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II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/M.5135 — Renolit/Evonik Degussa/Suncoat)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/01)

On 13 June 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in German and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This
 website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case
 number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32008M5135. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (http://eur-lex.europa.eu).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/M.5138 — Carlyle/Neochimiki)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/02)

On 13 June 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32008M5138. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (http://eur-lex.europa.eu).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.5189 — Nordic Capital/CPS)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/03)

On 13 June 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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 number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32008M5189. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (http://eur-lex.europa.eu).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.5177 — Goldman Sachs/Candover/Expro)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/04)

On 17 June 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This
 website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case
 number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32008M5177. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (http://eur-lex.europa.eu).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.5187 — Warburg Pincus/JPMP SK)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/05)

On 17 June 2008, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32008M5187. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (http://eur-lex.europa.eu).

Revision by France of the public service obligations imposed on scheduled air services between Ajaccio, Bastia, Calvi and Figari, and Marseille, Nice and Paris (Orly)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 164/06)

- 1. In accordance with Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes, public service obligations have been imposed upon scheduled air services:
 - between Ajaccio, Bastia, Calvi and Figari, and Marseille and Nice, as published in Official Journal of the European Union C 149 of 21 June 2005, p. 7,
 - between Ajaccio, Bastia, Calvi and Figari, and Paris (Orly), as published in Official Journal of the European Union C 149 of 21 June 2005, p. 12.

Fares for these services have been revised by publication in Official Journal of the European Union C 314 of 22 December 2007.

Under these public service obligations, if an abnormal and unforeseeable increase in the cost factors affecting the operation of the routes takes place for which the carriers are not responsible, the maximum fares laid down in point 2.2 therein may be raised in proportion to the increase.

2. In application of this clause, the public service obligations of 21 June 2005 amended on 22 December 2007 are amended as follows from 15 June 2008:

For services between Marseille and Nice and Corsica, the maximum fares stipulated in point 2.2 of the above-mentioned amended public service obligations are increased as follows:

- by EUR 3 per single journey for the normal fare,
- by EUR 3 per return journey for the fare for residents of Corsica subject to certain conditions,
- by EUR 2 per journey for the fare for the categories of passengers specified in the above-mentioned public service obligations (young persons, senior citizens, students, families, disabled persons).

For services between Paris (Orly) and Corsica, the maximum fares stipulated in point 2.2 of the above-mentioned amended public service obligations are increased as follows:

- by EUR 5 per single journey for the normal fare,
- by EUR 5 per return journey for the fare for residents of Corsica subject to certain conditions,
- by EUR 3 per journey for the fare for the categories of passengers specified in the above-mentioned public service obligations (young persons, senior citizens, students, families, disabled persons).

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates (¹) 26 June 2008

(2008/C 164/07)

1 euro =

	Currency	Exchange rate		Currency	Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,5731	TRY	Turkish lira	1,9121
JPY	Japanese yen	169,23	AUD	Australian dollar	1,6389
DKK	Danish krone	7,4589	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5899
GBP	Pound sterling	0,79195	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	12,2777
SEK	Swedish krona	9,4162	NZD	New Zealand dollar	2,0760
CHF	Swiss franc	1,6184	SGD	Singapore dollar	2,1474
ISK	Iceland króna	127,43	KRW	South Korean won	1 631,70
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,9590	ZAR	South African rand	12,3772
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	10,8004
CZK	Czech koruna	24,086	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,2465
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	14 464,65
HUF	Hungarian forint	236,71	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	5,1181
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP	Philippine peso	69,932
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7029	RUB	Russian rouble	36,9035
PLN	Polish zloty	3,3555	THB	Thai baht	52,809
RON	Romanian leu	3,6521	BRL	Brazilian real	2,5015
SKK	Slovak koruna	30,316	MXN	Mexican peso	16,1715

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

Summary of Community decisions on marketing authorizations in respect of medicinal products from 1 May 2008 to 31 May 2008

(Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (¹))

(2008/C 164/08)

— Issuing of a marketing authorization (Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004): Accepted

