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I

(Resolutions, recommendations, guidelines and opinions)

OPINIONS

COMMISSION

COMMISSION OPINION

of 21 June 2007

concerning the modified plan for the disposal of radioactive waste from the SOCATRI decontamination and uranium recovery plant at the Tricastin site in France, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty

(only the French text is authentic)

(2007/C 138/01)

On 25 October 2006, the European Commission received from the French Government, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, General Data relating to the modified plan for the disposal of radioactive waste from the SOCATRI decontamination and uranium recovery plant.

On the basis of the General Data, and following consultation with the Group of Experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

1. The distance between the plant and the nearest point on the territory of another Member State, in this case Italy, is approximately 170 km.
2. The overall result of the planned modification will be to increase the discharge authorisation of airborne radioactive effluents in respect of tritium, carbon-14 and radionuclides produced during the treatment of effluents presenting a uranium reprocessing spectrum.
3. During normal operation, the planned modification will not cause an exposure liable to affect the health of the population in other Member States.
4. In the event of unplanned releases of radioactive effluents resulting from an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the initial General Data, the planned modification will not give rise to doses in other Member States liable to affect the health of the population.

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the modified plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form from the SOCATRI decontamination and uranium recovery plant at the Tricastin site in France, both in normal operation and in the event of an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in the radioactive contamination of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State.

COMMISSION OPINION**of 21 June 2007****concerning the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the decommissioning of the Obrigheim nuclear power plant, located in the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty****(only the German text is authentic)**

(2007/C 138/02)

On 18 September 2006, the European Commission received from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, General Data relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the decommissioning of the Obrigheim nuclear power plant.

On the basis of these data, and following consultation with the Group of Experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

1. The distance between the plant and the nearest point of another Member State, in this case France, is approximately 80 km.
2. During normal decommissioning operation, discharges of liquid and gaseous effluents will not cause an exposure liable to affect the health of the population in other Member States.
3. Solid radioactive waste produced during decommissioning will be stored in a facility on site before final disposal in an agreed storage facility. Non-radioactive solid waste and materials in compliance with clearance levels will be released from regulatory control for disposal as conventional waste or for recycling or reuse. This will be done in compliance with the criteria laid down in the Basic Safety Standards (Council Directive 96/29/Euratom).
4. In the event of unplanned releases of radioactive waste, which may follow an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, the doses received in other Member States would not be liable to affect the health of the population.

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form arising from the decommissioning of the Obrigheim nuclear power plant, located in the Federal Republic of Germany, both in normal operation and in the event of an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in the radioactive contamination of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State.

COMMISSION OPINION**of 21 June 2007**

concerning the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the modification of the discharge authorisations of gaseous and liquid radioactive effluents for the dismantling of INB 91 and the change of the missions of INB 141 at the Creys-Malville Nuclear Power Plant in France, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty

(only the French text is authentic)

(2007/C 138/03)

On 6 September 2006, the European Commission received from the Government of France, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, General Data relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste arising from the modification of the discharge authorisations of gaseous and liquid radioactive effluents for the dismantling of INB 91 and the change of the missions of INB 141 at the Creys-Malville Nuclear Power Plant.

On the basis of these data and the additional information requested by the Commission on 15 January 2007 and provided by the French authorities on 13 February 2007, and following consultation with the Group of Experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

1. The distance between the plant and the nearest point on the territory of another Member State, in this case Italy, is approximately 96 km.
2. During normal operation, taking into account the requested new discharge authorisations, the discharges of gaseous and liquid effluents will not cause an exposure liable to affect the health of the population in other Member States.
3. Solid radioactive waste arising from the operations is either stored on site or transported to specific waste treatment facilities in France. The experts recommend that checks on conventional waste, that are carried out as a precautionary measure to confirm the absence of contamination, be such that at the same time compliance with the clearance criteria laid down in the Basic Safety Standards (Directive 96/29/EURATOM) is ensured.
4. In the event of unplanned releases of radioactive waste, resulting from an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, the planned changes will not give rise to doses in other Member States liable to affect the health of the population.

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste relating to the modification of the discharge authorisations of gaseous and liquid radioactive effluents for the dismantling of INB 91 and the change of the missions of INB 141 at the Creys-Malville Nuclear Power Plant, both in normal operation and in the event of an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in the radioactive contamination of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State.

II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.4432 — Oerlikon/Saurer)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2007/C 138/04)

On 22 November 2006, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- from the Europa competition website (<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
 - in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website under document number 32006M4432. EUR-Lex is the on-line access to European law. (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>)
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III

(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Legislative proposals adopted by the Commission

(2007/C 138/05)

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2006) 473		14.9.2006	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on mutual administrative assistance for the protection of the financial interests of the European Community against fraud and any other illegal activities
COM(2006) 476		1.9.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Decision establishing the Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013)
COM(2006) 628		24.10.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation
COM(2006) 682		10.11.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to the third subparagraph, point (c), of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty, on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the common position adopted by the Council concerning the proposal for a Decision establishing the Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013) (COM(2004) 469 final)
COM(2006) 692		16.11.2006	Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on injunctions for the protection of consumers' interests (Codified version)
COM(2006) 700		14.11.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme of Community action in the field of consumer policy (2007-2013)
COM(2006) 701		24.11.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2006) 705		14.11.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (2008)
COM(2006) 706		14.11.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the submission of data on landings of fishery products in Member States.
COM(2006) 707		15.11.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c), of the EC Treaty on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Decision establishing for the period 2007-2013 the programme 'Europe for citizens' (COM(2005) 116 final)
COM(2006) 718		16.11.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the Internal Market
COM(2006) 751		1.12.2006	Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters ('Service of documents')
COM(2006) 759		28.11.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (Life+)
COM(2006) 775		6.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the Common position of the Council on the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Directive on the assessment and management of floods
COM(2006) 797		6.12.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure
COM(2006) 803		6.12.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)
COM(2006) 805		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on public passenger transport services by rail and by road

