

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

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(94/C 390/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption: 29. 3. 1994

Member State: Germany (Former GDR)

Aid No: N 108a/94

Title: Amendments to the guidelines concerning the ERP programme for assisting areas in West Germany (ERP-Regionalprogramm)

Objective: Regional development

Legal basis: Richtlinie für ERP-Darlehen an kleine und mittlere Unternehmen in regionalen Fördergebieten

Budget: Subsidized loans totalling DM 1,4 billion in 1994

Aid intensity: 7,5 % (gross) maximum; the turnover ceiling has been raised from DM 40 million to DM 100 million

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 29. 3. 1994

Member State: Germany (Former GDR)

Aid No: N 108b/94

Title: Amendments to the guidelines concerning the ERP programme for promoting investment in the former GDR (ERP-Aufbauprogramm)

Objective: Regional development

Legal basis: Richtlinie für ERP-Darlehen zur Förderung von betrieblichen Aufbauinvestitionen

Budget: Subsidized loans totalling DM 3,2 billion in 1994

Aid intensity: 7,5 % (gross) maximum; the turnover ceiling has been raised from DM 40 million to DM 100 million

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 21. 6. 1994

Member State: Germany (Berlin)

Aid No: N 288/94

Title: Scheme introduced by the Land of Berlin for selling at reduced prices land intended for industrial purposes

Objective: Regional development and promotion of SMEs

Legal basis: Grundsätze für den verbilligten Verkauf landeseigener bebauter und unbebauter Grundstücke für die Gewerbe- und Industrieansiedlung

Budget: DM 88 million

Aid intensity: 1,25 % (gross)

Duration: 1994 to 1998

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 22. 6. 1994

Member State: Germany (Former GDR)

Aid No: N 294/94

Title: Amendments to the consultancy aid scheme for promoting the sale of consumer goods produced in the former GDR

Objective: Regional development of the former GDR

Legal basis: Richtlinien für die Förderung von Marketing-Beratungen zur Verbesserung des Absatzes ostdeutscher Konsumgüter

Budget: ECU 18 million

Aid intensity: 50 % of eligible costs (fees), up to ECU 50 000

Duration: 1994 to 1995

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 29. 6. 1994

Member State: Germany (Saxony-Anhalt, areas affected by flooding)

Aid No: N 332/94

Title: Scheme introduced by the Land of Saxony-Anhalt to assist firms affected by flooding

Objective: To repair the damage caused by natural disasters

Legal basis: Richtlinie über die Gewährung von staatlichen Beihilfen bei Notständen durch Hochwasser im Land Sachsen-Anhalt für die gewerbliche Wirtschaft

Budget: DM 25 million (indicative forecast)

Aid intensity: As a rule, ECU 60 000

Duration: 1994

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 14. 7. 1994

Member State: United Kingdom (TTWAs of Nottingham, Stafford, Stoke and Walsall (parts))

Aid No: N 182/94

Title: Extension of the Regional Enterprise Grant scheme to coal closure areas

Objective: Regional development/Support of SMEs activities/innovation

Legal basis: Industrial Development Act 1982 (Section 8)

Aid intensity:

Per project:

— 15 % gross (investment grant)

— £ 25 000 (innovation support grant)

Duration: Not specified

Date of adoption: 14. 7. 1994

Member State: United Kingdom (objective 2 areas in Great Britain)

Aid No: N 189/94

Title: Retex programme for Great Britain

Objective: To support the diversification of the economic activities in the regions of Great Britain heavily dependent on the textiles and clothing sector

Legal basis: Council resolution (OJ No C 178, 15. 7. 1992, p. 2)

Budget: ECU 11,62 million

Aid intensity: 50 % gross of eligible costs

Duration: Two years

Date of adoption: 15. 7. 1994

Member State: Germany (Entire country for SMEs; assisted regions for other firms)

Aid No: N 108c/94

Title: Amendments to the guidelines concerning the ERP programme for promoting start-up ventures (ERP-Existenzgründungsprogramm)