Date of the decision	Name of the medicinal product	INN (International Non-Proprietary Name)	Holder of the marketing authorization	Number of the entry in the Community Register	Pharmaceutical form	ATC code (Anatomical Therapeutic Chem- ical Code)	Date of notification
14.5.2008	Prepandrix	Prepandemic influenza vaccine (H5N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted) A/VietNam/1194/2004 NIBRG-14	GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals s.a. rue de l'Institut, 89 B-1330 Rixensart	EU/1/08/453/001	Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection	J07BB02	16.5.2008
20.5.2008	Pandemrix	Pandemic influenza vaccine (H5N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted) A/VietNam/1194/2004 NIBRG-14	GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals s.a. rue de l'Institut, 89 B-1330 Rixensart	EU/1/08/452/001	Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection	J07BB02	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Extavia	Interferon beta-1b	Novartis Europharm Limited Wimblehurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AB United Kingdom	EU/1/08/454/001-004	Powder and solvent for solution for injection	L03AB08	22.5.2008

— Issuing of a marketing authorization (Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004): Rejected

Date of the decision	Name of the medicinal product	Holder of the marketing authorization	Number of the entry in the Community Register	Date of notification
21.5.2008	CIMZIA	UCB S.A. Allée de la Recherche, 60 B-1070 Bruxelles Researchdreef, 60 B-1070 Brussel	_	23.5.2008
22.5.2008	Rhucin	Pharming Group N.V. Darwinweg 24 2333 CR Leiden Nederland	_	28.5.2008

— Modification of a marketing authorization (Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004): Accepted

Date of the decision	Name of the medicinal product	Holder of the marketing authorization	Number of the entry in the Community Register	Date of notification
8.5.2008	Ebixa	H. Lundbeck A/S Ottiliavej 9 DK-2500 Valby	EU/1/02/219/001-049	14.5.2008
8.5.2008	Ebixa	H. Lundbeck A/S Ottiliavej 9 DK-2500 Valby	EU/1/02/219/022-049	14.5.2008
8.5.2008	Axura	Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH Eckenheimer Landstr. 100-104 D-60318 Frankfurt/Main	EU/1/02/218/001-029	14.5.2008
8.5.2008	Axura	Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH Eckenheimer Landstr. 100-104 D-60318 Frankfurt/Main	EU/1/02/218/016-029	14.5.2008
21.5.2008	Prometax	Novartis Europharm Limited Wimblehurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AB United Kingdom	EU/1/98/092/001-026	23.5.2008
21.5.2008	Xagrid	Shire Pharmaceutical Contracts Ltd Hampshire International Business Park Chineham Basingstoke Hampshire RG24 8EP United Kingdom	EU/1/04/295/001	23.5.2008
21.5.2008	Foscan	Biolitec pharma Ltd United Drug House Magna Drive Dublin 24 Ireland	EU/1/01/197/001-005	23.5.2008
22.5.2008	Zevalin	Bayer Schering Pharma AG D-13342 Berlin	EU/1/03/264/001	27.5.2008



Date of the decision	Name of the medicinal product	Holder of the marketing authorization	Number of the entry in the Community Register	Date of notification
22.5.2008	Advate	Baxter AG Industriesstraße 67 A-1220 Vienna	EU/1/03/271/005-006	28.5.2008
20.5.2008	Forsteo	Eli Lilly Nederland B.V. Grootslag 1-5 3991 RA Houten Nederland	EU/1/03/247/001-002	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Carbaglu	Orphan Europe Immeuble Le Wilson 70, Avenue du Général de Gaulle F-92800 Puteaux	EU/1/02/246/001-003	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Exelon	Novartis Europharm Limited Wimblehurst Road Horsham West Sussex RH12 5AB United Kingdom	EU/1/98/066/001-026	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Refludan	Pharmion Limited Riverside House Riverside Walk Windsor SL4 1NA United Kingdom	EU/1/97/035/001-004	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Cystadane	Orphan Europe S.a.r.l. Immeuble Le Wilson 70, Avenue du Général de Gaulle F-92800 Puteaux	EU/1/06/379/001	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Zavesca	Actelion Registration Ltd BSI Building 13th Floor 389 Chiswick High Road London W4 4AL United Kingdom	EU/1/02/238/001	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Mabthera	Roche Registration Limited 6 Falcon Way Shire Park Welwyn Garden City AL7 1TW United Kingdom	EU/1/98/067/001-002	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Aldurazyme	Genzyme Europe B.V. Gooimeer 10 1411 DD Naarden Nederland	EU/1/03/253/001-003	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Onsenal	Pfizer Limited Ramsgate Road Sandwich Kent CT13 9NJ United Kingdom	EU/1/03/259/001-006	22.5.2008
20.5.2008	Rebif	Serono Europe Limited 56, Marsh Wall London E14 9TP United Kingdom	EU/1/98/063/001-007	27.5.2008

