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<sup>(1)</sup> Text with EEA relevance

## II

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## INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

## COMMISSION

**Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty****Cases where the Commission raises no objections**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 189/01)

Date of adoption of the decision	20.5.2008
Reference number of the aid	N 598/06
Member State	Spain
Region	Andalucía
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Ayudas de finalidad regional a la inversión y al empleo ligado a la inversión, ayudas en favor de las PYMES para consultaría e incentivos a la creación de pequeñas empresas y a la fase inicial de desarrollo de las pequeñas empresas por la Administración de la Junta de Andalucía en el 2007, 2008 y 2009
Legal basis	Decreto nº 21/2007 de 30 de enero, por el que se establece el marco regulador de las ayudas de finalidad regional y en favor de las pequeñas y medianas empresas (PYMES) que se concedan por la Administración de la Junta de Andalucía en los años 2007, 2008 y 2009
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Regional development, Small and medium-sized enterprises, Employment
Form of aid	Direct grant, Interest subsidy, Soft loan
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 888 million
Intensity	40 %, 50 %, 60 %
Duration	2008-31.12.2009
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Junta de Andalucía Consejería de la Presidencia Plaza de la Contratación nº 3 E-41071 Sevilla
Other information	—

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/)

Date of adoption of the decision	7.5.2008
Reference number of the aid	N 741/07
Member State	Spain
Region	Canarias
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Modificación del régimen de ayudas de Estado N 376/06 — Zona Especial Canaria (ZEC)
Legal basis	Propuesta de disposición transitoria del Borrador del Proyecto de Real Decreto por el que se aprueba el Reglamento de Desarrollo de la Ley nº 19/94 de 6 de julio, de modificación del Régimen Económico y Fiscal de Canarias, en materia de incentivos fiscales en la imposición indirecta, la reserva para inversiones en Canarias y la Zona Especial Canaria.  Real Decreto-Ley nº 12/2006, de 29 de diciembre, por el que se modifican la Ley nº 19/1994, de 6 de julio, de modificación del Régimen Económico y Fiscal de Canarias, y el Real Decreto-Ley nº 2/2000, de 23 de junio
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Regional development
Form of aid	Tax advantage
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 20,8 million Overall budget: EUR 104 million
Intensity	40 %
Duration	1.1.2009-31.12.2013
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministerio de Economía y Hacienda C/ Alcalá nº 9 E-28071 Madrid  Consejería de Economía y Hacienda del Gobierno de Canarias Avda. José Manuel Guimerá nº 10 E-38071 Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Other information	—

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/)

Date of adoption of the decision	16.4.2008
Reference number of the aid	NN 22/08
Member State	Spain
Region	Canarias
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Arbitrio sobre las Importaciones y Entregas de Mercancías en las Islas Canarias (AIEM)

Legal basis	Council Decision of 20 June 2002 on the AIEM tax applicable in the Canary Islands Ley nº 20/1991, de 7 de junio, de modificación de los aspectos fiscales del Régimen Económico y Fiscal de Canarias Ley nº 24/2001, de 27 de diciembre, de Medidas Fiscales, Administrativas y del Orden Social Ley nº 38/2003, de 17 de noviembre, General de Subvenciones
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Regional development
Form of aid	Tax advantage
Budget	Annual budget: EUR 104 million Overall budget: EUR 520 million
Intensity	40 %
Duration	1.1.2007-31.12.2011
Economic sectors	Manufacturing industry, Chemical and pharmaceutical industry, Agriculture
Name and address of the granting authority	Consejería de Economía y Hacienda del Gobierno de Canarias Avda. José Manuel Guimerá nº 10 E-38071 Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Other information	—

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/)

Date of adoption of the decision	30.4.2008
Reference number of the aid	NN 25/08
Member State	Germany
Region	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Risikoabschirmung WestLB
Legal basis	—
Type of measure	Individual aid
Objective	Rescue of firms in difficulty
Form of aid	Guarantee
Budget	Overall budget: EUR 5 000 million
Intensity	—
Duration	8.2.2008-8.8.2008

Economic sectors	Financial intermediation
Name and address of the granting authority	Land Nordrhein-Westfalen Stadttor 1 D-40219 Düsseldorf
Other information	—

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/)

