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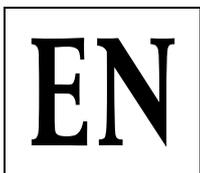
### Information and Notices

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## I

(Resolutions, recommendations, guidelines and opinions)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

of 19 March 2007

**concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (Sixth EDF) for the financial year 2005**

(2007/C 103/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Third ACP-EEC Convention, signed at Lomé on 8 December 1984 <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to Internal Agreement 86/126/EEC on the financing and administration of Community aid <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 29(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 11 November 1986 applicable to the Sixth European Development Fund (Sixth EDF) <sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Articles 66 to 73 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the Sixth EDF as at 31 December 2005 and the Court of Auditors' report concerning the financial year 2005 together with the Commission's replies <sup>(4)</sup>,

Whereas

- (1) Pursuant to Article 29(3) of the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the Sixth EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.
- (2) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the Sixth EDF during the financial year 2005 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Sixth EDF for the financial year 2005.

Done at Brussels, on 19 March 2007.

*For the Council*

*The President*

H. SEEHOFER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 86, 31.3.1986, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 86, 31.3.1986, p. 210. Agreement as amended by Decision 86/281/EEC. (OJ L 178, 2.7.1986, p. 13).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 325, 20.11.1986, p. 42.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ C 263, 31.10.2006, p. 205.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION****of 19 March 2007****concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (Seventh EDF) for the financial year 2005**

(2007/C 103/02)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Fourth ACP-EC Convention, signed at Lomé on 15 December 1989 <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by the Agreement signed in Mauritius on 4 November 1995 <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to Internal Agreement 91/401/EEC on the financing and administration of Community aid under the fourth ACP-EC Convention <sup>(3)</sup>, setting up, amongst others, the Seventh European Development Fund (Seventh EDF) and in particular Article 33(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 29 July 1991 applicable to development finance cooperation under the Fourth ACP-EC Convention <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Articles 69 to 77 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the Seventh EDF as at 31 December 2005 and the Court of Auditors' report concerning the financial year 2005 together with the Commission's replies <sup>(5)</sup>,

Whereas

- (1) Pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the Seventh EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.
- (2) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the Seventh EDF during the financial year 2005 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Seventh EDF for the financial year 2005.

Done at Brussels, on 19 March 2007.

*For the Council*

*The President*

H. SEEHOFER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 229, 17.8.1991, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 229, 17.8.1991, p. 288.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 266, 21.9.1991, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ C 263, 31.10.2006, p. 205.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION****of 19 March 2007****concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (Eighth EDF) for the financial year 2005**

(2007/C 103/03)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Fourth ACP-EC Convention, signed at Lomé on 15 December 1989 <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by the Agreement signed in Mauritius on 4 November 1995 <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of the Community aid under the Second Financial Protocol to the fourth ACP-EC Convention <sup>(3)</sup> setting up, amongst others, the Eighth European Development Fund (Eighth EDF), and in particular Article 33(3) of that Agreement,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 16 June 1998 applicable to development finance cooperation under the Fourth ACP-EC Convention <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Articles 66 to 74 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the Eighth EDF as at 31 December 2005, and the Court of Auditors' report concerning the financial year 2005 together with the Commission's replies <sup>(5)</sup>,

Whereas

- (1) Pursuant to Article 33(3) of the said Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the Eighth EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.
- (2) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the Eighth EDF during the financial year 2005 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Eighth EDF for the financial year 2005.

Done at Brussels, on 19 March 2007.

*For the Council**The President*

H. SEEHOFER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 229, 17.8.1991, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 156, 29.5.1998, p. 108.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 191, 7.7.1998, p. 53.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ C 263, 31.10.2006, p. 205.

**COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION****of 19 March 2007****concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (Ninth EDF) for the financial year 2005**

(2007/C 103/04)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 <sup>(1)</sup> and amended in Luxembourg (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) on 25 June 2005 <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid under the Financial Protocol to ACP-EC Partnership Agreement <sup>(3)</sup> setting up, amongst others, the Ninth European Development Fund (Ninth EDF), and in particular Article 32(3) of that Agreement,

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of 27 March 2003 applicable to the 9th European Development Fund <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Articles 96 to 103 thereof,

Having examined the revenue and expenditure account and the balance sheet relating to the operations of the Ninth EDF as at 31 December 2005 and the Court of Auditors' report concerning the financial year 2005 together with the Commission's replies <sup>(5)</sup>,

Whereas

- (1) Pursuant to Article 32(3) of the said Internal Agreement, the discharge for the financial management of the Ninth EDF is to be given to the Commission by the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Council.
- (2) The overall implementation by the Commission of the operations of the Ninth EDF during the financial year 2005 has been satisfactory,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS that the European Parliament give the Commission a discharge in respect of the implementation of the operations of the Ninth EDF for the financial year 2005.

Done at Brussels, on 19 March 2007.

*For the Council*

*The President*

H. SEEHOFER

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 287, 28.10.2005, p. 4.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 355.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 83, 1.4.2003, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ C 263, 31.10.2006, p. 205.