Objective: Regional development and promotion of SMEs

Legal basis: Richtlinie für ERP-Darlehen zur Förderung der Existenzgründung

Budget: Subsidized loans totalling DM 6,57 billion in 1994

Aid intensity: Up to 7,5 % (gross) maximum

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 19. 7. 1994

Member State: Germany (Assisted regions in Germany)

Aid No: N 157/94

Objective: Improvement of regional economic structure:

— aid for infrastructure projects

— aid for productive investments

— aid for consultations

— guarantees

Legal basis: Gesetz über die Gemeinschaftsaufgabe 'Verbesserung der regionalen Wirtschaftsstruktur' vom 6. Oktober 1969 (BGBl. I, S. 1861), zuletzt geändert durch das Gesetz vom 24. Juni 1991 (BGBl. I 1991, S. 1336)

Budget: 15,3 billion DM in 1994 (commitment appropriations) of which 95 % in favour of former GDR regions

Duration: The Joint Task scheme is unlimited; the present framework programme covers the period 1994 to 1998

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 19. 7. 1994

Member State: Germany (Former GDR)

Aid No: NN 47/94

Title: Amendments to the Investment Allowance Law with a view to promoting investment in the former GDR

Objective: Regional development and promotion of SMEs

Legal basis: Investitionszulagengesetz

Budget: Not available

Aid intensity: Net grant equivalent 3,25 to 6,5 %

Duration: End 1996 (investments made in 1996)

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 29. 7. 1994

Member State: Germany (Baden-Württemberg)

Aid No: N 300/94

Title: Programme introduced by the Land of Baden-Württemberg to develop rural areas

Objective: To develop rural areas in Baden-Württemberg

Legal basis: Richtlinie Entwicklungsprogramm ländlicher Raum

Budget: ECU 22,5 million a year

Aid intensity:

— 7,5 % (gross) (medium-sized enterprises)

— 15 % (small enterprises)

— ceiling of ECU 250 000 per enterprise

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 13. 9. 1994

Member State: Greece (Objective 1 areas in Greece)

Aid No: N 386/94

Title: Retex programme for Greece

Objective: To support the diversification of the economic activities in the regions of Greece heavily dependent on the textiles and clothing sector

Legal basis: Council resolution (OJ No C 178, 15. 7. 1992, p. 2)

Budget: ECU 23,5 million

Aid intensity: ECU 50 000 to ECU 163 000

Duration: One year

Date of adoption: 19. 9. 1994

Member State: Greece

Aid No: N 330/94

Title: Amendments to Law No 1892/90 (Part A)

Objective: Regional development

Legal basis: Τροποποίηση του νόμου 1892/90 (κεφάλαιο Α)

Aid intensity: 75 % net grant equivalent (Thrace)

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 7. 10. 1994

Member State: France

Aid No: N 411/94 (1)

Title: Renewal of parafiscal charge allocated to the 'Comité professionnel de la distribution de carburants' (Trade Committee on Fuel Distribution)

Objective: To modernize, diversify, open, maintain or close independent fuel retail businesses. Investment or closure grants

Legal basis: Projets de décret et d'arrêté du ministre de l'industrie et du commerce extérieur

Budget: FF 43 million (ECU 6,15 million) for 1995

Aid intensity:

— Aid to modernization, diversification, setting-up or maintenance of business: 50 %, subject to a ceiling of FF 120 000 (ECU 17 417)

— Closure aid: maximum FF 120 000 (ECU 17 417)

Duration: Five years (1995 to 2000)

(1) Decision to close the file; Article 92 (1) not applicable.

Date of adoption: 25. 10. 1994

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 684/93 (1)

Title: System for the collection and disposal of used tyres

Objective: To collect and dispose of used tyres in an environmentally-friendly way

Legal basis: Bekendtgørelse om gebyr og tilskud til bortskaffelse af dæk

Budget: Dkr 17 million (ECU 2 million)

Duration: 31. 12. 1998

(1) Decision to close the file; Article 92(1) not applicable.