Date of adoption of the decision	2.7.2008
Reference number of the aid	N 103/08
Member State	Romania
Region	NUTS II
Title (and/or name of the beneficiary)	Schema de ajutor de stat privind dezvoltarea regională prin stimularea investițiilor
Legal basis	Proiectul de Hotărâre de Guvern privind dezvoltarea regională prin stimularea investițiilor
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Objective	Regional development, Employment
Form of aid	Direct grant
Budget	Overall budget: RON 2 070 million
Intensity	50 %
Duration	31.12.2012
Economic sectors	All sectors
Name and address of the granting authority	Ministerul Economiei și Finanțelor Strada Apolodor nr. 17, sector 5 București, România
Other information	—

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/community\\_law/state\\_aids/](http://ec.europa.eu/community_law/state_aids/)

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.5184 — Arcapita/Freightliner)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 189/02)

On 18 July 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 32008M5184. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>).
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## IV

(Notices)

## NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union  
(COSAC)****Contribution adopted by the XXXIX COSAC****Brdo pri Kranju, 7-8 May 2008**

(2008/C 189/03)

**1. The Role of the Parliaments after the Treaty of Lisbon**

- 1.1. COSAC welcomes the signing of the Treaty of Lisbon and its ratification by thirteen Member States <sup>(1)</sup> and calls on the parliaments and on the citizens of the other Member States to endorse the Treaty.
- 1.2. COSAC welcomes the strengthened role of national parliaments as laid down in the Treaty of Lisbon, which enables their better involvement in the EU decision-making process. COSAC notes that it is up to national parliaments to develop mechanisms to make use of their extended rights.
- 1.3. Noting the 50th anniversary of the European Parliament, COSAC expresses respect for its work aimed at direct involvement of Europe's citizens in the EU decision-making process. Furthermore, COSAC believes that the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon enhancing the role of the European Parliament as a co-legislator will contribute to a greater legitimacy of decisions taken at the EU level.
- 1.4. COSAC considers that if the new rights of the national parliaments as envisaged in the Treaty of Lisbon are to be exerted, COSAC itself, as well as IPEX and the permanent representatives of national parliaments to the European Union, can play an important role in the dialogue between national parliaments. This also requires the full cooperation of the institutions of the European Union.
- 1.5. COSAC encourages national parliaments and the European Parliament to introduce and promote their communication strategies in order to inform the citizens of the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon.

**2. Cooperation with the Institutions of the European Union**

- 2.1. The mechanism through which the Commission directly transmits all new proposals and consultation papers to national parliaments is considered to be positive. Furthermore, it has contributed to the monitoring of EU affairs by national parliaments.

<sup>(1)</sup> As of 8 May 2008.



- 2.2. COSAC acknowledges the efforts of the Commission to respond to the reactions submitted by national parliaments. However, COSAC encourages the Commission — in line with the XXXVII COSAC in Berlin and the XXXVIII COSAC in Estoril — to provide the national parliaments with an assessment of the measures it currently has in place, or plans to put in place, to take these reactions into account in further formulation of policy and of its annual Legislative and Work Programme.
- 2.3. COSAC invites the Commission:
- (a) to provide national parliaments directly with information on the content and the exact date of publication of new proposals and consultation papers which it will publish;
  - (b) to provide its responses to the reactions submitted by national parliaments not only to those national parliaments which sent the reactions, the European Parliament and the Council, but also to all other national parliaments;
  - (c) to provide national parliaments directly with a weekly list of all new documents it publishes.
- 2.4. In the light of the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon, COSAC also encourages the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament to create a mechanism to inform national parliaments when the final translation of a legislative proposal is transmitted to the relevant national parliament; and to indicate the date when the eight week period to submit a reaction to the proposal expires. COSAC stresses that it would be helpful if the Commission would additionally transmit through a separate channel proposals to which the early warning mechanism is applicable.
- 2.5. COSAC believes that the dialogue between the Commission and the national parliaments regarding individual proposals should continue after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, as exchange of views on substance between the national parliaments and the Commission brings significant added value to the transparency and democratic legitimacy of the EU legislative process.