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COM(2006) 809		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (Framework Directive)
COM(2006) 810		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation security
COM(2006) 811		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty concerning the common position of the Council on the adoption of a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC
COM(2006) 842		15.12.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2) third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's Common Position regarding the proposals for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restrictions of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC of the European Parliament and the Council and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC
COM(2006) 859		18.12.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point (c) of the EC Treaty, on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (Recast)
COM(2006) 860		15.12.2006	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2), third subparagraph, point c) of the EC Treaty on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality
COM(2007) 6		16.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 7		16.1.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2007) 8		16.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 11		19.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community
COM(2007) 12		17.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of interventions by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section
COM(2007) 17		24.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down specific rules as regards the fruit and vegetable sector and amending certain Regulations
COM(2007) 20		31.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 147/2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Somalia
COM(2007) 21		25.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision extending the period of application of the measures in Decision 2002/148/EC concluding consultations with Zimbabwe under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement
COM(2007) 25		25.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Taiwan following an expiry review and a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(2) and Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96
COM(2007) 26		25.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive counter-vailing duty on imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India following an expiry review pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 2026/97
COM(2007) 37		14.2.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products
COM(2007) 38		31.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community position within the EU — Mexico Joint Committee
COM(2007) 40		31.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 234/2004 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Liberia
COM(2007) 42		6.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2007) 43		6.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Community within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement, 1992
COM(2007) 44		6.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Community, within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995
COM(2007) 46		7.2.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work
COM(2007) 47		7.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community position within the EU-Chile Association Committee on the establishment of a list of arbitrators as required by Article 185 paragraph 2 of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part
COM(2007) 48		7.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation derogating from Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 as regards drinking milk produced in Estonia
COM(2007) 51		9.2.2007	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law
COM(2007) 54		13.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain tungsten electrodes originating in the People's Republic of China
COM(2007) 55	1	14.2.2007	Proposal for a Decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on 'Agreed Principles of the Modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes' between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Russian Federation, on the other hand
COM(2007) 55	2	14.2.2007	Proposal for a Decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on 'Agreed Principles of the Modernisation of the existing system of utilisation of the Transsiberian routes' between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Russian Federation, on the other hand
COM(2007) 57		15.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Community within the ACP-EC Council of Ministers regarding a Decision amending ACP-EC Council of Ministers Decision No 3/2001 on the allocation of resources to Somalia from the 8th and 9th European Development Fund
COM(2006) 587		13.10.2006	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy
COM(2006) 820		24.1.2007	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on airport charges

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2006) 836		19.12.2006	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan amending the EC–Jordan Association Agreement
COM(2006) 850		10.1.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics
COM(2006) 861		9.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
COM(2006) 867		9.1.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 601/2004 of 22 March 2004 laying down certain control measures applicable to fishing activities in the area covered by the Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 3943/90, (EC) No 66/98 and (EC) No 1721/1999
COM(2006) 869		30.1.2007	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 954/79 concerning the ratification by Member States of, or their accession to, the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences
COM(2007) 36		14.2.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Decision 3052/95/EC
COM(2007) 53		14.2.2007	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a common framework for the marketing of products
COM(2007) 68		23.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an additional Agreement between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein extending to the Principality of Liechtenstein the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
COM(2007) 69		23.2.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses
COM(2007) 70		26.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annexes A, B and C to Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 on insolvency proceedings
COM(2007) 74		27.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 41/2007 as concerns the recovery plan for bluefin tuna recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
COM(2007) 75		28.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation granting derogations to Bulgaria and Romania from certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 relating to reference levels of fishing fleets
COM(2007) 76		12.3.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on quarterly statistics on Community job vacancies
COM(2007) 77		27.2.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2007) 84		7.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community position in the Association Council on the implementation of Article 80 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part
COM(2007) 88		9.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation terminating the partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures concerning imports of synthetic staple fibres of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Belarus and the Republic of Korea
COM(2007) 93		9.3.2007	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission
COM(2007) 95		13.3.2007	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 97		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 98		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 104		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 105		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 109		13.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures against Iran
COM(2007) 110		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 111		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

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COM(2007) 113		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 114		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 115		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 117		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union
COM(2007) 123		16.3.2007	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping measures and releasing the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain frozen strawberries originating in the People's Republic of China

These texts are available on EUR-Lex: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

IV

(Notices)

NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND
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COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**21 June 2007**

(2007/C 138/06)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate
USD US dollar	1,3397	RON Romanian leu	3,2036
JPY Japanese yen	165,50	SKK Slovak koruna	33,814
DKK Danish krone	7,4435	TRY Turkish lira	1,7592
GBP Pound sterling	0,67210	AUD Australian dollar	1,5819
SEK Swedish krona	9,2543	CAD Canadian dollar	1,4303
CHF Swiss franc	1,6613	HKD Hong Kong dollar	10,4657
ISK Iceland króna	84,03	NZD New Zealand dollar	1,7546
NOK Norwegian krone	8,0345	SGD Singapore dollar	2,0587
BGN Bulgarian lev	1,9558	KRW South Korean won	1 241,90
CYP Cyprus pound	0,5837	ZAR South African rand	9,6033
CZK Czech koruna	28,605	CNY Chinese yuan renminbi	10,2069
EEK Estonian kroon	15,6466	HRK Croatian kuna	7,3305
HUF Hungarian forint	248,91	IDR Indonesian rupiah	12 077,40
LTL Lithuanian litas	3,4528	MYR Malaysian ringgit	4,6287
LVL Latvian lats	0,6962	PHP Philippine peso	61,827
MTL Maltese lira	0,4293	RUB Russian rouble	34,7680
PLN Polish zloty	3,7957	THB Thai baht	43,404