Modification of a marketing authorization (Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004): Accepted

Date of the decision	Name of the medicinal product	Holder of the marketing authorization	Number of the entry in the Community Register	Date of notification
21.5.2008	Nobilis IB 4-91	Intervet International B.V. Wim de Körverstraat 35 5831 AN Boxmeer Nederland	EU/2/98/006/001-010	23.5.2008
21.5.2008	METACAM	Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica GmbH D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein	EU/2/97/004/007-008 EU/2/97/004/014-015 EU/2/97/004/027-028 EU/2/97/004/031-032	23.5.2008

Anyone wishing to consult the public assessment report on the medicinal products in question and the decisions relating thereto is invited to contact:

The European Medicines Agency 7, Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HB United Kingdom

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 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

(2008/C 164/09)

Aid No: XA 279/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Območje občine Luče

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Luče za programsko obdobje 2007–2013

Legal basis:

Pravilnik o dodelitvi pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva, gozdarstva in podeželja v občini Luče za programsko obdobje 2007–2013 (II. poglavje)

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

2007: EUR 10 000

2008: EUR 10 000

2009: EUR 10 000

2010: EUR 10 000

2011: EUR 10 000

2012: EUR 10 000

2013: EUR 10 000

Maximum aid intensity:

- 1. Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:
 - up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas,
 - up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas,
 - up to 60 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas, and up to 50 % of eligible costs in other areas, in the case of investments made by young farmers within five years of setting up.

The purpose of the aid is investment to restore farm features and to purchase equipment to be used for agricultural

production, to invest in permanent crops, to improve farmland and to manage pastures.

- 2. Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings:
 - for non-productive features, up to 100 % of actual costs,
 - for productive assets on farms, up to 60 % of actual costs, or 75 % in less-favoured areas, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
 - additional aid may be granted at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the extra costs incurred by using traditional materials necessary to maintain the heritage features of buildings.
- 3. Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest:
 - up to 100 % of actual costs where the relocation simply consists of the dismantling, removal and re-erection of existing facilities,
 - where the relocation results in the farmer benefiting from more modern facilities, the farmer must contribute at least 60 %, or 50 % in less-favoured areas, of the increase in the value of the facilities concerned after relocation. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is to be at least 55 % or 45 % respectively,
 - where the relocation results in an increase in production capacity, the contribution from the beneficiary must be at least 60 %, or 50 % in less-favoured areas, of the expenses relating to this increase. If the beneficiary is a young farmer, his contribution is to be at least 55 % or 45 % respectively.
- 4. Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:
 - the amount of municipal support is the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.