### 3. **The Lisbon Strategy and National Parliaments**

- 3.1. COSAC welcomes the Conclusions of the European Council on 13 and 14 March 2008 in Brussels. It considers that the new three year cycle of the Strategy for Growth and Jobs, and the time-frame and principles adopted for the energy and climate change package, are of great importance for the economic and social life of Europe's citizens.
- 3.2. COSAC takes note that the European Council invited the Commission and the Member States to strengthen the involvement of relevant stakeholders in the Lisbon Strategy. In this respect, COSAC encourages national parliaments to play a more active role in the implementation of the renewed Lisbon Strategy.
- 3.3. COSAC believes that the innovation and creativity as well as gender equality and equal opportunities of Europe's citizens are key factors for future growth. In order to fulfil the ambitions of the European Union in this area COSAC encourages the Member States to invest more and more effectively in innovation and research in pursuit of the 3 % R & D investment target. Taking note of the invitation from the European Council to the Member States, COSAC calls on all national parliaments to monitor how progress towards national R & D investment targets is achieved through the National Reform Programmes.
- 3.4. COSAC underlines the opportunities that the free movement of knowledge, known as the fifth freedom, could provide for achieving the objectives of the renewed Lisbon Strategy.
- 3.5. COSAC reminds the institutions of the European Union of the importance of the service sector, where majority of new jobs are created today. Free movement of services is of great importance to achieve this while recognising there are differences in Member States' national labour market models.

#### **4. The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice**

- 4.1. COSAC welcomes the accession of nine Member States to the Schengen Area and expects that Bulgaria and Romania will also join the Schengen Area in due time according to the agreed schedule assumed by the two countries. The enlargement of the Schengen Area is a great achievement in support of the free movement of persons, one of the four fundamental freedoms of the European Union.
- 4.2. At the same time, COSAC stresses that the development and introduction of the second generation of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) remains a priority and is to be established in a timely fashion and according to the agreed deadline of September 2009.
- 4.3. COSAC attaches a high degree of importance to the cooperation between the European Union and the Western Balkans States in the field of home affairs, since this is one of the most prominent areas of their cooperation. This cooperation leads to better security in the region of the Western Balkans States and consequently in the European Union as a whole.
- 4.4. COSAC believes that current joint activities of the European Union and the Western Balkans States in the field of home affairs, and primarily in the fight against organised crime and corruption, will build cooperation among law enforcement forces in the region of the Western Balkans and aid the transposition of EU security standards to the area. They will provide the Western Balkans States with the means and examples of best practice which are necessary to increase their commitment to developing and operating their own such mechanisms.
- 4.5. COSAC welcomes the European Commission's opening of a dialogue with the Western Balkans States for the liberalisation of visa policy and calls on the EU institutions, the Member States and the Western Balkans States for further steps to be taken by all those involved in the field.

#### **5. The European Perspective of the Western Balkans States**

- 5.1. COSAC sees the future of all Western Balkans States in the European Union. In this respect, it welcomes each country's own efforts to meet the criteria that have been set out.
  - 5.2. Each applicant country has to fulfil all criteria to achieve membership of the EU and COSAC believes that the vision of reunifying Europe cannot be implemented without the integration of the Western Balkans, so the EU has to continue its efforts to support the Western Balkans States by helping them to meet the membership criteria.
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## COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates <sup>(1)</sup>

25 July 2008

(2008/C 189/04)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,5734	TRY	Turkish lira	1,8966
JPY	Japanese yen	168,77	AUD	Australian dollar	1,6438
DKK	Danish krone	7,4619	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5968
GBP	Pound sterling	0,78880	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	12,2698
SEK	Swedish krona	9,4610	NZD	New Zealand dollar	2,1159
CHF	Swiss franc	1,6268	SGD	Singapore dollar	2,1407
ISK	Iceland króna	127,51	KRW	South Korean won	1 584,41
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,0815	ZAR	South African rand	11,9481
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	10,7275
CZK	Czech koruna	23,595	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,2182
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	14 352,55
HUF	Hungarian forint	231,35	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	5,1129
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	PHP	Philippine peso	69,143
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7032	RUB	Russian rouble	36,7435
PLN	Polish zloty	3,2080	THB	Thai baht	52,608
RON	Romanian leu	3,5675	BRL	Brazilian real	2,4808
SKK	Slovak koruna	30,385	MXN	Mexican peso	15,7525