## IV

(Notices)

## NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

## COMMISSION

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

7 May 2007

(2007/C 103/05)

## 1 euro =

| Currency             | Exchange rate | Currency                  | Exchange rate |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| USD US dollar        | 1,3615        | RON Romanian leu          | 3,3120        |
| JPY Japanese yen     | 163,31        | SKK Slovak koruna         | 33,537        |
| DKK Danish krone     | 7,4516        | TRY Turkish lira          | 1,8230        |
| GBP Pound sterling   | 0,68230       | AUD Australian dollar     | 1,6483        |
| SEK Swedish krona    | 9,1655        | CAD Canadian dollar       | 1,5028        |
| CHF Swiss franc      | 1,6471        | HKD Hong Kong dollar      | 10,6428       |
| ISK Iceland króna    | 86,37         | NZD New Zealand dollar    | 1,8442        |
| NOK Norwegian krone  | 8,1220        | SGD Singapore dollar      | 2,0613        |
| BGN Bulgarian lev    | 1,9558        | KRW South Korean won      | 1 255,85      |
| CYP Cyprus pound     | 0,5826        | ZAR South African rand    | 9,4161        |
| CZK Czech koruna     | 28,167        | CNY Chinese yuan renminbi | 10,4889       |
| EEK Estonian kroon   | 15,6466       | HRK Croatian kuna         | 7,3458        |
| HUF Hungarian forint | 246,20        | IDR Indonesian rupiah     | 12 096,93     |
| LTL Lithuanian litas | 3,4528        | MYR Malaysian ringgit     | 4,6495        |
| LVL Latvian lats     | 0,6966        | PHP Philippine peso       | 64,331        |
| MTL Maltese lira     | 0,4293        | RUB Russian rouble        | 35,0260       |
| PLN Polish zloty     | 3,7413        | THB Thai baht             | 44,335        |

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

## Renewal of the term of office of members of the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture

(2007/C 103/06)

The term of office of the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture was renewed by Commission Decision 2004/864/EC <sup>(1)</sup> amending Decision 1999/478/EC <sup>(2)</sup> renewing the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The term of office for a member of the Committee is three years and is renewable. Accordingly, the term of office of the members of the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture set up on 1 May 2004 is due to expire on 30 April 2007.

The Commission has therefore decided to renew the membership of the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture for the period from 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2010 as follows:

| CFP INTEREST GROUPS       | SEATS | MEMBERS             |                                  |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           |       | Full members        | Alternate members                |
| The Committee             |       |                     |                                  |
| Private shipowners        | 1     | Mr B. Deas          | Mr J. M. González Gil de Bernabé |
| Cooperative shipowners    | 1     | Mr G. Van Balsfoort | Mr J. R. Fuertes Gamundi         |
| Producers' organisations  | 1     | Mr C. Olesen        | Mr S. O'Donoghue                 |
| Mollusc/shellfish farmers | 1     | Mr G. Fucci         | Mr A. Baekgaard                  |
| Fish farmers              | 1     | Mr I. Stephanis     | Mr P. A. Salvador                |
| Processors                | 1     | Mr G. Pastoor       | Mr P. Commere                    |
| Traders                   | 1     | Mr P. Bamberger     | Mr T. F. Geoghegan               |
| Fishermen and employees   | 1     | Mr R. Otero         | Mr A. Macedo                     |
| Consumers                 | 1     | Mr J. Godfrey       |                                  |
| Environment               | 1     | Mr E. Dunn          | Mrs C. Phua                      |
| Development               | 1     | Mr J. Guyen         | Mrs B. Gorez                     |
| Working groups            |       | Chair               | Vice-Chair                       |
| Group I                   | 2     | Mr J. Garat Pérez   | Mr J. L. de Feuardent            |
| Group II                  | 2     | Mr R. Flynn         | Mr G. Brest                      |
| Group III                 | 2     | Mr M. Keller        | Mr J. A. Suárez Llanos           |
| Group IV                  | 2     | Mr N. Wichmann      | Mr J. A. Mozos                   |

<sup>(1)</sup> OJL 370, 17.12.2004, p. 91.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJL 187, 20.7.1999, p. 70.

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 103/07)

|  |  |                       |                    |
|--|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Aid No   | XS 164/06  |                       |                    |
| Member State   | Poland   |                       |                    |
| Region   | Północny 1.6   |                       |                    |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid  | Exemption from real estate tax for companies conducting business on the territory of the city of Elbląg and making new investments.  |                       |                    |
| Legal basis  | <p>— art. 18 ust. 2 pkt 8 w związku z art. 40 ust. 1 i art. 41 ust. 1 ustawy z dnia 8 marca 1990 r. o samorządzie gminnym (Dz.U. z 2001 r. nr 142, poz. 1591),</p> <p>— art. 7 ust. 3 ustawy z dnia 12 stycznia 1991 r. o podatkach i opłatach lokalnych (Dz.U. z 2006 r. nr 121, poz. 844).</p> |                       |                    |
| Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company | Aid scheme   | Annual overall amount | EUR 0,2586 million |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                  |
|  | Individual aid   | Overall aid amount    | —                  |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                  |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes                |
| Date of implementation   | 3.11.2006  |                       |                    |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award   | Until 31.12.2006   |                       |                    |
| Objective of aid   | Aid to SMEs  |                       | Yes                |
| Economic sectors concerned   | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs   |                       | Yes                |
| Name and address of the granting authority   | Prezydent Miasta Elbląg  |                       |                    |
|  | ul. Łączności 1<br>PL-82-300 Elbląg  |                       |                    |
| Large individual aid grants  | In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes                |