- 5. Aid for land reparcelling:
 - up to 100 % of eligible legal and administrative costs.
- 6. Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:
 - up to 100 % of actual costs incurred; the aid is to be provided in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

7. Provision of technical support:

— up to 100 % of costs concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services, the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications, catalogues and websites, and the costs of replacement services. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

Date of implementation:

October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

Duration of scheme or individual aid award:

Until 31.12.2013

Objective of the aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:

Chapter II of the draft Rules on granting aid for preserving and developing agriculture, forestry and rural areas in the municipality of Luče for the programming period 2007-2013 includes measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

- Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,
- Article 5: Conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings,
- Article 6: Relocation of farm buildings in the public interest,
- Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 13: Aid for land reparcelling,
- Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of granting authority:

Občina Luče Luče 106 SLO-3334 Luče

Website:

http://www.uradni-list.si/1/ulonline.jsp?urlid=200787&dhid=91629

Other information: The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 concerning the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Signature of person responsible

Ciril ROSC Župan

Aid No: XA 284/07

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Območje občine Juršinci

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid:

Dodeljevanje pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva ter podeželja v občini Juršinci 2007–2013

Legal basis:

Pravilnik o dodeljevanju državnih pomoči za ohranjanje in razvoj kmetijstva in podeželja v občini Juršinci

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

2007: EUR 17 526

2008: EUR 21 000

2009: EUR 21 525

2010: EUR 22 063

2011: EUR 22 614

2012: EUR 23 180

2013: EUR 23 759

Maximum aid intensity:

- 1. Investment in agricultural holdings for primary production:
 - up to 50 % of eligible costs in less-favoured areas,
 - up to 40 % of eligible costs in other areas.

The purpose of the aid is investment to restore farm features and to purchase equipment to be used for agricultural production, to invest in permanent crops, to improve farmland and to manage pastures.

- 2. Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums:
 - the amount of municipal support is the difference between the amount of co-financing of insurance premiums from the national budget and up to 50 % of eligible costs of insurance premiums for insuring crops and fruit and for insuring livestock against disease.
- 3. Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products:
 - up to 50 % of eligible costs of market research activities, product conception and design, including aid for the preparation of applications for recognition of geographical designations of origin or certificates of specific character in accordance with the relevant Community Regulations. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers.
- 4. Provision of technical support:
 - up to 50 % of costs concerning education and training of farmers, consultancy services, replacement services and the organisation of forums, competitions, exhibitions, fairs, publications, catalogues and websites. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers

Date of implementation:

October 2007 (The aid will not be granted until a summary has been published on the European Commission's website)

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31.12.2013

Objective of the aid: To support SMEs

Reference to Articles in Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:

The draft Rules on granting State aid for preserving and developing agriculture and rural areas in the municipality of Juršinci include measures constituting State aid in accordance with the following Articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 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 (OJ L 358, 16.12.2006, p. 3):

— Article 4: Investment in agricultural holdings,

- Article 12: Aid towards the payment of insurance premiums,
- Article 14: Aid to encourage the production of quality agricultural products,
- Article 15: Provision of technical support in the agricultural sector

Economic sector(s) concerned: Agriculture

Name and address of the granting authority:

Občina Juršinci Juršinci 3b SLO-2256 Juršinci

Website:

http://www.lex-localis.info/KatalogInformacij/VsebinaDokumenta.aspx?SectionID=02613e3a-6c6a-4753-af7b-1f6d10a21e25

Other information: The measure for the payment of insurance premiums to insure crops and fruit includes the following adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters: spring frost, hail, lightning, fire caused by lightning, storm and floods.

The municipality's Rules meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 relating to the measures to be adopted by the municipality and the general provisions applicable (steps preceding grant of aid, cumulation, transparency and monitoring of aid)

Signature of person responsible

Drago SLAMERŠAK Tajnik občine

Aid No: XA 288/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: England

Title of aid scheme: Business Link

Legal basis: Section 11, Industrial Development Act 1982

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:

GBP 142 million across all sectors of which an estimated maximum of GBP 15 million will be used for activities related to farming

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is 100 %

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 23.10.2007

Duration of scheme:

The scheme will begin on 23 October 2007 and close on 22 October 2014. The last payment will be made on 22 October 2014 and the last date of advice will be provided on 22 October 2014

Objective of aid:

The secondary objective is technical support for the agriculture sector. In particular the scheme will:

- raise awareness of available business support,
- equip and inform the business community,
- encourage productive change,
- expand the business support market.

