

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

**Cases where the Commission raises no objections**

(98/C 384/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** Italy (Lazio)

**Aid No:** N 163/98

**Title:** Novalis Fibres Srl

**Objective:** Polyamide yarn

**Legal basis:** Legge 488/92

**Budget:** ITL 21,3 billion

**Aid intensity:** ITL 1,86 billion (5 % nge)

**Duration:** 1994 to 1998

**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** Portugal (Paredes)

**Aid No:** N 203/98

**Title:** Verto Portugal

**Objective:** Synthetic fibres

**Legal basis:** Programa IMIT (Iniciativa para a modernização da indústria têxtil)

**Budget:** ECU 1 604 726

**Aid intensity:** Approximately ECU 413 000 (25,7 %)

**Duration:** 1995 to 1997

**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** Belgium

**Aid No:** N 205/98

**Title:** Restructuring aid for Sunparks International NV

**Objective:** To restore the economic viability of Sunparks International by contributing to the financial restructuring of the company

**Legal basis:**

— Loi du 30 décembre 1970 relative à l'expansion économique

— Wet van 30 december 1970 op de economische expansie

**Budget:** ECU 9,2 million

**Aid intensity:** ECU 1,3 million

**Duration:** 10 and 15 years

**Conditions:** An annual report has to be made. The Belgian authorities have confirmed that this is the last time they will support the company

**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** United Kingdom

**Aid No:** N 210/98

**Title:** 'Seagate strategic research programme'

**Objective:** To support R&D on key technologies for magnetic heads for hard disk, tape and sensor devices

**Legal basis:** The Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1982, Part III, Article 9

**Budget:** GBP 7 004 400 (approximately ECU 10,5 million)

**Aid intensity:** 30 % for a mix of industrial research and precompetitive development

**Duration:** 42 months, from start of the project

**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** Belgium

**Aid No:** N 240/98

**Title:** Directive B 6 laying down the conditions for implementing the Economic Reorientation Law of 4 August 1978 (Belgian Official Gazette of 17 August 1978)

**Objective:** To support business investment in the Brussels-capital region

**Legal basis:**

— Loi de réorientation économique du 4 août 1978 (*Moniteur belge* du 17 août 1978)

— Wet van 4 augustus 1978 tot economische heroriëntering (Belgisch Staatsblad van 17 augustus 1978)

**Budget:** 1997: 295 BEF million (some ECU 7,2 million)

**Aid intensity:** Variable, depending on beneficiary and type of investment; in line with Community guidelines for SMEs and disadvantaged urban areas and within the *de minimis* ceiling

**Duration:** Indefinite

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**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** United Kingdom

**Aid No:** N 374/98

**Title:** 'New Deal'

**Objective:** Job creation for young unemployed aged 18 to 24 and long-term unemployed aged 25 and over

**Legal basis:** Employment and Training Act 1973 as amended by the Employment Act 1988 and Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

**Budget:** GBP 3,5 billion (ECU 5,2 billion)

**Duration:** Until 2002

**Conditions:** Considered as a general measure

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**Date of adoption:** 30.9.1998

**Member State:** Germany (Lower Saxony)

**Aid No:** N 394/98

**Title:** Rawe GmbH & Co.

**Objective:** Restructuring aid (textiles)

**Legal basis:** Richtlinien für die Übernahme von Bürgschaften des Landes Niedersachsen vom 15.5.1990

**Aid intensity:** Guarantee covering a loan of DEM 15,4 million (ECU 7,7 million)

**Duration:** Until 15 December 1999

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**Date of adoption:** 8.10.1998

**Member State:** Germany (Bremen)

**Aid No:** N 254/98

**Title:** Promotion of SMEs

**Objective:** To promote SMEs

**Legal basis:** Landesinvestitionsprogramm (LIP) der Freien und Hansestadt Bremen

**Budget:** DEM 26 million p.a. (approximately ECU 13 million)

**Aid intensity:** Not exceeding the aid intensities foreseen under the SME guidelines and the environmental guidelines

**Duration:** Until 2003

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