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

COM documents other than legislative proposals adopted by the Commission

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Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2004) 795		9.12.2004	Communication from the Commission to the Council on the Commission proposals for action Plans under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)
COM(2004) 819		21.12.2004	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee concerning the Guidelines of a non-binding nature for implementing certain provisions of Directive 98/24/EC of the Council on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work
COM(2005) 482		11.10.2005	Report from the Commission: Annual Report from the European Commission to the European Parliament on the Functioning of the European Schools System
COM(2007) 1		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Council and the European Parliament: an Energy Policy for Europe
COM(2007) 2		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Limiting Global Climate Change to 2 degrees Celsius the way ahead for 2020 and beyond
COM(2007) 5		16.1.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the Targets Contained in Article 7(2)(b) of Directive 2000/53/EC on End-of-Life Vehicle
COM(2007) 13		19.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: proposal for the Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2007
COM(2007) 14		17.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council on the opening of consultations with Fiji under Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement
COM(2007) 19		7.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Results of the review of the Community Strategy to reduce CO ₂ emissions from passenger cars and light-commercial vehicles
COM(2007) 22		7.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and Council a Competitive Automotive Regulatory Framework for the 21st Century
COM(2007) 30		29.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Review of the management of deep-sea fish stocks
COM(2007) 39		5.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on improving fishing capacity and effort indicators under the common fisheries policy
COM(2007) 61		21.2.2007	Communication from the Commission: A coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training

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COM(2006) 744		8.2.2007	Green Paper on the Review of the Consumer Acquis
COM(2006) 768		5.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the Council in accordance with Article 19(1) of Council Directive 2003/96/EC (taxation of industrial uses of LPG and taxation of coal)
COM(2006) 794		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the Council in accordance with Article 19(1) of Council Directive 2003/96/EC (ambulant vendors)
COM(2006) 795		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the Council in accordance with Article 19(1) of Council Directive 2003/96/EC (regional derogations)
COM(2006) 816		12.12.2006	Communication from the Commission to the Spring European Council Implementing the Renewed Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs 'A year of delivery'
COM(2006) 819		24.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: An action plan for airport capacity, efficiency and safety in Europe
COM(2006) 821		24.1.2007	Report from the Commission on the application of Council Directive 96/67/EC of 15 October 1996
COM(2006) 835		10.1.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of Council Decision 1999/784/EC of 22 November 1999 as amended by Decision 2239/2004/EC of the EP and the Council concerning Community participation in the European Audiovisual Observatory
COM(2006) 841		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Prospects for the internal gas and electricity market
COM(2006) 843		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Sustainable power generation from fossil fuels: aiming for near-zero emissions from coal after 2020
COM(2006) 844		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Nuclear Illustrative Programme Presented under Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty for the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee
COM(2006) 845		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Biofuels Progress Report Report on the progress made in the use of biofuels and other renewable fuels in the Member States of the European Union
COM(2006) 846		23.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Priority Interconnection Plan
COM(2006) 847		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a European Strategic Energy Technology Plan

Document	Part	Date	Title
COM(2006) 848		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Renewable Energy Road Map Renewable energies in the 21st century: building a more sustainable future
COM(2006) 849		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Green Paper follow-up action — Report on progress in renewable electricity
COM(2006) 851		10.1.2007	Communication from the Commission: Inquiry pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 into the European gas and electricity sectors (Final Report)
COM(2007) 3		12.1.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: 2005 Report on Phare, Pre-accession and Transition Instruments
COM(2007) 23		24.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Action Programme for Reducing Administrative Burdens in the European Union
COM(2007) 32		31.1.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Extension of the major trans-European transport axes to the neighbouring countries Guidelines for transport in Europe and neighbouring regions
COM(2007) 35		14.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee the Internal Market for Goods: a cornerstone of Europe's competitiveness
COM(2007) 45		6.2.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council on the application of Annex X to the Staff Regulations (Council Regulation No 3019/1987 of 5 October 1987) Year 2005
COM(2007) 49		7.2.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on equality between women and men — 2007
COM(2007) 50		8.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Rapid Access to Spectrum for Wireless Electronic Communications Services through more Flexibility
COM(2007) 59		21.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the Interpretative Communication on waste and by-products
COM(2007) 60		22.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions a Single Market for Citizens Interim report to the 2007 Spring European Council
COM(2007) 62		21.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Region: Improving quality and productivity at work: Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work
COM(2007) 63		26.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Social Reality Stocktaking — Interim report to the 2007 Spring European Council

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COM(2007) 65		21.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Annual Policy Strategy for 2008
COM(2007) 66		23.2.2007	Report from the Commission to the budgetary authority on guarantees covered by the general budget — situation at 30 June 2006
COM(2007) 67		28.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Policy Achievements in 2006
COM(2007) 71		26.2.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee on the work of the EU Joint Transfer Pricing Forum in the field of dispute avoidance and resolution procedures and on Guidelines for Advance Pricing Agreements within the EU
COM(2007) 73		26.2.2007	Communication from the Commission on rights-based management tools in fisheries
COM(2007) 81		5.3.2007	Second Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the experience of Member States with GMOs placed on the market under Directive 2001/18/EC on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms.
COM(2007) 82		5.3.2007	Report from the Commission to the Council Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of pentaerythritol originating in the People's Republic of China, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States of America
COM(2007) 87		7.3.2007	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the follow-up of the Work Programme for better implementation of the Data Protection Directive
COM(2007) 101		15.3.2007	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Building the Single European Sky through functional airspace blocks: A mid-term status report

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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

(2007/C 138/08)

XA Number	XA 7012/07	
Member State	Italy	
Region	Regione Lazio	
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Agevolazioni a favore di PMI per l'acquisto o il leasing di nuove macchine utensili o di produzione	
Legal basis	Deliberazione della Giunta Regionale n. 115 del 27.2.2007, pubblicata sul Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione Lazio (parte I e II) n. 9 del 30 marzo 2007, attuativa della legge 28.11.1965, n. 1329 (c.d. «legge Sabatini») e s.m.i	
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	EUR 10 million (*).	
Maximum aid intensity	Up to 40 % of the cost to purchase or lease new production machines and tools.	
Date of implementation	The day after Regional Government Decision No 115 of 27 February 2007 is published on the website of the body managing the aid (MCC spa) www.incentivi.mcc.it (**).	
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Unlimited. However the aid scheme is exempt from the notification obligation under Article 88(3) of the EC Treaty until 30 June 2008, when the validity period of Regulation (EC) No 70/2001, as amended, is due to expire, unless extended.	
Objective of aid	The objective of the aid scheme is investment.	
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors	
	or	
	— coalmining	
	— All manufacturing	
	or	
	— steel	
	— shipbuilding	
	— synthetic fibres	
	— motor vehicles	
	— other manufacturing	
	— processing and marketing of agricultural products	Yes
	— All services	
	or	
	— transport services	
	— financial services	
	— other Services	

Name and address of the granting authority	Regione Lazio — Assessorato della Piccola e media impresa, commercio e artigianato Direzione regionale Attività produttive Via Cristoforo Colombo, 212 I-00147 Roma Tel. (39) 06 51 68 37 75 Fax (39) 06 51 68 37 73 E-mail: nconsole@regione.lazio.it
Other information	The aid scheme was previously approved by the Commission by letter No D/55254 of 18 October 2000 — Aid N 659/A/97.