Date of adoption: 30. 11. 1994

Member State: Ireland

Aid No: N 512/94

Title: Energy efficiency measures under the economic infrastructure operational programme (EIOP)

Objective: To encourage energy conservation by offering grants for energy efficiency projects which aim to reduce energy consumption and improve the environment. The scheme is open to all firms.

Legal basis: Ministers and Secretaries Acts

Budget: Total budget of ECU 42,2 million from which ECU 19,7 million is to be co-financed by the ERDF

Aid intensity: Up to 50 % gross

Duration: 1994 to 1999

Date of adoption: 30. 11. 1994

Member State: Germany

Aid No: N 563/d/94

Title: ERP-Environment programme

Objective: Aid for environmental protection and energy efficiency to firms by offering soft loans

Legal basis: ERP-Wirtschaftsplangesetz 1995

Budget: Total funds available for lending in 1995: DM 2,43 billion (ECU 1,27 billion)

Aid intensity: Maximum 4,28 % gross

Duration: 1995

Date of adoption: 30. 11. 1994

Member State: United Kingdom (Blyth Valley)

Aid No: NN 26/94

Title: Blyth Valley District Council: Flexible assistance for business development and expansion

Objective: Support new and expanding businesses

Legal basis: Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Budget:

- ECU 128 700 (1994)
- ECU 64 350 (1995)
- ECU 64 350 (1996)

Aid intensity:

- 75 % gross of eligible costs (business plan)
- 50 % gross of eligible costs (consultancy)
- 100 % rent payments (over three years)

Duration: Indeterminate

Conditions: Approval until the end of 1996 when the scheme must be renotified

Date of adoption: 1. 12. 1994

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 620/94

Title: Credit for Stork Wärtsilä Diesel BV

Objective: To support the development of the diesel engines SW26

Legal basis: Approved scheme credits for technical development (N 783/F/93 (TOK))

Budget: ECU 9,4 million (FL 20,2 million)

Aid intensity: 40 % in the case of a failure of the project and no aid in the case of a success

Duration: 12. 1. 1994 to 31. 12. 1997

Conditions:

- To notify in advance pursuant to Article 93 (3) of the EC Treaty any change in the modalities of the aid and/or refinancing
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Date of adoption: 7. 12. 1994

Member State: Ireland (Dublin and Mid-West)

Aid No: N 562/94

Title: International Financial Services Centre (Dublin) — Shannon Customs-Free Airport Zone

Objective: Job creation and regional development

Legal basis: Financial Bill 1994

Budget: Variable (operating aid)

Aid intensity: Variable (operating aid)

Duration: Until 31. 12. 2005 (deadline for approval of new projects: 31. 12. 2000)

Conditions: Annual report

Date of adoption: 12. 12. 1994

Member State: Spain (Castile-Leon)

Aid No: N 638/94

Title: Aid to encourage investment in tourism facilities

Objective: To increase the supply and improve the quality of tourism services in Castile-Leon

Legal basis: Proyecto de Orden de la Consejería de Cultura y Turismo

Budget: Pta 645 million approximately ECU 4,5 million) for 1995

Aid intensity: 35 % net grant equivalent (this may be exceeded in exceptional cases within the limits laid down in the Community frameworks for the region concerned)

Duration: Indefinite

Date of adoption: 13. 12. 1994

Member State: Germany (Baden-Württemberg)

Aid No: N 586/94

Title: Grant scheme for renewable energy from woodchippings

Objective: Aid for investment in energy generation installations using woodchippings and for heating networks connected to these installations

Legal basis: Richtlinienentwurf des Ministeriums für Ländlichen Raum, Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten, Baden-Württemberg

Budget: DM 2 million per annum (ECU 1,04 million)

Aid intensity: 20 % gross, cumulation up to 40 % for SMEs

Duration: 1995 to 1997

Date of adoption: 19. 12. 1994

Member State: Spain (Comunidad de Madrid)

Aid No: N 326/94

Title: Technology development programme

Objective: To support research activities carried out by companies established in Madrid

Legal basis: Orden de la Consejería de Economía

Budget: Pta 1,45 million (1994 to 1996); (ECU 9,1 million) 1994: ECU 2,9 million; 1995: ECU 3,1 million; 1996: ECU 3,1 million.