|  |  |                       |                                      |
|--|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aid No   | XS 170/06  |                       |                                      |
| Member State   | United Kingdom (and Republic of Ireland)   |                       |                                      |
| Region   | 32 Counties of the island of Ireland — Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland  |                       |                                      |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid  | Consultancy Aid for Software Development   |                       |                                      |
| Legal basis  | British/Irish Agreement Act 1999 Section 2.3 Part 7 of Annex 2 of the act empowers InterTradeIreland to invest, lend or grant aid for the purposes of its function |                       |                                      |
| Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company | Aid scheme   | Annual overall amount | 2006: GBP 70 000<br>2007: GBP 86 000 |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                                    |
|  | Individual aid   | Overall aid amount    | —                                    |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                                    |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes                                  |
| Date of implementation   | From 1.12.2006   |                       |                                      |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award   | Until 31.12.2007   |                       |                                      |
| Objective of aid   | Aid to SMEs  | Yes                   |                                      |
| Economic sectors concerned   | Limited to specific sectors  | Yes                   |                                      |
|  | Other services   | Yes                   |                                      |
| Name and address of the granting authority   | InterTradeIreland  |                       |                                      |
|  | Old Gasworks Business Park<br>Kilmorey Street<br>Newry BT34 2DE<br>United Kingdom  |                       |                                      |
| Large individual aid grants  | In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes                                  |

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|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Aid No   | XS 171/06  |                       |                 |
| Member State   | Spain  |                       |                 |
| Region   | Comunidad Valenciana   |                       |                 |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid            | The GESTA Programme (Generation of Advanced Technology Solutions) for small and medium-sized enterprises for industrial research projects with technological objectives.   |                       |                 |
| Legal basis  | Resolución de 2 de noviembre de 2006, del presidente del Instituto de la Pequeña y Mediana Industria de la Generalitat Valenciana (IMPIVA), por la que se convocan ayudas del Programa GESTA (Generación de Soluciones de Tecnología Avanzada) a las pequeñas y medianas empresas para proyectos de investigación industrial dirigidos a alcanzar un objetivo tecnológico. [2006/S13035] DOGV — Núm. 5 387 de 14.11.2006 |                       |                 |
| Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of aid granted to the company | Aid scheme   | Annual overall amount | EUR 3,5 million |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —               |
|  | Individual aid   | Overall aid amount    | —               |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —               |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes             |

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|--|--|-----|
| Date of implementation                     | 1.1.2007   |     |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award | Until 31.12.2007   |     |
| Objective of aid                           | Aid to SMEs  | Yes |
| Economic sectors concerned                 | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs   | Yes |
| Name and address of the granting authority | Instituto de la Pequeña y Mediana Industria de la Generalitat Valenciana<br>Plaza del Ayuntamiento, 6<br>E-46002 Valencia<br>Tlf. (34-6) 398 62 91 |     |
| Large individual aid grants                | In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation   | Yes |

|  |  |                       |                              |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Aid No   | XS 174/06  |                       |                              |
| Member State   | Italy  |                       |                              |
| Region   | Regione Basilicata   |                       |                              |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid  | Support for investment in technological innovation, environmental protection, organisational innovation, and commercial innovation.  |                       |                              |
| Legal basis  | Deliberazione della giunta regionale n. 1110 del 17 luglio 2006 (B.U.R. n. 39 del 21 luglio 2006) «POR Basilicata 2000-2006 — Approvazione avviso pubblico Innovazione tecnologica, ambientale, organizzativa e commerciale a valere sulle misure IV.19 e IV.4», modificativa del regolamento di cui alla L. 598/84 — art. 11 e s.m.i. già approvata dalla Commissione con lettera D/53877 del 17 luglio 2000 — Aiuto N 487/95 |                       |                              |
| Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company | Aid scheme   | Annual overall amount | EUR 7 million <sup>(1)</sup> |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                            |
|  | Individual aid   | Overall aid amount    | —                            |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —                            |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Article 4 of the Regulation   |                       | Yes                          |
| Date of implementation   | 21.7.2006  |                       |                              |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award   | Until 31.12.2006   |                       |                              |
| Objective of aid   | Aid to SMEs  | Yes                   |                              |
| Economic sectors concerned   | Mining and quarrying<br>Manufacturing industry<br>Supply and distribution of electricity, gas and water<br>Services  | No                    |                              |
| Name and address of the granting authority   | Regione Basilicata — Dipartimento Attività produttive, politiche dell'impresa e innovazione tecnologica<br>Viale della Regione Basilicata<br>I-85100 Potenza<br>Tel. (39) 0971 66 87 30  |                       |                              |

<sup>(1)</sup> The annual expenditure indicated herein is cumulative for the two laws cited under the legal basis