(*) The figure for annual expenditure includes the expenditure provided for under the scheme with the same legal basis designed for SMEs covered by Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 for sectors other than those covered by this sheet, or those covered by Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

(**) The Decision referred to above will be published on the above website within ten working days of sending this sheet to the European Commission.

XA Number	XA 7013/07		
Member State	United Kingdom		
Region	Cumbria		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	'Distinctly Cumbrian Agricultural Produce Scheme'		
Legal basis	Section 5, Regional Development Agencies Act 1998		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	GBP 1,2 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	1.4.2007		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 30.6.2009		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs		No
	Limited to specific sectors		Yes
	— Coalmining		
	— All manufacturing		
	or		
	Steel		
	Shipbuilding		
	Synthetic fibres		
	Motor vehicles		
	Other manufacturing		
	— Processing and marketing of agricultural products		Yes
	— All services		
	or		
	Transport services		
	Financial services		
	Other services		

Name and address of the granting authority	Distinctly Cumbrian		
	Rural Enterprise Centre Redhills CA11 0DT Penrith United Kingdom		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation		Yes
Aid No	XA 7014/07		
Member State	Spain		
Region	La Rioja		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Fomento de la industria agroalimentaria (PYMES)		
Legal basis	Resolución del Presidente de la Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de La Rioja de 22 de febrero de 2007 por la que se aprueba la modificación de las bases reguladoras de concesión de ayudas para el fomento de la Pequeña y Mediana Industria Agroalimentaria con objeto de su adecuación a las Directrices Comunitarias sobre ayudas estatales al Sector Agrario y Forestal (B.O.R. nº 33, de 10 de marzo de 2007)		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 2,75 million
		Loans guaranteed	—
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	—
		Loans guaranteed	—
Maximum aid intensity	Pursuant to Articles 4(2)-(6) and (5) of the Regulation		Yes
Date of implementation	From 10.3.2007 onward		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2008		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs		Yes
Economic sector(s) concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs		No
	Limited to specific sectors		Yes
	— Coalmining		
	— All manufacturing		
	or		
	Steel		
	Shipbuilding		
	Synthetic fibres		
	Motor vehicles		
	Other manufacturing		
	— Processing and marketing of agricultural products		Yes
	— All services		
	or		
	Transport services		
	Financial services		
	Other services		

Name and address of the granting authority	Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de La Rioja		
	Muro de la Mata nº 13-14 E-26071-Logroño ader@ader.es		
Large individual aid grants	Pursuant to Article 6 of the Regulation		Yes
Aid No	XA 7015/07		
Member State	Spain		
Region	La Rioja		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Programa estratégico de comercio exterior		
Legal basis	<p>Resolución del Presidente de la Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de La Rioja, de 11 de febrero de 2005, por la que se aprueban las bases reguladoras de la entidad (B.O.R. nº 24 de 17 de febrero de 2005)</p> <p>Resolución del Presidente de la Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de La Rioja, de 7 de marzo de 2006, por la que se modifican las bases reguladoras de la concesión de subvenciones en régimen de concurrencia competitiva del Programa Estratégico de Comercio Exterior (B.O.R. nº 37/2006 de 18 de marzo de 2006).</p> <p>Resolución del Presidente de la Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de La Rioja, de 5 de marzo de 2007, por la que se aprueba la convocatoria de ayudas de la concesión de subvenciones en régimen de concurrencia competitiva del Programa Estratégico de Comercio Exterior (B.O.R. nº 33/2007, de 10 de marzo).</p>		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount (2007)	EUR 1 700 000
		Loans guaranteed	—
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	—
		Loans guaranteed	—
Maximum aid intensity	Pursuant to Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation		Yes
Date of implementation	From 10.3.2007 onward		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2008		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs		Yes
Economic sector(s) concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs		Yes
	Limited to specific sectors		
	— Coalmining		
	— All manufacturing		
	or		
	Steel		
	Shipbuilding		
	Synthetic fibres		
	Motor vehicles		
	Other manufacturing		
	— Processing and marketing of agricultural products		Yes
	— All services		
	or		
	Transport services		
	Financial services		
	Other services		

Name and address of the granting authority	Agencia de desarrollo económico de La Rioja		
	Muro de la Mata, 13-14 E-26071 Logroño		
Large individual aid grants	Pursuant to Article 6 of the Regulation		Yes
Aid No	XA 7019/07		
Member State	Republic of Lithuania		
Region	—		
Title of aid scheme or name of the company receiving an individual aid	Dalies garantinio užmokesčio kompensavimas kreditų su garantija gavėjams.		
Legal basis	Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-161 „Dėl garantinio užmokesčio kreditų su garantija gavėjams kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo“		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	LTL 1 million, or EUR 0,29 million at the official exchange rate
		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	1.5.2007		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 30.6.2008 (*)		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs		Yes
Economic sector(s) concerned	Limited to specific sectors		Yes
	All manufacturing sectors All services		Manufacturing (including processing agricultural products) and rural services.
Name and address of the granting authority	Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija		
	Gedimino pr. 19 (Lelevelio g. 6) LT-01103 Vilnius		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation		Yes

(*) If the Commission revises Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 and extends its period of validity, the duration of the scheme will be extended if necessary and the Commission will be notified accordingly.

