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NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

COUNCIL

COUNCIL STATEMENT

Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission

(2010/C 287/01)

The Council has taken note of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission signed by the two Institutions on 20 October 2010.

The Council, which was not party to the negotiating of the Framework Agreement, points out that compliance with the founding Treaties of the Union, in the terms in which they have been ratified by the Member States, is the fundamental principle governing the existence and the functioning of the Union. The Treaties define exhaustively the respective powers conferred on the Institutions (Article 13(2) TEU). Those powers may not be modified or supplemented by the Institutions themselves either unilaterally or by agreement between them.

The Council notes that several provisions of the Framework Agreement have the effect of modifying the institutional balance set out in the Treaties in force, according the European Parliament prerogatives that are not provided for in the Treaties and limiting the autonomy of the Commission and its President. The Council is particularly concerned by the provisions on international agreements, infringement proceedings against Member States and transmission of classified information to the European Parliament.

The Framework Agreement cannot be applied to the Council. The Council will submit to the Court of Justice any act or action of the European Parliament or of the Commission performed in application of the provisions of the Framework Agreement that would have an effect contrary to the interests of the Council and the prerogatives conferred upon it by the Treaties.

List of appointments made by the Council
April, May, June, July and August 2010 (social field)

(2010/C 287/02)

Committee	End of term of office	Publication in OJ	Person replaced	Resignation/ appointment	Member/ alternate	Category	Country	Person appointed	Affiliation	Date of Council Decision
Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2013	L 45, 20.2.2010	Mr Trifon GINALAS	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Greece	Ms Stamatina PISSIMISSI	Labour Inspectors Body	19.4.2010
Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers	24.9.2010	C 253, 4.10.2008	Ms Ana KLINAR	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Slovenian	Ms Sonja OSTOJIC	Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs	25.5.2010
Governing Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	30.11.2010	C 282, 24.11.2007	Ms Vera BADE	Resignation	Alternate	Government	German	Mr Sebastian JOBELIUS	Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales	25.5.2010

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

22 October 2010

(2010/C 287/03)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,3934	AUD	Australian dollar	1,4198
JPY	Japanese yen	113,18	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4299
DKK	Danish krone	7,4577	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	10,8203
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88730	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,8636
SEK	Swedish krona	9,2565	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,8137
CHF	Swiss franc	1,3533	KRW	South Korean won	1 571,80
ISK	Iceland króna		ZAR	South African rand	9,6876
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,1430	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	9,2787
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,3365
CZK	Czech koruna	24,626	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	12 457,54
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,3390
HUF	Hungarian forint	275,35	PHP	Philippine peso	60,375
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	42,4507
LVL	Latvian lats	0,7097	THB	Thai baht	41,722
PLN	Polish zloty	3,9701	BRL	Brazilian real	2,3594
RON	Romanian leu	4,3013	MXN	Mexican peso	17,2420
TRY	Turkish lira	1,9896	INR	Indian rupee	62,1030

⁽¹⁾ 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 1857/2006 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

(2010/C 287/04)

Aid No: XA 134/10

Member State: Spain

Region: Comunitat Valenciana

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Asociación de caballos de pura raza española

Legal basis: Resolución de ... 2010, de la Consellera de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación, por la que se concede una subvención nominativa a la Asociación de caballos de pura raza española (APREA)

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 30 000 during 2010

Maximum aid intensity: 100 % of eligible expenditure

Date of implementation: From the date on which the identification number of the exemption request is published on the website of the Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: During 2010

Objective of aid:

To implement the plan to promote the use of thoroughbred horses bred in the Autonomous Community of Valencia (Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 15 December 2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 (published in OJ L 358 of 16.12.2006)):

(a) concerning education and training of farmers and farm workers:

(i) costs of organising the training programme;

(ii) travel and subsistence expenses of participants;

(b) concerning the organisation of and participation in forums to share knowledge between businesses, competitions, exhibitions and fairs:

(i) participation fees;

(ii) travel costs;

(iii) costs of publications;

(iv) the rent of exhibition premises;

(v) symbolic prizes awarded in the framework of competitions, up to a value of EUR 250 per prize and winner;

(c) concerning consultancy services provided by third parties: the fees for services which do not constitute a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services, or advertising;

(d) provided that individual companies, brands or origin are not named:

(i) the vulgarisation of scientific knowledge;

(ii) factual information on quality systems open to products from other countries, on generic products and on the nutritional benefits of generic products and suggested uses for them.