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|---|--|--|--|
| Aid No  | XS 181/06                                      |  |  |
| Member State  | Ireland  |  |  |
| Region  | All Regions                                    |  |  |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid | Capital Allowances for SME Hotels (XS/24/2001) |  |  |

|  |  |                       |   |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| Legal basis  | Sections 268 to 282 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997      |                       |   |
| Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company | Aid scheme   | Annual overall amount | EUR 20 million for the period 1.1.2007 to 31.7.2008 |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —   |
|  | Individual aid   | Overall aid amount    | —   |
|  |  | Loans guaranteed      | —   |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation |                       | Yes   |
| Date of implementation   | 2.2.2001   |                       |   |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award   | Until 31.7.2008  |                       |   |
| Objective of aid   | Aid to SMEs  | Yes                   |   |
| Economic sectors concerned   | Limited to specific sectors                                  | Yes                   |   |
|  | Other services   | Hotel Sector          |   |
| Name and address of the granting authority   | Revenue Commissioners  |                       |   |
|  | Dublin Castle<br>Dublin 2<br>Ireland                         |                       |   |
| Large individual aid grants  | In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation               |                       | Yes   |

**Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 103/08)

|  |   |                       |                |
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| Aid number   | XS 187/06   |                       |                |
| Member State   | Germany   |                       |                |
| Region   | All assisted regions under the assistance map for Germany 2007-2013   |                       |                |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid  | ERP Regional Aid Programme  |                       |                |
| Legal basis  | ERP-Wirtschaftsplangesetz, ERP-Richtlinie „ERP-Regionalförderprogramm“ sowie „Allgemeine Bedingungen für die Vergabe von ERP-Mitteln“   |                       |                |
| Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company | Aid scheme  | Annual overall amount | EUR 21 million |
|  |   | Loans guaranteed      | —              |
|  | Individual aid  | Overall aid amount    | —              |
|  |   | Loans guaranteed      | —              |
| Maximum aid intensity  | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation  |                       | Yes            |
| Date of implementation   | From 1.1.2007   |                       |                |
| Duration of scheme or individual aid award   | Until 31.12.2007 or until expiry of the current SME exemption regulation.   |                       |                |
| Objective of aid   | Aid to SMEs   |                       | Yes            |
| Economic sectors concerned   | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs  |                       | Yes            |
| Name and address of the granting authority   | KfW-Bankengruppe im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Wirtschaft und Technologie   |                       |                |
|  | Palmengartenstraße 5-9<br>D-60325 Frankfurt am Main   |                       |                |
| Large individual aid grants  | In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation  |                       | Yes            |
| Aid No   | XS 2/07   |                       |                |
| Member State   | Poland  |                       |                |
| Region   | Wszystkie 16 województw   |                       |                |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid  | Wsparcie w zakresie inwestycji udzielane małym i średnim przedsiębiorcom posiadającym siedzibę na terytorium Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej (SPO-WKP 2.3)<br>Przedłużenie (XS133/04) |                       |                |

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| Legal basis                                | Art. 6b ust. 2 ustawy z dnia 9 listopada 2000 r. o utworzeniu Polskiej Agencji Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości (Dz.U. z dnia 13 grudnia 2000 r., nr 109, poz. 1158 z późn. zm.).<br>Rozdział 3 rozporządzenia Ministra Gospodarki i pracy z dnia 27 sierpnia 2004 r. w sprawie udzielania przez Polską Agencję Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości pomocy finansowej w ramach Sektorowego Programu Operacyjnego — Wzrost konkurencyjności przedsiębiorstw (Dz.U. z 2004 r., nr 195, poz. 2010 z 7 września 2004 r. z późn. zm.) — w zakresie inwestycji |
| Type of measure                            | Aid scheme  |
| Budget                                     | Annual budget: EUR 387 million; Overall budget: —   |
| Maximum aid intensity                      | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation  |
| Date of implementation                     | 7.9.2004  |
| Duration                                   | 30.6.2008   |
| Objective                                  | Small and medium-sized enterprises  |
| Economic sectors                           | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs  |
| Name and address of the granting authority | Prezes Polskiej Agencji Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości<br>ul. Pańska 81/83<br>PL-00-834 Warszawa  |

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| Aid No  | XS 3/07   |
| Member State  | Poland  |
| Region  | Wszystkie 16 województw   |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid | Wsparcie w zakresie doradztwa udzielane małym i średnim przedsiębiorcom posiadającym siedzibę na terytorium Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej (SPO-WKP doradztwo)<br>Przedłużenie (XS 134/04)   |
| Legal basis   | Art. 6b ust. 10 ustawy z dnia 9 listopada 2000 r. o utworzeniu Polskiej Agencji Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości (Dz.U. z dnia 13 grudnia 2000 r., nr 109, poz. 1158 z późn. zm.).<br>Rozdział 2 rozporządzenia Ministra Gospodarki i Pracy z dnia 27 sierpnia 2004 r. w sprawie udzielania przez Polską Agencję Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości pomocy finansowej w ramach Sektorowego Programu Operacyjnego — Wzrost konkurencyjności przedsiębiorstw (Dz.U. z 2004 r., nr 195, poz. 2010 z 7 września 2004 r. z późn. zm.) — w zakresie doradztwa |
| Type of measure   | Aid scheme  |
| Budget  | Annual budget: 19 million EUR; Overall budget: —  |
| Maximum aid intensity   | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation  |
| Date of implementation  | 7.9.2004  |
| Duration  | 30.6.2008   |
| Objective   | Small and medium-sized enterprises  |
| Economic sectors  | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs  |
| Name and address of the granting authority                      | Prezes Polskiej Agencji Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości<br>ul. Pańska 81/83<br>PL-00-834 Warszawa  |