Aid No	XA 7020-07-LT-Credit Interest		
Member State	Republic of Lithuania		
Region	—		
Title of aid scheme or name of the company receiving an individual aid	Parama kreditų palūkanoms kompensuoti		
Legal basis	<p>Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-159 „Dėl Dalies palūkanų už investicinius kreditus, paimtus nuo 2007 m. gegužės 1 d. ir suteiktus be UAB Žemės ūkio paskolų garantijų fondo garantijos, kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo“.</p> <p>Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D-160 „Dėl Dalies palūkanų už investicinius kreditus, paimtus nuo 2007 m. gegužės 1 d. ir suteiktus su UAB Žemės ūkio paskolų garantijų fondo garantijos, kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo“.</p>		

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	LTL 4 million, or EUR 1,16 million at the official exchange rate
		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	1.5.2007		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 30.6.2008 (*)		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs		Yes
Economic sector(s) concerned	Limited to specific sectors		Yes
	All manufacturing sectors All services		Manufacturing (including processing agricultural products) and rural services.
Name and address of the granting authority	Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija		
	Gedimino pr. 19 (Lelevelio g. 6) LT-01103 Vilnius		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation		Yes

(*) If the Commission revises Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 and extends its period of validity, the duration of the scheme will be extended if necessary and the Commission will be notified accordingly.

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid for small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products

(2007/C 138/09)

XA Number: XA 39/07

Member State: Italy

Region: Sardinia

Title of aid scheme: Legge regionale 11 marzo 1998, n. 8, articolo 23 (aiuti per i danni alla produzione agricola) — Sostegno a favore degli allevatori per fronteggiare la blue tongue 2006 — Indennizzi per la perdita di reddito.

Legal basis: L. R. 11 marzo 1998, n. 8, articolo 23

Delibera della giunta regionale n. 49/30 del 28.11.2006 recante «Legge regionale 11 marzo 1998, n. 8, articolo 23 (aiuti per i danni alla produzione agricola) — Sostegno a favore degli allevatori per fronteggiare la febbre catarrale degli ovini nel 2006 — Indennizzi per la perdita di reddito — Spesa 300 000 EUR — CAP 06103 (UPB S 06.030) — F. R.»

Delibera della giunta regionale n. 54/4 del 28.12.2006 recante «Legge regionale 11 marzo 1998, n. 8, articolo 23 (aiuti per i danni alla produzione agricola) — Sostegno a favore degli allevatori per fronteggiare la febbre catarrale degli ovini del 2006 — Indennizzi per la perdita di reddito — Deliberazione 49/30 del 28.11.2006 — Estensione dell'aiuto alle nuove perdite — Spesa 300 000 EUR — CAP 06103 (UPB S 06.030) — F. R.»

Delibera della giunta regionale n. 7/10 del 20.2.2007 recante «Legge regionale 11 marzo 1998, n. 8, articolo 23 (aiuti per i danni alla produzione agricola) — Sostegno a favore degli allevatori per fronteggiare l'epidemia di "lingua blu" del 2006. Indennizzi per la perdita di reddito. Applicazione del regolamento di esenzione (CE) n. 1857/2006 della Commissione europea.»

Planned annual expenditure under the scheme: The total planned expenditure for 2006 is EUR 600 000.

Maximum aid intensity: Aid will amount to 70 % of the loss, calculated as follows:

Calculation of the aid payment (euro)/Sheep and goats	Non-purebred sheep and goats	Purebred sheep and goats
Saleable product	116,20	147,19
Intermediate costs	23,24	28,40
Loss of income	92,96	118,79
Rate of aid	70 %	
Amount of eligible aid	65,07	83,15

Date of implementation: Entitlement to the aid will commence upon the death of the animals occurring from September 2006.

Duration of scheme: December 2010

Objective of aid: The aid will apply in accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation and is designed to compensate farmers for the loss of production following the death of the sheep and goats.

In view of the fact that sheep in Sardinia are raised primarily for the purpose of producing milk and given the seasonal nature of milk production amongst sheep in the region (generally between January and July), the loss of production is calculated for a period of one year, bearing in mind the difficulty with which animals can be replaced in the months following their death (because of the ban on moving animals and because no animals that could be used for production purposes will be available before the autumn of the year after the loss occurred).

The loss is calculated taking into account the value of lost production, net of intermediate costs not incurred by the farmer (purchase of forage and veterinary costs), with a distinction being made between non-purebred sheep and goats and those recorded in herd books (please refer to the explanatory table given under 'Maximum aid intensity').

Sector concerned: Animal production: sheep and goats

Name and address of the granting authority:

Regione autonoma della Sardegna
Assessorato dell'Agricoltura e riforma agro-pastorale
Via Pessagno, 4
I-09125 Cagliari

Website: <http://www.regione.sardegna.it>

XA number: XA 44/07

Member State: Belgium

Region: Flemish Authority: Department for Agriculture and Fisheries

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Vlaams Bedrijfspluimvee- en konij-nenhouders vzw

Legal basis:

- 2 juni 1998 — Koninklijk besluit betreffende de zoötechnische en genealogische voorschriften voor de verbetering en de instandhouding van de pluimvee- en konijnenrassen,
17 maart 2005 — Ministerieel besluit houdende de erkenning en subsidiëring van organisaties in het kader van de aanmoediging en de verbetering van de pluimvee- en konijnenfokkerij,
- 2 juin 1998 — Arrêté royal du 2 juin 1998 relatif aux conditions zootechniques et généalogiques régissant l'amélioration et la conservation des races avicoles et cunicoles.
17 mars 2005 — Arrêté ministériel portant agrément et subventionnement des organisations dans le cadre de la promotion et de l'amélioration de l'élevage de volailles et de lapins.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 9 000

Maximum intensity of the aid: 100 % (granted by means of subsidised services)

Date of implementation: 1.4.2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The subsidy is granted for the 2007 financial year.

Objective: To support small and medium-sized enterprises and sectoral development.