Aid may also be granted to cover the costs referred to in point (c) if the origin of products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 [16] and by Articles 54 to 58 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 [17] is indicated, provided that the references to the origin correspond exactly to those references which have been registered by the Community;

(e) publications such as catalogues or websites presenting factual information about producers from a given region or producers of a given product, provided the information and presentation is neutral and that all producers concerned have equal opportunities to be represented in the publication

Sector(s) concerned: Breeders and owners of Spanish thoroughbred horses

Name and address of the granting authority: Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación.

Website:

http://www.agricultura.gva.es/especiales/ayudas_agrarias/pdf/aprea2010.pdf

Other information: —

Aid No: XA 135/10

Member State: Republic of Slovenia

Region: Zasavska region

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Podpore programom razvoja podeželja v občini Hrastnik 2011–2013

Legal basis: Pravilnik o dodeljevanju finančnih pomoči za programe razvoja podeželja in kmetijstva v občini Hrastnik

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

2011: EUR 20 303,00

2012: EUR 20 303,00

2013: EUR 20 303,00

Maximum aid intensity:

- investment in agricultural holdings: up to 40 % of the eligible costs, and 50 % in the case of less-favoured areas,
- conservation of traditional buildings: up to 50 % co-financing of the eligible costs of protecting heritage features of non-productive assets on farms, provided that the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
- land reparation: up to 10 % of eligible costs,
- provision of technical support in the agricultural sector: up to 100 % of eligible costs.

Date of implementation: 1 January 2011 (or the date of extending the notification exemption for aid scheme XA 14/08 and of publication on the website of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, if later)

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2013

Objective of aid: Support for SMEs

Reference to articles of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and eligible costs:

The Rules on the granting of aid for rural and agricultural development programmes in the municipality of Hrastnik (*Pravilnik o dodeljevanju finančnih pomoči za programe razvoja podeželja in kmetijstva v občini Hrastnik*) 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
 - eligible costs: construction, acquisition or improvement of immovable property,
- Article 5: conservation of traditional landscapes and buildings
 - eligible costs: investment to conserve non-productive heritage features located on agricultural holdings (sites of archaeological or historical interest) and heritage features of productive assets on farms, such as farm buildings, provided the investment does not entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm,
- Article 13: aid for land reparation
 - eligible costs: legal and administrative costs,
- Article 15: provision of technical support in the agricultural sector
 - eligible costs: costs concerning education and training of farmers and farm workers, consultancy services which do not constitute a continuous or periodic activity, the organisation of forums for exchanging knowledge amongst farms, competitions, exhibitions and fairs and participation in such events, and publications. The aid is to be granted in the form of subsidised services and must not involve direct payments of money to producers.

Sector(s) concerned: All sectors of agriculture

Name and address of the granting authority:

Občina Hrastnik
Pot Vitka Pavliča 5
SI-1430 Hrastnik
SLOVENIJA

Website:

http://sftp.slovenka.net/o-hrastnik/h/os/pravilnik_kmetijstvo_hrastnik_2007.doc

Other information: This notification extends aid scheme XA 14/08. The extension covers the period from 2011 to 2013 and entails a budget totalling EUR 60 909. All the provisions of the legal basis remain unchanged.

Podpis odgovorne osebe
Župan občine Hrastrnik
Miran JERIČ

Aid No: XA 136/10

Member State: Italy

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Sostegno all'interprofessione e iniziative delle organizzazioni dei produttori.

Legal basis: Decreto Ministeriale 26 luglio 2010 n. 11468.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The maximum planned expenditure is EUR 1 500 000,00, broken down as follows:

A. Support to interprofessional organisations: maximum amount of EUR 400 000.

B. Producer organisation initiatives: maximum amount of EUR 1 100 000;

Please note that Action A provides for an overall amount of EUR 1 000 000, of which EUR 600 000 is intended for actions pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006.