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| Aid No  | XS 47/07   |
| Member State  | Netherlands  |
| Region  | Alle regio's   |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid | Innovatieve Prestatie Contracten (IPC)   |
| Legal basis   | Kaderwet EZ-subsidies (versie 01-01-1998)  |
| Type of measure   | Aid scheme   |
| Budget  | Annual budget: EUR 34 million; Overall budget: —   |
| Maximum aid intensity   | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation   |
| Date of implementation  | 1.1.2007   |
| Duration  | 1.1.2012   |
| Objective   | Small and medium-sized enterprises   |
| Economic sectors  | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs   |
| Name and address of the granting authority                      | Ministerie van Economische Zaken<br>Bezuidenhoutseweg 20<br>2500 EC Den Haag<br>Nederland  |
| Aid No  | XS 127/07  |
| Member State  | Spain  |
| Region  | Cantabria  |
| Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid | Ayudas de desarrollo rural para determinadas zonas con riesgo de despoblamiento  |
| Legal basis   | Secciones 1ª y 2ª de la Orden GAN/8/2007, de 23 de febrero, por la que se establecen las bases reguladoras y se aprueba la convocatoria para el año 2007 de las ayudas de desarrollo rural para determinadas zonas con riesgo de despoblamiento (BOC nº 43, de 1 de marzo de 2007) |
| Type of measure   | Aid scheme   |
| Budget  | Annual budget: EUR 0,25 million; Overall budget: —   |
| Maximum aid intensity   | In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation   |
| Date of implementation  | 2.3.2007   |
| Duration  | 31.12.2013   |
| Objective   | Small and medium-sized enterprises   |
| Economic sectors  | All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs   |
| Name and address of the granting authority                      | Consejero de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca del Gobierno de Cantabria<br>Consejería de Ganadería, Edificio Europa<br>E-39011 Santander (Cantabria)<br>Tfno (34) 942 20 78 60   |

**Amendment of public service obligations in respect of certain scheduled air services within the Autonomous Region of the Azores**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 103/09)

In accordance with Commission notice of 16 May 2002 (OJ C 115, 16.5.2002, p. 2.), the Government of the Autonomous Region of the Azores has updated the fares for scheduled air services within the Autonomous Region of the Azores on which public service obligations have been imposed, amending Annexes A and B to the notice, as shown in the tables below.

ANNEX A

**Standard economy fare (RT) (in euro) in 2007**

|     | CVU | FLW | GRW | HOR | PDL | PIX | SJZ | SMA | TER |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CVU |     | 50  | 174 | 106 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 |
| FLW | 50  |     | 174 | 106 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 |
| GRW | 174 | 174 |     | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 106 |
| HOR | 106 | 106 | 174 |     | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 172 |
| PDL | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 |     | 174 | 174 | 106 | 174 |
| PIX | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 |     | 174 | 174 | 172 |
| SJZ | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 |     | 174 | 106 |
| SMA | 174 | 174 | 174 | 174 | 106 | 174 | 174 |     | 174 |
| TER | 174 | 174 | 106 | 172 | 174 | 172 | 106 | 174 |     |

CVU: Corvo; FLW: Flores; GRW: Graciosa; HOR: Horta; PDL: Ponta Delgada; PIX: Pico; SJZ: São Jorge; SMA: Santa Maria; TER: Terceira

ANNEX B

**Fare for residents (RT) (in euro) in 2007**

|     | CVU | FLW | GRW | HOR | PDL | PIX | SJZ | SMA | TER |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CVU |     | 42  | 146 | 82  | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 |
| FLW | 42  |     | 146 | 82  | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 |
| GRW | 146 | 146 |     | 94  | 146 | 94  | 94  | 146 | 82  |
| HOR | 82  | 82  | 94  |     | 146 | 94  | 94  | 146 | 140 |
| PDL | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 |     | 146 | 146 | 82  | 146 |
| PIX | 146 | 146 | 94  | 94  | 146 |     | 94  | 146 | 140 |
| SJZ | 146 | 146 | 94  | 94  | 146 | 94  |     | 146 | 82  |
| SMA | 146 | 146 | 146 | 146 | 82  | 146 | 146 |     | 146 |
| TER | 146 | 146 | 82  | 140 | 146 | 140 | 82  | 146 |     |

CVU: Corvo; FLW: Flores; GRW: Graciosa; HOR: Horta; PDL: Ponta Delgada; PIX: Pico; SJZ: São Jorge; SMA: Santa Maria; TER: Terceira

## V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON  
COMMERCIAL POLICY

COMMISSION

**Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the antidumping measures applicable to imports of  
coumarin originating in the People's Republic of China**

(2007/C 103/10)

Following the publication of a notice of impending expiry <sup>(1)</sup> of the anti-dumping measures in force on imports of coumarin originating in the People's Republic of China, ('country concerned'), the Commission has received a request for review pursuant to Article 11 (2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community <sup>(2)</sup> ('the basic Regulation').