Article 15(2)(c): concerning advertisement services provided by third parties, that are not the costs of permanent or recurrent services, as is the company's normal business expenditure, e.g. on routine tax advice, regular legal services or advertising;

Economic sector(s) concerned: Poultry en rabbits

Name and address of the granting authority:

Departement Landbouw en Visserij
Duurzame Landbouwontwikkeling
Ellips, 6e verdieping
Koning Albert II laan 35, bus 40
B-1030 Brussel

Website: <http://www2.vlaanderen.be/ned/sites/landbouw/dier/pluim.html>

Other information: —

Jules Van Liefferinge
Secretary-General

XA number: XA 47/07

Member State: Belgium

Region: Flemish Authority: Department for Agriculture and Fisheries

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Vlaamse rundveeteeltvereniging vzw

Legal basis:

— 23 september 1971 — Koninklijk besluit betreffende de verbetering van het rundveeras,

27 februari 1991 — Ministerieel besluit betreffende de verbetering van het rundveeras,

— 23 septembre 1971 — Arrêté royal relatif à l'amélioration de l'espèce bovine.

27 février 1991 — Arrêté ministériel relatif à l'amélioration de l'espèce bovine.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 1 194 000

Maximum intensity of the aid: Article 16(1)(a): aid at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the administrative costs of the establishment and maintenance of herd books;

Article 16(1)(b): aid at a rate of up to 70 % of the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties, to determine the genetic quality or yield of livestock; There is no exemption for aid granted to cover the costs of checks undertaken by the owner of the livestock and routine checks on milk quality.

Date of implementation: 1.4.2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The subsidy is granted for the 2007 financial year.

Objective: To support small and medium-sized enterprises and sectoral development.

Article 16(1)(a): aid at a rate of up to 100 % to cover the administrative costs of the establishment and maintenance of herd books;

Article 16(1)(b): aid at a rate of up to 70 % of the costs of tests performed by or on behalf of third parties, to determine the genetic quality or yield of livestock; there is no exemption for aid granted to cover the costs of checks undertaken by the owner of the livestock and routine checks on milk quality.

Economic sector(s) concerned: Cattle

Name and address of the granting authority:

Departement Landbouw en Visserij
Duurzame Landbouwonwikkeling
Ellips, 6e verdieping
Koning Albert II laan 35, bus 40
B-1030 Brussel

Website: <http://www2.vlaanderen.be/ned/sites/landbouw/dier/rund.html>

Other information: —

Jules Van Liefferinge
Secretary-General

XA Number: XA 49/07

Member State: Italy

Region: Lazio

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Agevolazioni a favore di PMI per l'acquisto o il leasing di nuove macchine utensili o di produzione

Legal basis: Deliberazione della giunta regionale n. 115 del 27.2.2007, pubblicata sul Bollettino Ufficiale della Regione Lazio (parte I e II) n. 9 del 30 marzo 2007, attuativa della legge 28.11.1965, n. 1329 (c.d. 'legge Sabatini') e s.m.i

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: EUR 10 million ⁽¹⁾.

Maximum aid intensity: Up to 40 % of eligible investments, or 50 % of eligible investments in less-favoured areas or those areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, designated as such by Member States in accordance with Articles 50 and 94 of that Regulation. In any event the overall amount of aid granted to an individual company must not exceed EUR 400 000 over a three-year period, or EUR 500 000 if the company is located in a less-favoured area or an area referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, designated as such by Member States in accordance with Articles 50 and 94 of that Regulation.

Date of implementation: The day after Regional Government Decision No 115 of 27 February 2007 is published on the website of the body managing the aid (MCC spa) www.incentivi.mcc.it ⁽²⁾

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Unlimited. However the aid scheme is exempt from the notification obligation under Article 88(3) of the EC Treaty until 31 December 2013, when the validity of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 is due to expire, unless extended.

Objective of aid: Aid for investment — the purpose of the aid scheme is to provide an incentive for the purchase or leasing of new production machines or tools in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation 1857/2006 via an interest rate subsidy.

Sector(s) concerned: All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs under Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Direzione regionale Attività produttive
Via Cristoforo Colombo, 212
I-00147 Roma
Tel. (39) 06 51 68 37 75, Fax (39) 06 51 68 37 73
E-mail: nconsole@regione.lazio.it

Website: www.incentivi.mcc.it

Other information: The aid scheme was previously approved by the Commission by letter No D/55254 of 18 October 2000 — Aid N 659/A/97.

⁽¹⁾ The figure for annual expenditure includes expenditure provided for under the scheme with the same legal basis designed for SMEs covered by Regulation (EC) No 70/2001, as amended, (including aid for investment in the processing and marketing of agricultural products).

⁽²⁾ The Decision referred to above will be published on the above website within ten working days of sending this sheet to the European Commission.

XA Number: XA 51/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: England — Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole unitary authority areas)

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Dorset Agricultural Advisory Service

Legal basis: Local Government Act 2000 (Part I)

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

23 June 2007-31 March 2008: GBP 69 000

1 April 2008-30 September 2008: GBP 31 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is 100 %.

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 23 June 2007.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will begin on 23 June 2007. It will close on the 30 September 2008. The last payment will be made 10 October 2008

Objective of aid: The objective of the aid is sectoral development for land based business sector. The aid is being implemented under Article 15 of Regulation 1857/2006. The eligible costs are consultancy services.

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to production of agricultural products

Name and address of the granting authority:

The statutory body responsible for the scheme is:

Dorset County Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester DT1 1XJ
United Kingdom

The organisation operating the scheme is:

Dorset Agricultural Advisory Service
Stinsford Business Centre
Kingston Maurward College
Dorchester
Dorset DT 1 8PY
United Kingdom

Web-Address: www.kmc.ac.uk/daas

The State aid papers can be found under the newsletters section of the site.

Alternatively information on this scheme can be found on the Defra website on State aid issues on the web address below

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

Other information: Further and more detailed information relating to eligibility and rules for the scheme can be found in the web links above

Aid for agricultural processing and marketing and non-agricultural business activities will be provided in accordance with EC Regulation 1998/2006 which governs the granting of de minimis aid. De minimis aid is specific category of aid which does not require authorisation by the European Commission. Such support is limited to EUR 200 000 (approximately GBP 120 000) over three years for each business and can cover any type of activity.