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1628/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to national regional investment aid**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2008/C 189/05)

Aid No	XR 12/07
Member State	Ireland
Region	Border Midlands and West Region, Southern and Eastern Region
Title of aid scheme or the name of the undertaking receiving <i>ad hoc</i> aid supplement	Regional Aid (Industry and Services) Scheme 2007-2013
Legal basis	Industrial Development Acts 1986-2003; Údarás na Gaeltachta Act 1979; Shannon Free Airport Development Company Limited Act, 1959 as amended; Greyhound Industry Act, 1958
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Annual budget	EUR 85 million
Maximum aid intensity	30 % In conformity with Article 4 of the Regulation
Date of implementation	1.1.2007
Duration	31.12.2013
Economic sectors	All sectors eligible for regional investment aid
Name and address of the granting authority	IDA Ireland, Wilton Park House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2 Tel. (353-1) 603 40 00, <a href="http://www.idaireland.com">www.idaireland.com</a> Enterprise Ireland, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 Tel. (353-1) 808 20 00, <a href="http://www.enterprise-ireland.com">www.enterprise-ireland.com</a> Údarás na Gaeltachta, Na Forbacha, Co na Gaillimhe Tel. (353-9) 150 31 00, <a href="http://www.udaras.ie">www.udaras.ie</a> Shannon Free Airport Development Company Limited, Shannon Town, Co Clare Tel. (353-6) 136 15 55, <a href="http://www.shannonireland.com">www.shannonireland.com</a> Bord na gCon, 104 Henry Street, Limerick, Co Limerick Tel. (353-6) 131 67 88, <a href="http://www.igb.ie">www.igb.ie</a>
Internet address of the publication of the aid scheme	<a href="http://www.entemp.ie/enterprise/stateaid/">www.entemp.ie/enterprise/stateaid/</a> <a href="http://www.entemp.ie/enterprise/stateaid/regionalaidschemedescription.doc">http://www.entemp.ie/enterprise/stateaid/regionalaidschemedescription.doc</a>
Other information	—
Aid No	XR 144/07
Member State	Slovenia
Region	Slovenija

Title of aid scheme or the name of the undertaking receiving <i>ad hoc</i> aid supplement	Regionalna shema državnih pomoči
Legal basis	Uredba o dodeljevanju regionalnih državnih pomoči (Uradni list RS, št. 72/2006 in 70/2007)
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Annual budget	EUR 115,99 million
Maximum aid intensity	30 % In conformity with Article 4 of the Regulation
Date of implementation	4.8.2007
Duration	31.12.2013
Economic sectors	All sectors eligible for regional investment aid
Name and address of the granting authority	Služba vlade RS za lokalno samoupravo in regionalno politiko, Kotnikova 28, SLO-1000 Ljubljana Tel. (386-1) 308 31 78 Fax (386-1) 478 36 19 E-mail: gp.svlr@gov.si
Internet address of the publication of the aid scheme	<a href="http://zakonodaja.gov.si/rpsi/r05/predpis_URED4165.html">http://zakonodaja.gov.si/rpsi/r05/predpis_URED4165.html</a>
Other information	—
Aid No	XR 49/08
Member State	Lithuania
Region	87(3)(a)
Title of aid scheme or the name of the undertaking receiving <i>ad hoc</i> aid supplement	Pramoninių objektų teritorijų inžinerinių tinklų ir susisiekimo komunikacijų įrengimo projektų grupės aprašas
Legal basis	2008 m. vasario 29 d. Lietuvos Respublikos ūkio ministro įsakymo Nr. 4-79 „Dėl Lietuvos Respublikos ūkio ministerijos programų lėšų, teikiamų projektų veiklai ir kapitalui formuoti, administravimo taisyklių patvirtinimo“ 21 priedas „Pramoninių objektų teritorijų inžinerinių tinklų ir susisiekimo komunikacijų įrengimo projektų grupės aprašas“
Type of measure	Aid scheme
Annual budget	LTL 10 million
Maximum aid intensity	50 % In conformity with Article 4 of the Regulation
Date of implementation	9.3.2008
Duration	31.12.2013
Economic sectors	All sectors eligible for regional investment aid —
Name and address of the granting authority	Lietuvos Respublikos ūkio ministerija Gedimino pr. 38/2, LT-01104 Vilnius
Internet address of the publication of the aid scheme	<a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=315576">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=315576</a> <a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/c-bin/getgr?C1=bin&amp;c2=315576&amp;c3=26330">http://www3.lrs.lt/c-bin/getgr?C1=bin&amp;c2=315576&amp;c3=26330</a>
Other information	—