Maximum aid intensity: The aid covers 80 % of the overall cost of the project and does not involve direct payments to individual producers.

Date of implementation: The scheme will enter into force from 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:

The aid will be granted from 6 September 2010 until 31 December 2010.

Actions must be executed within 20 months of the registration date of the relevant aid decision by the supervisory body.

Objective of aid:

In relation to the objectives set out in the 'National action programme for organic farming and products for 2008-2009', the actions to be funded are aimed at supporting interprofessional organisations (promoting awareness of organic production methods among operators in the sector and final consumers) and producer organisations (by means of information and awareness raising campaigns, training courses for organic farmers engaged in primary production and non-routine technical support).

The individual actions fall within those set out in Articles 14 and 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Sector(s) concerned: All organic primary agricultural products

Name and address of the granting authority:

Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali
Dipartimento delle politiche competitive del mondo rurale e della qualità
Via XX Settembre 20
00187 Roma RM
ITALIA

Website:

<http://www.politicheagricole.gov.it/ConcorsiGare>

http://www.sinab.it/index.php?mod=documenti_utili&m2id=195&navId=1648

Other information:

A summary of the act governing the implementation of the aid shall be published in the *Official Gazette of the Italian Republic* and on the Ministry's website <http://www.politicheagricole.it/ConcorsiGare>

Relevant documents and information will be published in the same section.

Aid No: XA 137/10

Member State: Italy

Region: Lombardia

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Servizio di Assistenza Tecnica agli Allevamenti (SATA) nel territorio della Regione Lombardia.

Legal basis:

L.R. 31/08 — Testo unico delle leggi regionali in materia di agricoltura, foreste, pesca e sviluppo rurale — articoli 13 e 15.

Deliberazione Giunta regionale n. 000334/2010 Servizio di Assistenza Tecnica agli Allevamenti (SATA) nel territorio della Regione Lombardia. Istituzione di un regime di aiuto ai sensi del regolamento (CE) n. 1857/2006.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 4 020 000/year

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 100 % of the eligible cost, in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Date of implementation: From 1 January 2011

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31 December 2015

Objective of aid: Aid to cover the eligible costs of technical assistance activities

Sector(s) concerned: A1 — Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities

Name and address of the granting authority:

Regione Lombardia — DG Agricoltura
Via Pola 12/14
20124 Milano MI
ITALIA

Website:

<http://www.regione.lombardia.it>, then click on 'Settori e politiche', 'Agricoltura', 'Argomenti', 'Aiuti di Stato nel settore agricolo: pubblicazione dei regimi di aiuto'

Other information: —

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(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/24/10

The Jean Monnet programme support to European associations active at European level in the field of education and training and European integration

(2010/C 287/05)

1. Objectives and description

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support European associations in the fields of education and training active in:

- European integration subjects, and/or
- pursuing the objectives of the European education and training policy.

The 'Lifelong Learning Programme' ⁽¹⁾ and more specifically its Jean Monnet sub-programme constitutes the legal basis.

In the implementation of Key Activity 3 of the Jean Monnet programme, the specific objectives of this call for proposals are:

- to support high-quality European associations contributing to increasing knowledge and awareness on the European integration process through education and training,
- to support high-quality European associations contributing to the implementation of at least one of the strategic objectives of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ('ET 2020') ⁽²⁾.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ('the Agency'), acting under powers delegated from the European Commission ('the Commission'), is responsible for the management of this call for proposals.

2. Eligible applicants

A European association is eligible if it satisfies the following conditions:

- is a non-profit organisation,
- is located and has legal personality and seat for more than two years uninterrupted (on date of call deadline) in one or several ⁽³⁾ LLP eligible countries (the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Croatia and Switzerland),

⁽¹⁾ See Decision No 1720/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (OJ L 327, 24.11.2006, p. 45).

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:327:0045:0068:EN:PDF>

⁽²⁾ http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1120_en.htm

⁽³⁾ In the case of a relocation of the legal entity.

- undertakes the majority of its activities in the Member States of the European Union, and/or in other LLP eligible countries,
- exists as a body pursuing an aim of general European interest as defined in Article 162 of the implementing rules for the Financial Regulation laid down by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 ⁽⁴⁾,
- operates in the field of education and training at European level as principal activity,
- includes member organisations having their seat in different EU Member States ⁽⁵⁾ as follows:
 - if applying for a framework partnership agreement, includes member associations minimum from nine different EU Member States,
 - if applying for an annual operating grant, includes member associations minimum from six different EU Member States.