Any non-agricultural business applying to the service will need to provide the DAAS with details of any such support they have received from any central or local Government source or other public funds over the last 3 years.

Businesses which have already received aid up to these limits will not be eligible for the DAAS.

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XA Number: XA 52/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: England

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Conservation Advice Programme — Practical advice for land managers (England)

Legal basis: The scheme is non-statutory. The Agriculture Act 1986 (section 1) provides the legal base for the provision by Government of advice in connection with any agricultural activity.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: 1 July 2007-30 June 2008: GBP 980 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is 100 %.

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 1 July 2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will begin on 1 July 2007. It will close on 30 June 2008. The last date for applications is 15 October 2007. The last payment will be made on 15 February 2008.

Objective of aid: Sectoral development. This is a programme for practising farmers. The purpose of the programme, consisting of a range of conferences, workshops, farm walks, self help group meetings, training seminars and on-farm demonstration activities and events, is to help farmers understand current issues that may impact upon their businesses such as the introduction of new Environmental Stewardship Schemes and what they mean in terms of management requirements. This will increase the professionalism of the sector. The aid will be paid in line with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and the eligible costs will be costs of organising and delivering training programmes. No payments will be made direct to the beneficiary.

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to businesses active in the production of agricultural products only.

Name and address of the granting authority:

The statutory body responsible for the scheme is:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
C/o Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR
United Kingdom

The organisation operating the scheme is:

Natural England
Land Management & Advisory Services
Eastbrook
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge
CambsCB2 8DR
United Kingdom

Web-Address:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/planning/farming-wildlife/docs/StateAidConservationAdvice.pdf>

Click on 'Farming Activities Programme (England)'. Alternatively, you can go to the UK's central website for agricultural State aids

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

Other information: Further and more detailed information relating to eligibility and rules for the scheme can be found in the web links above. Aid to agricultural processing and marketing businesses and non-agricultural businesses will be paid with regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 on de minimis aid.

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Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 of 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

(2007/C 138/10)

XA Number: XA 53/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: England

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Cross Compliance Advice Programme — Practical advice for land managers (England)

Legal basis: The scheme is non-statutory. The Agriculture Act 1986 (section 1) provides the legal base for the provision by Government of advice in connection with any agricultural activity.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: 1 July 2007-30 June 2008: GBP 400 000

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is 100 %.

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 1 July 2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will begin on 1 July 2007. It will close on 30 June 2008. The last date for applications is 15 September 2007. The last payment will be made on 30 November 2007.

Objective of aid: Sectoral development. This is a programme for practising farmers. The purpose of the programme, consisting of a range of on-farm workshops, farm walks, help-line and website, to provide farmers, their advisers and agricultural contractors with clear and targeted guidance on what the Statutory Management Requirements (SMR) and Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) requirements are and what they mean in terms of required farm management. This will increase the professionalism of the sector.

The aid will be paid in line with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 and the eligible costs will be costs of organising and delivering training programmes. No payments will be made direct to the beneficiary.

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to businesses active in the production of agricultural products only.

Name and address of the granting authority:

The statutory body responsible for the scheme is:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
C/o Nobel House
17 Smith Square
London SW1P 3JR
United Kingdom

The organisation operating the scheme is

Natural England
Land Management & Advisory Services
Eastbrook
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge
Cambs CB2 8DR
United Kingdom

Web-Address:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/planning/farming-wildlife/docs/StateAidCrossCompliance.pdf>

Click on 'Cross Compliance'. Alternatively, you can go direct to the UK's central website for agricultural State aids.

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

Other information: Further and more detailed information relating to eligibility and rules for the scheme can be found in the web links above.

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XA Number: XA 54/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: Purbeck

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Purbeck Natural Landscape Programme

Legal basis: The National Heritage Act 1980 set up a fund called the National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF). The Act has been amended several times principally by the National Heritage Act 1997 and the National Lottery Act 1993 and 1998.

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

Source	2007-2008	2008-2009
Capital Support for traditional landscapes		
The Frome Valley Project	634 200 GBP	15 000 GBP
The Purbeck Ridge Project	41 277 GBP	4 600 GBP
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>105 427 GBP</i>	<i>19 600 GBP</i>
Technical support for traditional landscapes		
Advice (including feasibility studies)	73 400 GBP	12 400 GBP
Conservation training and events	2 350 GBP	550 GBP
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>75 750 GBP</i>	<i>12 950 GBP</i>
Total	181 177 GBP	32 550 GBP

Maximum aid intensity: The scheme consists of 3 measures: capital works and technical support. The aid intensity for the technical support measure will be 100 % in accordance with Article 15. The maximum aid intensity for the capital works will be 100 % where a grant is awarded for a the conservation of non productive heritage features. However, the maximum rate of grant will be reduced in line with the rates set out in Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006 where the aid is productive. If aid is being paid in line with Article 4, the maximum aid intensity paid will be 40 % of the eligible investment.

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 30 April 2007.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will begin on 30 April 2007. It will close on the 1 November 2009. The last payment will be made 30 November 2009.

Objective of aid: Heritage conservation — the general aim of the scheme is to enhance and help secure Purbeck's rich diverse habitats through conservation of traditional landscapes and features mainly the Frome valley and the Purbeck Ridge.

For the capital works element of the scheme the eligible costs will be the real costs incurred as regards capital works intended for the conservation of traditional landscapes. This complies with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006. For the capital works which require investment in agricultural holdings to assist in cattle handling of the conservation herd the eligible costs will be 40 % of the costs incurred as regards capital works intended to preserve and improve the natural environment. This complies with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

For the technical support element of the scheme the eligible costs will be the training of farmers and farm workers, in par-

ticular the costs of organising the training programme, and consultancy services. The aid will be provided in the form of services on preferential terms — there will be no direct payments of money to producers this complies with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to production of all agricultural products.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Purbeck District Council
Westport House
Worgret Road
Wareham
Dorset BH20 4PP
United Kingdom

Web-Address: The internet address where the full text of the scheme's criteria and conditions can be found is:

<http://www.purbeck.gov.uk/docs/Purbeck%20natural%20landscape.doc>

Alternatively, information on this scheme can be found on the Defra website at the web address

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

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XA number: XA 55/07

Member State: Germany

Region: Saarland

Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid: Guidelines for promoting the marketing of organic and regional produce

Legal basis: Richtlinie zur Förderung der Vermarktung von ökologisch und regional erzeugten Produkten

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:
EUR 250 000

Maximum aid intensity: 50–100 % (excluding aid for costs relating to the processing and marketing of agricultural products)

Date of implementation: 1.1.2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: Promoting the marketing of organic and regional produce under Articles 14 and 15.

