

Authorization for State aid pursuant to Articles 92 and 93 of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(97/C 127/06)

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: France (overseas departments)

Aid No: NN 85/94

Title: Transport aid for cereals

Objective: To mitigate the geographical remoteness of the French overseas departments

Legal basis: Ministerial decision

Budget: Variable depending on the State budget

Duration: Stopped in 1991

Conditions: The measure was abolished in 1991 and replaced by a Community measure (Council Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91)

Legal basis: Entwurf zur Änderung der Richtlinie des Ministeriums für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten von Brandenburg über die Gewährung von Zuwendungen zur Förderung der Direktvermarktung landwirtschaftlicher Produkte

Budget:

- 1996: DM 2,5 million (approximately ECU 1,25 million)
- 1997: DM 1,75 million (approximately ECU 0,875 million)
- 1998: DM 1,5 million (approximately ECU 0,75 million)
- 1999: DM 1,5 million (approximately ECU 0,75 million)

Aid intensity: Various

Duration: Four years

Conditions:

- With regard to first investments and measures concerning investments in rationalization and reconstruction for the processing and marketing of products included in Annex II to the Treaty, the Commission has noted that point 5.5 of the revised text of the Guideline provides for compliance with the conditions, maximum rates and sectoral restrictions referred to in the Community guidelines for state aid in connection with investments in the processing and marketing of agricultural products (OJ No C 29, 2. 2. 1996, p. 4)
- With regard to first investments and measures concerning investments in rationalization and rebuilding for the processing and marketing of freshwater fishery products, the Commission has noted the German authorities' assurance of compliance with applicable Community provisions on the matter as referred to in point 2.4 of Annex III to Council Regulation (EC) No 3699/93 of 21 December 1993 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products
- With regard to promotion aid in the context of direct marketing, the Commission has noted that point 2.3 of the revised text of the Guideline provides that no aid may be granted for expenditure on publicity through the mass media and that point 5.6 of the aforementioned text provides for compliance with the conditions set out in the Commission's guidelines for

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Netherlands

Aid No: N 323/96

Title: Aid and parafiscal taxes for improving personnel management in agricultural and horticultural enterprises

Objective: Improving personnel management in agricultural and horticultural enterprises and transparency of the labour market in these sectors

Legal basis: Heffingsverordening professionalisering personeelsbeleid in de land- en tuinbouw

Budget: Fl 772 000 (± ECU 367 000) in total for 1996

Aid intensity: Up to 100 % of eligible costs

Duration: Unlimited duration

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Germany (Brandenburg)

Aid No: N 403/96

Title: Measures to assist farms — amendment of scheme

Objective: Investments in processing and marketing; product promotion; programming, market research and market strategy

the promotion of agricultural and fishery products (OJ No C 272, 28. 10. 1986) as well as the guidelines for the examination of State aids to fisheries and aquaculture for aid measures of this type

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia)

Aid No: N 485/96

Title: Aid for an environmentally-friendly agricultural production method (amendment of existing aid)

Objective: To introduce an environmentally-friendly form of farming

Legal basis: Förderungsprogramm für eine umweltverträgliche und standortangepasste Landwirtschaft in Nordrhein-Westfalen

Budget:

- 1996: DM 5,17 million
- 1997: DM 8,87 million
- 1998: DM 14,21 million
- 1999: DM 19,1 million
- 2000: DM 19,1 million

Aid intensity: Various according to the measures and undertakings made

Duration: Unspecified

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Germany (Lower Saxony)

Aid No: N 486/96

Title: Measure on pilot projects for the development of a quality management system

Objective: To encourage the improvement of quality and health aspects of foodstuffs of agricultural origin

Legal basis: Einzelerlaß an Landwirtschaftskammern

Budget:

- 1996: DM 0,15 million (approximately ECU 0,075 million)
- 1997: DM 0,15 million
- 1998: DM 0,15 million
- 1999: DM 0,15 million

Aid intensity: Up to 35 % of the eligible costs

Duration: Until 1999

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: United Kingdom

Aid No: N 493/96

Title: Tax on home-grown cereals

Objective: To collect funds for research and information for producers, merchants and consigners of cereals and oilseeds

Legal basis: The Cereals Marketing Act 1965/The Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1996 (SI No 1454)

Budget: £ 11 million/ECU 14 million in 1996

Aid intensity: The tax rate is fixed on the basis of the funds needed, the size of the national harvest and difference from previous years

Duration: Unlimited

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Germany (Saxony)

Aid No: N 538/96

Title: Financial assistance for farms likely to be placed in jeopardy (amendment of existing aid)

Objective: To reduce the financial costs of loans contracted in the past to finance investments already made; the amendment expands the categories of beneficiaries in farming

Legal basis: Richtlinie über die Gewährung von Liquiditätsbeihilfen für in Not geratene Unternehmen

Budget:

- 1996: DM 3 million (approximately ECU 1,6 million)
- 1997: DM 2 million (approximately ECU 1,1 million)
- 1998: DM 2 million (approximately ECU 1,1 million)

Aid intensity: Interest rebate decreasing from 6 % to 2 % over 6 years

Duration: Until 31. 12. 1998

Date of adoption: 4. 12. 1996

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 709/96

Title: Aid and parafiscal taxes for the combat of salmonella in chickens and consumption eggs

Objective: Intensification of the combat of salmonella with the objective of reducing the infection level of salmonella in broiler chickens and laying flocks below 5 %

Legal basis: Several draft executive orders and guidelines of the Danish Veterinary Service on combating salmonella in hen flocks and breeding connected herewith

Budget: Dkr 188 million (approximately ECU 25 million) in total from 1996 to 1999

Aid intensity: Up to 100 % of losses due to imposed destruction of poultry, eggs and feedingstuffs and of operational loss for the period necessary until normal production can be taken up again

Duration: 1996 to 1999

Conditions: The Commission has noted the assurances given by the Danish authorities that the compensation amounts provided for in no case will lead to overcompensation of losses suffered

Standing invitation to tender pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 570/88 of 16 February 1988 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs

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(See notice in Official Journal of the European Communities No L 55 of 1 March 1988, page 31)

Tender No: 204

Date of Commission Decision: 16 April 1997

(ECU/100 kg)

Formula			A/C—D		B	
Incorporation procedure			With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers
Minimum price	Butter ≥ 82 %	Unaltered	—	—	—	—
		Concentrated	—	—	—	—
Processing security		Unaltered	—		—	
		Concentrated	—		—	
Maximum aid amount	Butter ≥ 82 %		125	121	125	121
	Butter < 82 %		120	116	—	—
	Concentrated butter		154	150	154	150
	Cream		—	—	54	—
Processing security	Butter		138	—	138	—
	Concentrated butter		170	—	170	—
	Cream		—	—	60	—