Such members must have 'full member' status (associated members and observers are not considered as 'full members'). Also the members of a European association must have a member-based structure, be non-profit organisations and be active in education and training.

Concerning the eligibility of European association's member organisations please note that: private individuals, individual organisations without a member-based structure, individual higher education institutions, profit making bodies, public bodies and institutions that are part of the administrative structure of the Member States are not considered to be eligible member organisations.

3. Eligible activities

European Union financing under this call for proposals takes the form of operating grants. These grants support certain operational and administrative costs of the selected beneficiaries for European activities carried out according to an agreed work programme.

The activities of the proposed work programme must contribute to:

- increasing knowledge and awareness on the European integration process through education and training, and/or
- the implementation of at least one of the following strategic objectives of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ('ET 2020') ⁽⁶⁾:
 1. making lifelong learning and mobility a reality;
 2. improving the quality and efficiency of education and training;
 3. promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship;
 4. enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship, at all levels of education and training.

⁽⁴⁾ According to this definition, an organisation pursuing an aim of general European interest is:

- a European body involved in education, training, information or research and study in European policies or a European standards body, or
- a European network representing non-profit bodies active in the Member States or in the candidate countries and promoting principles and policies consistent with the objectives of the Treaties.

⁽⁵⁾ In addition, the European association may include member-associations based in other EU Member States and other countries.

⁽⁶⁾ See footnote 2.

The period of eligibility of costs for a work programme of maximum 12 months shall start between 1 January 2011 and 1 April 2011 and may not extend beyond the end of the beneficiary's budgetary year.

Two schemes for a possible agreement are proposed:

3.1. *Framework partnership agreement*

Organisations wishing to establish a long-term relationship are invited to submit an application for a framework partnership agreement. This kind of agreement formalises a partnership for three years.

Applications for a framework partnership agreement must include:

- a detailed 12-month work programme ⁽⁷⁾ for 2011 together with a corresponding budget,
- a three-year action plan (a description of their long-term strategy and objectives), covering the period 2011-2013.

The action plan should spell out the specific proposed objectives according to the sub-sector of the education and training targeted by the application (general education, vocational training, higher education, adult learning, etc.), set clear priorities for the foreseen and planned activities in line with the objectives they contribute to (knowledge and awareness on the European integration or strategy framework ET 2020), define the results expected and the timing to get them.

3.2. *Annual operating grant agreement*

Organisations not wishing to make a long-term commitment under a framework partnership agreement may submit an application for an annual operating grant.

Applications for annual operating grant must contain:

- a detailed 12-month work programme for 2011 together with the corresponding budget.

A clear and timely planned work programme specifying the kind and level of the European cooperation including detail on the target population benefiting from the activities is required.

N.B. An organisation can apply for a framework partnership agreement or for an annual operating grant agreement. An organisation having applied for a framework partnership agreement and not having been successful may be considered and selected for an annual operating grant agreement.

4. **Award criteria**

The decision on the award of a framework partnership agreement is taken on the basis of the equally weighted criteria included in paragraph A and B.

The decision on the award of an annual operating grant is taken on the basis of the equally weighted criteria included in paragraph B only.

A. The overall quality of the three-year action plan (2011-2013):

1. the relevance, clarity and coherence of the long-term objectives (2011-2013); the coherence between the proposed action plan and the actions carried out by the organisation in the past;
2. the strategy for achieving the anticipated results, the methodology and management, including the organisational model (distribution of tasks between the members of the association) to ensure that the objectives and results are achieved with the benefit of the European approach;
3. the expected medium and long-term impact of the activities on education and/or training at European level (transnational nature of the activities), relevance to the strategy and objectives of the 'ET 2020'; representativeness of the organisation as regards the target groups it represents, appropriateness of the methods envisaged to ensure the quality of the results and monitor and assess the activities, dissemination and utilisation of the results.