Aid intensity: 50 % for basic industrial research; 25 % for applied research and development. Enhancements: 10 % for SMEs and 10 % in case the project is linked to Community R&D programmes

Duration: 1994 to 1996

Conditions:

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- Notification of individual awards of aid to projects with a value in excess of ECU 20 million (ECU 30 million) for Eureka projects with a national participation of more than ECU 4 million
- Notification of aid measures granted to undertakings operating in the motor vehicle sector where the cost of the project exceeds ECU 12 million

Date of adoption: 19. 12. 1994

Member State: Italy (Campania)

Aid No: N 351/94

Title:

1. Measures to assist tourism
2. Measures to promote the development of the craft industry
3. Measures to promote training and employment in the craft industry
4. Financial assistance for craft products
5. Measures to assist craft businesses
6. Measures to safeguard and promote traditional craft products

Objective: Development of tourism and craft trades

Legal basis: Leggi di delibera del Consiglio regionale

Budget:

1. Lit 18 billion (ECU 9,3 million) for 1994
2. Lit 20 billion (ECU 10,25 million) for 1993 to 1995
3. Lit 2,5 billion (ECU 1,28 million) for 1994 to 1996 (including EC financing)
4. Lit 2 billion (ECU 1,1 million) for 1993
5. Lit 2 billion (ECU 1,1 million) for 1993, Lit 6 billion (ECU 3 million) for 1994 to 1996
6. Lit 300 million (ECU 154 000) for 1993 Lit 1,5 billion (ECU 0,7 million) for 1994 to 1996

Aid intensity: Between 10 and 60 % (gross grant)

Duration: 1993 to 1996 (see above)

Date of adoption: 21. 12. 1994

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 666/94

Title: Proposal for a modification to the Danish Electricity Act

Objective: Restructuring aid to the electricity company SEAS

Legal basis: Forslag til lov om ændring af lov om elforsyning (Indregning af tab ved sideordnede aktiviteter)

Budget: Approximately Dkr 230 million (ECU 30 million)

Duration: Approximately 15 years

Date of adoption: 21. 12. 1994

Member State: France (Six areas affected, with a total population of less than 50 000)

Aid No: N 699/94

Title: Marginal changes to the map for the PAT (regional planning grant) scheme (see Case No N 515/94, OJ No C 346, 20. 12. 1994)

Objective: Regional development

Legal basis: Décret relatif à la prime d'aménagement du territoire (PAT)

Budget: Unchanged with respect to Case No N 515/94

Aid intensity: 17 or 25 % gross, depending on areas

Duration: Indefinite

Conditions: Unchanged with respect to Case No N 515/94

Date of adoption: 22. 12. 1994

Member State: Italy (Abruzzi)

Aid No: N 369/94

Title: Measures to promote farm tourism

Objective: Development of farm tourism

Legal basis: Disegno di legge della Giunta Regionale

Budget: Lit 20,423 billion (ECU 10,48 million) for 1994

Duration: 1994

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Date of adoption: 27. 7. 1994

Member State: Italy

Aid No: N 336/94

Title: Aid to shipbuilding

Objective: To assist the shipbuilding industry

Legal basis: Decreto legge n. 564 del 24. 12. 1993

Budget: Lit 45 billion (ECU 24,1 million)

Aid intensity:

— 9 % maximum of the contract value

— 4,5 % maximum in the case of ships with a value of less than ECU 10 million

Duration: 1994

Date of adoption: 14. 9. 1994

Member State: Portugal

Aid No: N 533/93

Title: Social and environmental aid for the enterprise Siderurgia Nacional

Objective: To supplement the financing of the enterprise's restructuring plan, in addition to aid approved pursuant to Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty

Budget: Esc 5,925 billion (ECU 30,06 million)

Duration: Until 1997

Date of adoption: 14. 9. 1994

Member State: Italy

Aid No: N 161/94