Aid is provided under Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006. The eligible costs comprise the full costs, as allowed by Article 15, paragraph 3, of consultancy services and the organisation training programmes for farmers and farm workers

Sectors concerned:

All sectors of agricultural (animal and plant) production are covered. The aid will not involve direct payments of money to producers

Name and address of the granting authority:

Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET United Kingdom

Website:

http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file40920.doc

Alternatively, you can access information on this scheme via the UK's central web listing for exempted agricultural State aid schemes:

www.defra.gov.uk/farm/policy/state-aid/setup/exist-exempt.htm

Click on the link 'Business Link'

Other information:

The scheme is open to all sectors except, currently, the fishery and aquaculture sectors. Aid for businesses not active in farming will be paid in line with Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 on *de minimis* aid. Aid will be provided in the form of services — no money will be paid direct to producers. Aid to agricultural businesses active in the processing and marketing sector will be paid in line with Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 on *de minimis* aid.

Signed and dated on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (competent authority)

Duncan Kerr Agricultural State Aid Team Leader Defra Area 8D, 9 Millbank C/o Nobel House 17 Smith Square Westminster London SW1P 3JR United Kingdom **Aid No:** XA 428/07

Member State: Italy

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid:

Agevolazioni per il subentro in agricoltura, parte aiuti per il primo insediamento — ISMEA, Istituto di servizi per il mercato agricolo ed agroalimentare

Legal basis:

Delibera del Consiglio di amministrazione per l'adeguamento degli interventi di cui al decreto legislativo 21 aprile 2000, n. 185, Titolo I, Capo III ai regolamenti (CE) n. 70/2001 e (CE) n. 1857/2006

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

The annual expenditure planned under the scheme is around EUR 20 million

Maximum aid intensity:

A grant of EUR 25 000 is paid as start-up aid

Date of implementation:

The scheme will enter into force on 18 February 2008 or in any case after receipt from the European Commission of the identification number of the scheme, i.e. on the day following confirmation from the Commission in the form of an acknowledgement bearing an identification number of receipt of the summary

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 6 years

Objective of aid:

To promote new entrepreneurs and generational change in agriculture

Start-up aid is granted in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005

Sector(s) concerned: Agriculture: primary production

Name and address of the granting authority:

ISMEA Sede legale: via C. Celso, 6 I-00161 Roma

Sede amministrativa: via Nomentana, 183 I-00161 Roma

Website:

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Other information:

This scheme is an adaptation of State aid N 336/01, approved by the European Commission on 13 February 2003, to comply with new Community Regulations (EC) No 1857/2006 and (EC) No 70/2001 as regards the processing and marketing of agricultural products. Adjustments have been made to three measures in particular: aid for investment in farms and in the processing and marketing of agricultural products, technical assistance measures and start-up aid.

The following documents have been sent to the Commission:

- summary sheet for aid for investment in primary production, within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- summary sheet for aid for investment in the processing and marketing of agricultural products, within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 70/2001,
- summary sheet for aid for technical assistance, within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006,
- summary sheet for the granting of start-up aid for young farmers, within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Aid may also be provided under the scheme for technical assistance for the processing and marketing of agricultural products, which will be granted in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 on *de minimis* aid, and for investment in farm tourism, which will also be granted in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006.

Start-up aid granted under this scheme taken together with that granted under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 will not exceed the maximum amounts laid down by Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005

Il Direttore generale Salvatore PETROLI V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

COMMISSION

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India

(2008/C 164/10)

The Commission has received a request for a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community ('the basic Regulation') (1).

1. Request for review

The request was lodged by Hindustan Electro Graphite Limited ('the applicant'), an exporter from India.

The request is limited in scope to the examination of dumping as far as the applicant is concerned.

2. Product

The product under review is graphite electrodes of a kind used for electric furnaces, with an apparent density of 1,65 g/cm³ or more and an electrical resistance of 6,0 $\mu\Omega.m$ or less, falling within CN code ex 8545 11 00 and nipples used for such electrodes, falling within CN code ex 8545 90 90 whether imported together or separately, originating in India ('the product concerned').