⁽⁷⁾ The level of detail of the work programme for 2011 is the same for an application for an annual grant and for a framework partnership agreement.

- B. The quality of the detailed work programme for the first 12 months in 2011 and its coherence with the three-year action plan (2011-2013) ⁽⁸⁾.

The quality of the detailed 12-month work programme is assessed on the basis of the following three award criteria:

1. the relevance, clarity and coherence of the short-term objectives (12 months);
2. the quality of the management of the work programme (clarity and coherence of the activities and budgets proposed to achieve the objectives, timetable);
3. the expected impact of the activities on education and/or training at European level (in particular the degree to which the association contribute to the implementation of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ('ET 2020') and/or to increasing knowledge and awareness on the European integration process), visibility and promotion of planned activities and dissemination of results, European added value.

A more detailed description of what information is to be provided for each award criteria by the applicant is contained in Annex 1 to the Guide for Applicants.

5. Budget

The total indicative EU budget for the co-financing of European associations under this call is EUR 1 700 000.

- The maximum annual operating grant per association (corresponding to the first budgetary year 2011) in the case of a framework partnership agreement shall not exceed EUR 100 000. However, there is foreseen the possibility to increase the maximum amount of grant for the second year (2012) to EUR 125 000 and for the third year (2013) to EUR 150 000.
- The maximum operating grant per association for an annual work programme of 12 months (corresponding to one budgetary year 2011) shall not exceed EUR 100 000. The same maximum (EUR 100 000) is foreseen for 2012 and 2013.

Applicant organisations can choose between two systems of co-financing:

- (a) budget based financing: the traditional eligible costs financing for which the EU financial support may not exceed 75 % of the total eligible costs set out in the budget for the association's work programme;
- (b) flat rate financing: flat rate based financing (on the basis of the number of staff members) for which the EU financial support may not exceed 75 % of the summary of provisional expenditure and income statement for the relevant year.

The period of eligibility of costs for a work programme of maximum 12 months shall start between 1 January 2011 and 1 April 2011 and may not extend beyond the end of the beneficiary's budgetary year.

6. Submission of proposals and deadline

The deadline for submission of the online application (eForm) is:

15 December 2010 at 12.00 noon — Brussels time

for both:

- application for a framework partnership agreement (2011-2013) including the application for an operating grant specific to 2011,
- application for an annual operating grant for 2011.

Applications for a framework partnership agreement (2011-2013) and/or annual operating grant agreements for the 2011 budgetary year must be made using the online grant application form (eForm). This online submission is considered to be the master copy.

The official online grant application (eForm) is available at the following Internet address: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu> in English, French and German and must be duly completed in one of the official languages of the European Union.

⁽⁸⁾ Coherence evaluated only in case of submitting an application for a framework partnership agreement.

However, in order to provide safeguards for both applicants and for the Agency, and in order to submit additional required information a complete paper copy of the application dossier (a paper copy of the submitted eForm together with additional documents — see Section 13 of the Guidelines for Applicants) must also be sent by postal mail to the Agency by the deadline (15.12.2010):

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Unit P2 — Lifelong Learning: Erasmus, Jean Monnet
Call for Proposal — EACEA/24/10
Office: BOU2 3/165
Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1
1040 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

7. Full details

The guidelines for applicants, as well as the online application form and annexes, are available at the following address <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — HOME/2010/ERFX/CA

(2010/C 287/06)

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals to award grants to actions in support of the asylum policy.

The total indicative available amount will be EUR 3 577 449,88.

The text of the call, the application form and all other relevant supporting documents are available in English on the website of Directorate-General for Home Affairs of the European Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/funding_refugee_en.htm

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.5930 — JCI/Michel Thierry Group)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2010/C 287/07)

1. On 15 October 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Johnson Controls, Inc. ('JCI, USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of Michel Thierry Group SA ('Michel Thierry Group', France) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- JCI: automotive systems, facility management and control systems and services. The automotive business of JCI includes seating and interior systems for light vehicles as well as batteries and energy storage systems,
- Michel Thierry Group: automotive textiles and leather used in car seats and other interior parts such as door panels.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

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 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5930 — JCI/Michel Thierry Group, to the following address:

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.5989 — HC/Naturgas)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2010/C 287/08)