#### 1. Request for review

The request was lodged on 8 February 2007 by the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) ('the applicant') on behalf of the sole producer in the Community representing the totality of the Community production of coumarin.

#### 2. Product

The product under review is coumarin originating in the People's Republic of China ('the product concerned'), currently classifiable within CN code ex 2932 21 00. This CN code is given only for information.

#### 3. Existing measures

The measures currently in force are a definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 769/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> and extended to imports consigned from India and Thailand by Council Regulation (EC) No 2272/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> and to Indonesia and Malaysia by Council Regulation (EC) No 1650/2006 <sup>(5)</sup>.

#### 4. Grounds for the review

The request is based on the grounds that the expiry of measures would be likely to result in continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the Community industry.

The applicant has provided evidence that imports of the product concerned from the People's Republic of China have continued to enter the Community in significant quantities and at dumped prices.

In view of the provisions of Article 2(7) of the basic Regulation, the applicant established normal value for the People's Republic of China on the basis of the price in an appropriate market economy country, which is mentioned in point 5.1(c). The allegation of continuation of dumping is based on a comparison of normal value, as set out in the preceding sentence, with the prices of the product concerned when sold for export to the Community.

On this basis, the dumping margin calculated is significant.

With regard to the recurrence of dumping it is also alleged that the exports to other third countries, i.e. the USA and Brazil, are made at dumped prices.

The applicant has provided evidence that imports of the product concerned from the People's Republic of China have remained significant in absolute terms and in terms of market share.

It is also alleged that the volumes and the prices of the imported product concerned have continued, among other consequences, to have a negative impact on the level of prices charged by the Community industry, resulting in substantial adverse effects on its financial situation and employment situation of the Community industry.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 196, 19.8.2006, p. 2.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 (OJ L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 17).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 123, 9.5.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1854/2003 (OJ L 272, 23.10.2003, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 396, 31.12.2004, p. 18.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 311, 10.11.2006, p. 1.

The applicant further alleges the likelihood of further injurious dumping. In this respect the applicant presents evidence that, should measures be allowed to lapse, the current import level of the product concerned is likely to increase due to the existence of unused capacity in the country concerned.

In addition, the applicant alleges that the situation of the Community industry is such that any further substantial increase of imports at dumped prices from the country concerned would be likely to cause further injury of the Community industry should measures be allowed to lapse.

Furthermore, the applicant points out that during the period of imposition of measures, the exporters/producers of the product concerned from the People's Republic of China tried to undermine the existing measures by circumvention practices, which were counteracted by the extension of measures as enacted by Council Regulation (EC) No 2272/2004 and Council Regulation (EC) No 1650/2006.

## 5. Procedure

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of an expiry review, the Commission hereby initiates a review in accordance with Article 11 (2) of the basic Regulation.

### 5.1. Procedure for the determination of likelihood of dumping and injury

The investigation will determine whether the expiry of the measures would be likely, or unlikely, to lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

#### (a) Sampling

In view of the apparent number of parties involved in this proceeding, the Commission may decide to apply sampling, in accordance with Article 17 of the basic Regulation.

#### (i) Sampling for exporters/producers in the People's Republic of China

In order to enable the Commission to decide whether sampling is necessary and, if so, to select a sample, all exporters/producers, or representatives acting on their behalf, are hereby requested to make themselves known by contacting the Commission and providing the following information on their company or companies within the time limit set in point 6(b)(i) and in the formats indicated in point 7:

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone, and fax numbers and contact person,
- the turnover in local currency and the volume in tonnes of the product concerned sold for export to the Community during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007,

- the turnover in local currency and the sales volume in tonnes of the product concerned sold on the domestic market during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007,
- the turnover in local currency and the sales volume in tonnes for the product concerned sold to other third countries during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007,
- the precise activities of the company with regard to the production of the product concerned and the production volume in tonnes of the product concerned, the production capacity and the investments in production capacity during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007,
- the names and the precise activities of all related companies<sup>(6)</sup> involved in the production and/or selling (export and/or domestic) of the product concerned,
- any other relevant information that would assist the Commission in the selection of the sample,
- by providing the above information, the company agrees to its possible inclusion in the sample. If the company is chosen to be part of the sample, this will imply replying to a questionnaire and accepting an on-the-spot investigation of its response. If the company indicates that it does not agree to its possible inclusion in the sample, it will be deemed to not have co-operated in the investigation. The consequences of non-cooperation are set out in point 8 below.

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for the selection of the sample of exporters/producers, the Commission will, in addition, contact the authorities of the exporting country, and any known associations of exporters/producers.