## V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON  
COMMERCIAL POLICY

## COMMISSION

**Notice of the impending expiry of certain countervailing measures concerning imports of bedlinen  
originating in India**

(2008/C 189/06)

1. As provided for in Article 18(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2026/97 of 6 October 1997 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community <sup>(1)</sup>, the Commission gives notice that, unless a review is initiated in accordance with the following procedure, the countervailing measures mentioned below will expire on the date mentioned in the table below.

**2. Procedure**

Community producers may lodge a written request for a review. This request must contain sufficient evidence that the expiry of the measures would be likely to result in a continuation or recurrence of subsidisation and injury.

Should the Commission decide to review the measures concerned, importers, exporters, representatives of the exporting country and Community producers will then be provided with the opportunity to amplify, rebut or comment on the matters set out in the review request.

**3. Time limit**

Community producers may submit a written request for a review on the above basis, to reach the European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade (Unit H-1), J-79 4/23, B-1049 Brussels <sup>(2)</sup> at any time from the date of the publication of the present notice but no later than three months before the date mentioned in the table below.

4. This notice is published in accordance with Article 18(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2026/97.

Product	Country(ies) of origin or exportation	Measures	Reference	Date of expiry
Bedlinen (cotton type)	India	Countervailing duty	Council Regulation (EC) No 74/2004 (OJ L 12, 17.1.2004, p. 1) as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1840/2006 (OJ L 355, 15.12.2006, p. 4)	18.1.2009

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 288, 21.10.1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 461/2004 (OJ L 77, 13.3.2004, p. 12).

<sup>(2)</sup> Fax (32-2) 295 65 05.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION  
POLICY

COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/M.5229 — OMV/Lehman/Met/JV)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2008/C 189/07)

1. On 15 July 2008, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertakings OMV Power International GmbH ('OPI', Austria) controlled by OMV AG, Austria, Lehman ALI Inc. ('Lehman', USA) belonging to the Lehman Brothers Group, and the Met Group ('Met Group', Turkey) controlled by Dr Celal Metin acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Borasco Elektrik Üretim Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ('Borasco Elektrik', Turkey) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for OPI: development of power plant projects for gas and renewable energy,
- for Lehman: financial services,
- for the Met Group: consultancy services focused on energy, telecommunication and consumer sectors,
- for Borasco Elektrik: development and operation of a gas power plant in Turkey.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5229 — OMV/Lehman/Met/JV, to the following address:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Competition  
Merger Registry  
J-70  
B-1049 Bruxelles/Brussel

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

**STATE AID — FRANCE****(Articles 87 to 89 of the Treaty establishing the European Community)****Commission notice pursuant to Article 88(2) of the EC Treaty — Withdrawal of notification****State aid C 51/07 (ex N 530/07) — Support by the Industrial Innovation Agency in favour of the VHD programme****(Text with EEA relevance)****(2008/C 189/08)**

By decision of 29 January 2008, the Commission decided to close the formal investigation procedure under Article 88(2) of the EC Treaty, initiated on 13 November 2007 in respect of the measure referred to above, recording that France had withdrawn its notification on 29 November 2007.

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## OTHER ACTS

## COMMISSION

**Notice concerning a request in accordance with Article 30 of Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council — Deadline extension****Request made by a Member State**

(2008/C 189/09)

On 19 May 2008, the Commission received a request in accordance with Article 30(4) of Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors <sup>(1)</sup>.

This request, made by the Republic of Poland, concerns the production and wholesale of electricity in that country. The request was published in OJ C 134 of 31.5.2008, p. 43. The initial deadline was 20 August 2008.

Given that the Commission needs to obtain and examine further information, and in keeping with the provisions contained in the third sentence of Article 30(6), the period in which the Commission must take a decision on this request is extended by one month.

The final deadline is therefore 20 September 2008.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 134, 30.4.2004, p. 1.