1. On 15 October 2010, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Hidroeléctrica Del Cantábrico, SA ('HC', Spain), controlled by EDP-Energias de Portugal, SA ('EDP', Portugal) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Naturgas Energía Grupo SA ('Naturgas', Spain), by way of purchase of shares in an existing joint venture. Currently, Naturgas is jointly controlled by HC and Ente Vasco de la Energía ('EVE', Spain).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for HC: generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity and renewable energy in Spain,
- for Naturgas: transmission and distribution of gas and supply of gas and electricity in Spain.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ 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 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.5989 — HC/Naturgas, to the following address:

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Directorate-General for Competition
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of an application pursuant to Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs

(2010/C 287/09)

This publication confers the right to object to the application pursuant to Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 ⁽¹⁾. Statements of objection must reach the Commission within six months from the date of this publication.

SINGLE DOCUMENT

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006**'ACEITE CAMPO DE CALATRAVA'****EC No: ES-PDO-0005-0642-11.09.2007****PGI () PDO (X)****1. Name:**

'Aceite Campo De Calatrava'

2. Member State or third country:

Spain

3. Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff:**3.1. Type of product:**

Class 1.5. Oils and fats

3.2. Description of product to which the name in (1) applies:

Extra virgin olive oil obtained from the fruit of the olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.) of the Cornicabra variety (at least 80 %), supplemented with the second recognised variety, Picual — both varieties are always present in Campo de Calatrava oils — using mechanical procedures or other physical means that do not modify the oil, thus preserving the flavour, fragrance and features of the fruit.

The olives are picked directly from the tree when their degree of ripeness is between 3 and 6.

Maximum parameters allowed for Extra Virgin Olive Oils with the Designation of Origin 'Aceite Campo de Calatrava':

Minimum level of oleic acid: 70 %

Acidity: not exceeding 0,5°

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 93, 31.3.2006, p. 12.

Peroxide value: not exceeding 15 meq O₂/kg

K232: maximum 2

K270: not exceeding 0,15°

Sensory evaluation:

Median defect: Md = 0

Median score for fruitiness: Mf > 3

Water content: not exceeding 0,1 parts per 100

Impurities: not exceeding 0,1 parts per 100

From a sensory point of view, the oils express the contribution of each of the varieties included, giving sensory profiles with a complex fruitiness and with clearly discernible intensities. This means that Campo de Calatrava oils must have a minimum fruitiness of 3 intensity points. The bitter and spicy flavours are discernible and balanced and their intensity values range from 3 to 6 and do not differ from the degree of fruitiness by more than 2 points.

Common to all the Extra Virgin Olive Oils produced in Campo de Calatrava is a marked presence of green fruit flavours of olive and other fresh fruit. As a minimum, these positive descriptors must be present.

Oleic fatty acid content in Campo de Calatrava oils is 79,64 %, as compared to other oil-producing areas where values vary between 56,9 % and 78,4 % (Uceda, Cultivo del Olivo). The minimum value accepted is 70 %.

3.3. *Raw materials (for processed products only):*

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3.4. *Feed (for products of animal origin only):*

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3.5. *Specific steps in production that must take place in the identified geographical area:*

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3.6. *Specific rules concerning slicing, grating, packaging, etc.:*

In order to preserve the typical characteristics of the product at all stages and to ensure the quality of the oils covered by the designation, the bottling process is carried out within the accepted geographical area. This gives the inspection bodies total control of production and the final handling of the product remains in the hands of the area's experienced producers. These are the people who know best how these oils react to the bottling methods, which vary as to time and method of decanting, filtration operations, materials (cloths made from textiles, fibres, paper, cellulose, filtering earth, diatomaceous earth and pearls), bottling temperatures, reaction to cold and storage. The aim of all of this is to maintain the typical characteristics of the product. Correct filtration enables producers to market an adequate product to consumers and to improve preservation conditions by eliminating dissolved left-over solids and moisture, which would otherwise lead to incorrect culinary use and to the presence of trace substances that give rise to anaerobic fermentation of carbohydrates and proteins.

The bottler should have separate systems for bottling the oils covered by the PDO and for bottling other oils.

Likewise, the bottler must have type-approved systems for measuring oil.