#### (ii) Sampling for importers

In order to enable the Commission to decide whether sampling is necessary and, if so, to select a sample, all importers, or representatives acting on their behalf, are hereby requested to make themselves known to the Commission and to provide the following information on their company or companies within the time limit set in point 6(b)(i) and in the formats indicated in point 7:

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone, and fax numbers and contact person,
- the total turnover in EUR of the company during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007,

<sup>(6)</sup> For guidance on the meaning of related companies, please refer to Article 143 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 of 2 July 1993 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJL 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

- the total number of employees,
- the precise activities of the company with regard to the product concerned,
- the volume in tonnes and value in EUR of imports into and resales made in the Community market during the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 of the imported product concerned originating in the People's Republic of China,
- the names and the precise activities of all related companies <sup>(7)</sup> involved in the production and/or selling of the product concerned,
- any other relevant information that would assist the Commission in the selection of the sample,
- by providing the above information, the company agrees to its possible inclusion in the sample. If the company is chosen to be part of the sample, this will imply replying to a questionnaire and accepting an on-the-spot investigation of its response. If the company indicates that it does not agree to its possible inclusion in the sample, it will be deemed to not have co-operated in the investigation. The consequences of non-cooperation are set out in point 8 below.

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for the selection of the sample of importers, the Commission will, in addition, contact any known associations of importers.

### (iii) Final selection of the samples

All interested parties wishing to submit any relevant information regarding the selection of the sample must do so within the time limit set in point 6(b)(ii).

The Commission intends to make the final selection of the samples after having consulted the parties concerned that have expressed their willingness to be included in the sample.

Companies included in the samples must reply to a questionnaire within the time limit set in point 6 (b)(iii) and must co-operate within the framework of the investigation.

If sufficient co-operation is not forthcoming, the Commission may base its findings, in accordance with Articles 17(4) and 18 of the basic Regulation, on the facts available. A finding based on facts available may be less advantageous to the party concerned, as explained in point 8.

<sup>(7)</sup> For guidance on the meaning of related companies, please refer to Article 143 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93.

### (b) Questionnaires

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send questionnaires to the Community industry and to any association of producers in the Community, to the sampled exporters/producers in the People's Republic of China, to any association of exporters/producers, to the sampled importers, to any association of importers named in the request or which co-operated in the investigation leading to the measures subject to the present review, and to the authorities of the exporting country concerned.

### (c) Selection of the market economy country

The Commission envisages using India as an appropriate market economy country for the purpose of establishing normal value in respect of the People's Republic of China. Interested parties are hereby invited to comment on the appropriateness of this country within the specific time limit set in point 6(c).

### (d) 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)(ii).

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(a)(iii).

## 5.2. Procedure for the assessment of Community interest

In accordance with Article 21 of the basic Regulation and in the event that the likelihood of a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury is confirmed, a determination will be made as to whether to maintain, or repeal the anti-dumping measures would not be against the Community interest. For this reason the Community industry, importers, their representative associations, representative users and representative consumer organisations, provided that they prove that there is an objective link between their activity and the product concerned, may, within the general time limits set in point 6(a)(ii), make themselves known and provide the Commission with information. The parties which have acted in conformity with the previous sentence may request a hearing, setting the particular reasons why they should be heard, within the time limit set in point 6(a)(iii). It should be noted that any information submitted pursuant to Article 21 will only be taken into account if supported by factual evidence at the time of submission.

## 6 Time limits

### (a) General time limits

#### (i) For parties to request a questionnaire

All interested parties who did not co-operate in the investigation leading to the measures subject to the present review should request a questionnaire or other claim forms as soon as possible, but not later than 15 days after the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### (ii) 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

Companies selected in a sample must submit questionnaire replies within the time limit specified in point 6 (b)(iii).

#### (iii) Hearings

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

### (b) Specific time limit in respect of sampling

#### (i) The information specified in points 5.1(a)(i) and 5.1(a)(ii) should reach the Commission within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that the Commission intends to consult parties concerned that have expressed their willingness to be included in the sample on its final selection within a period of 21 days of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### (ii) All other information relevant for the selection of the sample as referred to in 5.1(a)(iii) must reach the Commission within a period of 21 days of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### (iii) The questionnaire replies from sampled parties must reach the Commission within 37 days from the date of the notification of their inclusion in the sample.

### (c) Specific time limit for the selection of the market economy country

Parties to the investigation may wish to comment on the appropriateness of India which, as mentioned in point 5(c), is envisaged as a market-economy country for the purpose of establishing normal value in respect of the People's Republic of China. These comments must reach the Commission within 10 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

## 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' <sup>(8)</sup> 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'.

Commission address for correspondence:

European Commission  
Directorate General for Trade  
Directorate B  
Office: J-79 5/16  
B-1049 Brussels  
Fax (32-2) 295 65 05

## 8. Non-co-operation

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.

<sup>(8)</sup> 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 of 30 May 2001 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).

### 9. 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*.

### 10. Possibility to request a review under Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation

As this expiry review is initiated in accordance with the provisions of Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation, the findings thereof will not lead to the level of the existing measures being

amended but will lead to those measures being repealed or maintained in accordance with Article 11(6) of the basic Regulation.

If any party to the proceeding considers that a review of the level of the measures is warranted so as to allow for the possibility to amend (i.e. increase or decrease) the level of the measures, that party may request a review in accordance with Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation.