3. Existing measures

The measure currently in force is a definitive dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 1629/2004 on imports of **certain graphite electrode systems** originating in India (²).

4. Grounds for the review

The request pursuant to Article 11(3) is based on *prima facie* evidence, provided by the applicant, that the circumstances on the basis of which measures were established have changed and that these changes are of lasting nature.

The applicant alleges, *inter alia*, that it has optimized its production process of the product concerned resulting in lower costs of production. This, combined with increased export sales prices of the product concerned, has led to a reduction of dumping to a level below the injury margin found in the original investigation. Therefore, the continued imposition of measures at the existing levels, which were based on the level of injury previously established, is no longer necessary to offset dumping.

5. Procedure for the determination of dumping

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of a partial interim review, the Commission hereby initiates a review in accordance with Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation.

The investigation will assess the need for the continuation, removal or amendment of the existing measures in respect of the applicant.

If it is determined that measures should be removed or amended for the applicant, it may be necessary to amend the rate of duty currently applicable to imports of the product concerned from companies not mentioned in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1629/2004 (2).

(a) Questionnaires

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send questionnaires to the applicant. This information and supporting evidence should reach the Commission within the time limit set in point 6(a).

 ⁽¹) OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 (OJ L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 17).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 295, 18.9.2004, p. 10.

(b) Collection of information and holding of hearings

All interested parties are hereby invited to make their views known, submit information other than questionnaire replies and to provide supporting evidence. This information and supporting evidence must reach the Commission within the time limit set in point 6(a).

Furthermore, the Commission may hear interested parties, provided that they make a request showing that there are particular reasons why they should be heard. This request must be made within the time limit set in point 6(b).

6. Time limits

(a) For parties to make themselves known, to submit questionnaire replies and any other information

All interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must make themselves known by contacting the Commission, present their views and submit questionnaire replies or any other information within 40 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Official Journal of the European Union, unless otherwise specified. Attention is drawn to the fact that the exercise of most procedural rights set out in the basic Regulation depends on the party's making itself known within the aforementioned period.

(b) Hearings

All interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same 40-day time limit.

7. Written submissions, questionnaire replies and correspondence

All submissions and requests made by interested parties must be made in writing (not in electronic format, unless otherwise specified) and must indicate the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the interested party. All written submissions, including the information requested in this notice, questionnaire replies and correspondence provided by interested parties on a confidential basis shall be labelled as 'Limited' (¹) and, in accordance with Article 19(2) of the basic Regulation, shall be accompanied by a non-confidential version, which will be labelled 'FOR INSPECTION BY INTERESTED PARTIES'.

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8. Non-co-operation

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In cases in which any interested party refuses access to or does not provide the necessary information within the time limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, findings, affirmative or negative, may be made in accordance with Article 18 of the basic Regulation, on the basis of the facts available.

Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information shall be disregarded and use may be made, in accordance with Article 18 of the basic Regulation, of the facts available. If an interested party does not cooperate or cooperates only partially, and use of facts available is made, the result may be less favourable to that party than if it had cooperated.

9. Processing of personal data

It is noted that any personal data collected in this investigation will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (²).

10. Schedule of the investigation

The investigation will be concluded, according to Article 11(5) of the basic Regulation within 15 months of the date of the publication of this notice in the Official Journal of the European Union.

11. Hearing Officer

It is also noted that if interested parties consider that they are encountering difficulties in the exercise of their rights of defence, they may request the intervention of the Hearing Officer of DG Trade. He acts as an interface between the interested parties and the Commission services, offering, where necessary, mediation on procedural matters affecting the protection of their interests in this proceeding, in particular, with regard to issues concerning access to the file, confidentiality, extension of time limits and the treatment of written and/or oral submission of views. For further information and contact details, interested parties may consult the Hearing Officer's web pages on the website of DG Trade (http://ec.europa.eu/trade).

⁽¹) This means that the document is for internal use only. It is protected pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43). It is a confidential document pursuant to Article 19 of the basic Regulation and Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.

CORRIGENDA

Corrigenda to 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

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