The oil should be bottled in containers made of glass, PET, coated metal, cardboard or vitrified ceramic.

3.7. *Specific rules concerning labelling:*

The labelling of the containers of oil will include, besides the sales designation, the logo of the protected designation with the words 'Protected Designation of Origin' (or PDO) 'Aceite Campo de Calatrava'.

The containers in which the protected oil is delivered to consumers will be provided with labels and back labels that mention the Designation of Protected Origin. The back labels will be numbered, provided and monitored by the Inspection Body, in a way that ensures no reuse is possible. The distribution of numbered labels to oil producers by the Inspection Body is restricted to the quantity of oil certified and registered for bottling.

The labelling must comply with the general rules on labelling.

4. **Concise definition of the geographical area:**

The production, processing and bottling area is situated in the south of Castile-La Mancha, which occupies the central part of the Ciudad Real Province and forms a completely homogeneous topological, geographical and historical unit, comprising the municipal districts of Aldea del Rey, Almagro, Argamasilla de Calatrava, Ballesteros de Calatrava, Bolaños de Calatrava, Calzada de Calatrava, Cañada de Calatrava, Carrión de Calatrava, Granátula de Calatrava, Miguelturra, Moral de Calatrava, Pozuelo de Calatrava, Torralba de Calatrava, Valenzuela de Calatrava, Villanueva de San Carlos and Villar del Pozo.

5. **Link with the geographical area:**

5.1. *Specificity of the geographical area:*

Campo de Calatrava is situated in the southern part of the central plateau of the Iberian peninsular with average altitudes of more than 600 m.

The frequent occurrence of high pressures, in addition to the effects of a continental location, have a decisive influence on the climate with the effect that when anticyclones are produced in winter, they give rise to very low temperatures, and, when they occur in summer, they give rise to very high temperatures.

Precipitation is not especially abundant due to the area's marginal position relative to the area through which fronts and depressions pass from the southwest or the Strait of Gibraltar, and it is these that generate most rainfall. In Campo de Calatrava, rainfall does not generally reach 500 mm.

The soil is alkaline and of medium depth.

The volcanic matter in our area is alkaline. This pedological feature is another particularity with respect to other oil-producing regions and influences the characteristics of certain oils.

The dark colour of the soils of Campo de Calatrava absorbs a higher quantity of solar radiation, providing a higher soil temperature and thereby, from an agronomical point of view, favouring the early development of the olive crop.

5.2. *Specificity of the product:*

The characteristics of 'Aceite Campo de Calatrava' are the following:

- at least 80 % of the oil comes from the Cornicabra variety,
- high oleic acid content, with minimum values of 70 % for these oils,
- fruitiness in excess of 3, with descriptors of green flavours of olive and other fresh fruit. As a minimum, these descriptors must be present,
- the sensory profile is rounded with pronounced bitter and spicy flavours ranging from 3 to 6 that do not differ from the degree of fruitiness by more than 2 points,
- this oil is different from other oils with protected designation of origin in that it is the only one made exclusively from the Cornicabra and Picual varieties.

5.3. *Causal link between the geographical area and the quality or characteristics of the product (for PDO) or a specific quality, the reputation or other characteristic of the product (for PGI):*

The lime-rich soil of medium depth, the volcanic matter, the low water level with low rainfall, the hot summers, long frosts in winter and soils that warm early, make up an ecosystem that borders on being arid and which over the centuries has kept the Cornicabra and Picual varieties perfectly adapted to this environment through natural selection, ensuring a final product with distinctive characteristics that differentiate it from other olive-growing areas. These pedological and climactic conditions give rise to a higher concentration of oleic fatty acid (Civantos, 1999), the minimum value of which is 70 %, producing oils with greater oxidative stability.

Dry, alkaline soils and low rainfall have given Campo de Calatrava oil fruity sensorial profiles with minimum 3 points of green flavour of olive and other fresh fruits.

Water stress in the fruit's ripening phase, caused by scarce rainfall, gives discernible and balanced bitter and spicy flavours, with intensity values that range from 3 to 6 and do not differ from the degree of fruitiness by more than 2 points.

Reference to the publication of the specification:

(Article 5(7) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006)

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