Parties wishing to request such a review, which would be carried out independently of the expiry review mentioned in this notice, may contact the Commission at the address given above.

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## OTHER ACTS

## 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**

(2007/C 103/11)

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

## SUMMARY

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006****‘PARDUBICKÝ PERNÍK’****EC No: CZ/PGI/005/0408/26.10.2004****PDO ( ) PGI ( X )**

This summary sets out the main elements of the product specification for information purposes.

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2. *Group:*

Name: Sdružení Pardubický perník  
Address: Rožkova 1009  
CZ-530 02 Pardubice  
Tel.: (420) 466 303 637  
Fax: (420) 466 303 637  
E-mail: info@goldfein.cz  
Composition: producers/processors ( X ) Other ( )

<sup>(1)</sup> OJL 93, 31.3.2006, p. 12.

3. *Type of product:*

Class: 2.4 — gingerbread

4. *Specification:*

(summary of requirements under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) 510/2006)

4.1. Name: 'Pardubický perník'

4.2. Description: 'Pardubický perník' is a bakery product produced from wheat flour, sugar, egg contents, honey, jam, vegetable fats, cocoa, gingerbread spice mixture (cinnamon, coriander, cloves, aniseed and allspice) and raising agents. 'Pardubický perník' is made in two variants:

- a) as a filled product in which a filling is sandwiched between two identical pieces of gingerbread, or, in some cases, in which a filling is placed in a single piece of gingerbread. The products are always coated with a fat-based or sugar glaze or in chocolate. The product is packaged.
- b) as gingerbread figures produced by cutting out or pressing out various traditional two-dimensional shapes (hearts, boys or girls in traditional costumes, horses, horse riders, bells, Christmas trees, motor cars, locomotives, stars, various animals, baskets, characters from folk-tales, four-leaved clovers, horse-shoes, Easter eggs, cribs and Christmas themes), or making three-dimensional forms (chalets, boxes, cradles, sledges, coaches and carriages, with or without horses, books, various animals, slippers, baskets, cribs and Christmas trees), from gingerbread dough. After baking they are coated with a sugar or fat-based glaze or, in some cases, decorated using a sugar or fat-based glaze. The products are packaged in foil.

4.3. Geographical area: The geographical area within which 'Pardubický perník' is produced is limited to the cadastral district of the city of Pardubice and that of the municipality of Spojil.

4.4. Proof of origin: The production of 'Pardubický perník' follows the national and EU rules in force and is subject to checks by the State Agricultural and Food Inspection Authority (including checks on adherence to the specification) as well as national HACCP (critical points system) control mechanisms. In accordance with the legislation on traceability, all producers keep records both of all raw material suppliers and of all purchasers of finished products. Gingerbread does not belong to the category of fresh bakery products, so it must be packaged by the producer and accompanied by the minimum information specified in the above-mentioned rules, notably the name, weight and composition of the product and the identity of the producer.

4.5. Method of production: 'Pardubický perník' is a bakery product, the production method of which has changed little over a period of three centuries.

It is produced in two stages, separated by a gap of a few days.

The first stage consists of making the basic dough, which is then left to rest for a few days before being processed.

The second stage begins by mixing into the dough the egg contents, jam, spices and raising agent until an elastic mass is produced which is then rolled out into a sheet which is further processed as follows:

- in the case of the gingerbread products indicated at 4(2)(a), identical pieces of dough are cut or pressed out, baked in an oven, filled and coated with a glaze or in chocolate, and packaged in foil bearing the requisite information about the product, or
- in the case of the gingerbread products indicated at 4(2)(b), pieces of dough are cut or pressed out into the relevant shape (see 4(2)) or are used to form a three-dimensional structure (see 4(2)). They are baked in an oven, left to cool down and then coated with a glaze or in chocolate, or left uncoated. The resulting products are then decorated by hand using sugar, fat or chocolate, before being packaged in a packet bearing information on the product.

The entire production process, including packaging, takes place at production facilities within the defined area. Packaging directly on the producer's premises is necessary as a consequence of the nature of the product: the quality of unpackaged finished products might be impaired during transport as a result of damage to coatings and decorations and is also a legal requirement, as the law specifies that rusks and biscuits and preserved pastry goods and cakes must be packaged on the manufacturer's premises.

4.6. Link: The history of gingerbread making in Pardubice can be traced back to the 16th century, and the right to produce this product there was upheld by the Empress Maria-Theresia in 1759. Production took off in the 20th century, when industrial production was introduced, alongside the traditional artisanal methods. The exceptional reputation enjoyed by 'Pardubický perník' today in the eyes of the public is evidenced by newspaper articles (in Noviny Pernštejn, Blesk etc) and by photographs taken during the visit by Vaclav Havel, the then President of the Czech Republic, to the factory of Goldfein CZ. It is therefore clear that Pardubice has long been a place where specialised craftspeople have trained and worked, acquiring total mastery of the art of making gingerbread and that their intellectual property has been handed down to their successors. The typical designs used to decorate 'Pardubický perník' are also part of this craft. These styles and the method of decoration are not taught anywhere and are passed on only through practical experience of making the product.

4.7. Inspection body:

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4.8. Labelling: —

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