Member State: Lithuania

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Parama veislininkystei (Schemas XA 216/08 pakeitimas)

Legal basis: Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministro 2009 m. rugpjūčio 3 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-552 „Dėl žemės ūkio ministro 2008 m. birželio 2 d. įsakymo Nr. 3D-302 „Dėl Paramos veislininkystei taisyklių patvirtinimo“ pakeitimo“

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: LTL 14 271 000 (EUR 4 136 522 at the official exchange rate)

Maximum aid intensity:

up to 100 % of the administrative costs of establishing and maintaining herd books;

up to 70 % of the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties to determine the genetic quality or yield of livestock, with the exception of controls undertaken by the owner of the livestock and routine controls of milk quality;

up to 40 % of the costs of introducing innovative animal-breeding techniques or practices at farm level, with the exception of costs relating to artificial insemination, until 31 December 2011;

up to 100 % of the costs of organising and participating in competitions, exhibitions, fairs and forums, educational and training activities and the dissemination of scientific knowledge (conferences, seminars, professional and scientific events, publishing of publications)

Date of implementation: The aid scheme will enter into force after the Commission has officially published this summary information

Duration of scheme or individual aid award:

Until 31 December 2013.

In the case of aid towards the costs of introducing innovative animal-breeding techniques or practices at farm level, with the exception of costs relating to artificial insemination, up to 31 December 2011

Objective of aid:

- aid to SMEs,
- to encourage livestock farmers to take part in evaluations of breeding stock on the basis of their offspring and in other selection programmes,
- to increase the productivity of livestock and improve its genetic potential, and to develop herds with high breeding values,
- to collect data on animal productivity and origin and develop breeding and animal selection software using a single computer network,
- to modernise animal-productivity and meat-quality evaluation technologies,
- to encourage livestock farmers to rear animals of high breeding value and to improve their breeding qualities,
- to preserve and improve livestock breeds and their gene pool in Lithuania,
- to carry out an assessment of breeding animals, organise animal shows, fairs, forums, competitions and training activities (conferences, seminars, professional and scientific events, publishing of publications).

Articles 15 and 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 apply.

Eligible expenditure:

1. the administrative costs of establishing and maintaining herd books;
2. the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties to determine the genetic quality or yield of livestock, with the exception of controls undertaken by the owner of the livestock and routine controls of milk quality;
3. the costs of introducing innovative animal-breeding techniques or practices at farm level, with the exception of costs relating to the introduction or performance of artificial insemination;
4. the costs of organising and participating in competitions, exhibitions, fairs and forums, educational and training activities and the dissemination of scientific knowledge (conferences, seminars, professional and scientific events, publishing of publications).

Sector(s) concerned: Animal husbandry (cattle farming, horse farming, pig farming, sheep farming, goat farming)

Name and address of the granting authority:

Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija
Gedimino pr. 19 (Lelevelio g. 6)
LT-01103 Vilnius
LIETUVA/LITHUANIA

Website:

<http://www.zum.lt/lt/teisine-informacija/isakymai/4917/>

Other information: —

Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerijos kanclerė
Dalia MINIATAITĖ

Aid No: XA 225/09

Member State: Germany

Region: Berlin

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Gewährung von Beihilfen für Impfungen gegen Tierkrankheiten

Legal basis: Verwaltungsvorschriften über die Gewährung von Beihilfen für Impfungen gegen Tierkrankheiten in Verbindung mit Gesetz zur Ausführung des Viehseuchengesetzes (AG-ViehSG) vom 23. Januar 1975 (GVBl. S. 394), geändert durch Gesetz vom 30. Oktober 1984 (GVBl. S. 1541)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:
EUR 25 000

Maximum aid intensity: Max. 100 %

Date of implementation: In accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until December 2010

Objective of aid:

Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Improvement of participation in state vaccination programmes against animal diseases through reallocation of the stockfarmers' compulsory contributions from the animal diseases fund to contributing SMEs

Sector(s) concerned: Cattle, pig and sheep farming

Name and address of the granting authority:

Implementation of the aid scheme:

Senatsverwaltung für Gesundheit, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz
Oranienstr. 106
10969 Berlin
DEUTSCHLAND

Grant of the aid:

Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales
Sächsische Str. 28
10707 Berlin
DEUTSCHLAND

Website:

<http://www.berlin.de/imperia/md/content/lageso/gesundheit/veterinaerwesen/beihilfen.pdf>

Other information: The budgeted annual costs are usually considerably underutilised.
