

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 (ex Articles 92 and 93) of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2000/C 55/04)

Date of adoption of the decision: 22.12.1999

Member State: Belgium

Aid No: N 148/99

Title: Compulsory contributions to the Fund for animal health and production — poultry sector

Objective: To amend the existing legislation on the Fund for animal health and quality, which largely funds schemes to promote preventive epizootic and plant health measures in the poultry sector, increasing the compulsory contributions and introducing higher compulsory contributions for flightless birds

Legal basis:

- Arrêté royal modifiant l'arrêté royal du 24 juin 1997 relatif aux cotisations obligatoires au Fonds de la santé et de la production des animaux, fixées pour le secteur avicole
- Koninklijk besluit tot wijziging van het koninklijk besluit van 24 juni 1997 betreffende de verplichte bijdragen aan het Fonds voor de gezondheid en de produktie van de dieren, vastgesteld voor de sector pluimvee

Budget:

In 1999: BEF 87 000 000 (EUR 2 156 673), of which:

- BEF 34 600 000 (EUR 857 711) for the fund
- BEF 52 400 000 (EUR 1 298 962) for the public authorities

Aid intensity or amount: Up to 100 % of the planned schemes

Duration: Unspecified

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Date of adoption of the decision: 26.1.2000

Member State: Greece

Aid No: N 495/99

Title: Financial aid for farmers whose crop and livestock holdings were damaged by adverse weather conditions during the period from January to June in 1999

Objective: See title

Legal basis: Κοινή υπουργική απόφαση (Interministerial decision)

Budget: GRD 6 billion (approximately EUR 18,5 million)

Aid intensity or amount:

- Reconstruction of tree crops: 100 %
- Crops losses: 30 %
- Stored products and animal feed: 50 %
- Machinery and buildings: 40 %

Duration: 1999 to 2002

Other information: Transmission of the final version of the joint interministerial decision

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Date of adoption of the decision: 26.1.2000

Member State: Finland

Aid No: N 702/99

Title: Aid scheme for early retirement from farming

Objective: See title

Legal basis: Laki maatalousyrittäjien luopumistuesta (1293/1994); Lag om avträdelsetöd för lantbruksföretagare (1293/1994); Asetus maatalousyrittäjien luopumistuesta (1583/1994); Förordning om avträdelsetöd för lantbruksföretagare (1583/1994)

Budget: Approximately EUR 8,2 million

Aid intensity or amount: Average retirement aid around EUR 7 000 per year

Duration: Payment of up to 10 years for farmers taking early retirement before the end of the year 2000

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