Only operating costs shown to relate to the following areas are eligible:

- a) organising and participating in competitions, trade fairs, shows and forums for knowledge-sharing among businesses;
- b) disseminating scientific knowledge (in a form that can be understood by all);
- c) information about quality systems (which are also open to products from other Länder) and general information about products, their nutritional properties and suggested use;
- d) publications such as catalogues or websites containing information about producers from a specific region or of a specific product, provided that this information is impartial or is presented impartially and all producers concerned are given an equal opportunity to be included in the publication;
- e) carrying out market research activities and product development and design, including preparing applications for recognition of designations of origin or certificates of specific character for agricultural products in accordance with the applicable Community Regulations;
- f) introducing procedures to guarantee traceability, to ensure authenticity and marketing requirements are complied with or for carrying out an environmental impact assessment;
- g) reimbursement of the fees charged by accredited certifying bodies for the initial certification of quality assurance and similar systems;
- h) reimbursement of the costs of mandatory inspections (EU, federal and regional), unless Community legislation requires these to be borne by the producers themselves.

Under sections e) to h), only those costs relating to services provided by third parties are eligible for aid. Investment expenditure may not be subsidised.

Grants may be awarded for equipment and machinery used, provided that they are not more than one year old or the depreciation limit has not expired, and on condition that they have not already been the subject of a grant.

Aid will not be granted for staffing costs for the producer's own employees, internal activities or expenditure on replacements and repairs.

Sector(s) concerned: Organic and regional produce

Name and address of the granting authority:

Ministerium für Umwelt
Keplerstraße 18
D-66117 Saarbrücken

Internet address: <http://www.saarland.de/22497.htm>

Other information:

Contact: Ministerium für Umwelt
Referat B/1, Dorothee Wehlen (person responsible)
d.wehlen@umwelt.saarland.de

XA Number: XA 60/07

Member State: United Kingdom

Region: England

Title of Aid scheme or name of company receiving an individual aid: Farm Health Planning Cattle Initiative 2007-2008.

Legal basis: The scheme is non-statutory. The Agriculture Act 1986 (section 1) provides the legal base for the provision by Government of advice in connection with any agricultural activity.

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: 5 May 2007-31 March 2008: GBP 1,6 million

Maximum aid intensity: The aid intensity is 100 %

Date of implementation: The scheme will start on 5 May 2007.

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: The scheme will close on 31 March 2008. The last date for payments will be 30 June 2008.

Objective of aid: Technical support. Training and advice pro-active farm health planning will be provided to help farmers achieve higher standards of animal health and welfare and to demonstrate that prevention is better than cure in managing livestock diseases.

The eligible costs will be the costs of organising training programmes and consultancy services in line with Article 15 of Regulation 1857/2006.

Sector(s) concerned: The scheme applies to agricultural businesses active in cattle production.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
1A Page Street
London SW1P 4PQ
United Kingdom

Web-Address: www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/ahws/fhp/cattle/initiative.html

Alternatively, you can go to the UK's central website for agricultural State aids at: www.defra.gov.uk/farm/policy/state-aid/setup/exist-exempt.htm. Click on the link 'Farm Health Planning Cattle Initiative 2007-2008'.

Other information: The aid will be provided in the form of services; no money will be provided direct to farmers.

The training and consultancy will be open to businesses involved in animal health planning other than farmers (e.g., farm advisers and vets). Such aid will be provided in line with Regulation 1998/2006 on de minimis aid.

XA Number: XA 61/07

Member State: Republic of Lithuania

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of the company receiving an individual aid: Parama kreditų palūkanoms kompensuoti

Legal basis:

Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D- 159 'Dėl Dalies palūkanų už investicinius kreditus, paimtus nuo 2007 m. gegužės 1 d. ir suteiktus be UAB Žemės ūkio paskolų garantijų fondo garantijos, kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo'

Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D- 160 'Dėl Dalies palūkanų už investicinius kreditus, paimtus nuo 2007 m. gegužės 1 d. ir suteiktus su UAB Žemės ūkio paskolų garantijų fondo garantijos, kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo'

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The planned annual budget is LTL 5 000 000 (EUR 1,45 million at the official exchange rate).

Maximum aid intensity: For each project the maximum aid intensity is 40 % of the eligible expenditure.

Date of implementation: 1.5.2007

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

Objective of aid: Aid to SMEs. The aid provided under this scheme is aid for investment in agricultural holdings.

The aim of this scheme is to create more favourable credit conditions and thus contribute to the promotion of investment in rural areas.

The scheme has been devised in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

Part of the interest is reimbursed when the project's eligible expenditure falls into the following categories:

- (1) construction, purchase or improvement of real estate. The purchase of land is not considered an expense eligible for reimbursement;
- (2) purchase of agricultural machinery and computer hardware and software;
- (3) purchase of multiannual crops and the cost of planting multiannual crops;
- (4) general expenses associated with the expenditure listed in points (1) and (2), such as the fees of architects, engineers and consultants advising on technical, economic and organisational aspects of project preparation and implementation, when such services are not continuous or periodic in nature and are not associated with normal operations and expenses, as well as construction project preparation costs (including surveys) and the costs of project technical analysis and of acquiring patents and licences.

Sector(s) concerned: Primary production of agricultural products.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija
Gedimino pr.19 (Lelevelio g.6)
LT-01103 Vilnius

Website:

http://www.zum.lt/min/Isakymai/dsp_isakymas.cfm?IsakymasID=3406&langparam=LT

http://www.zum.lt/min/Isakymai/dsp_isakymas.cfm?IsakymasID=3408&langparam=LT

Other information: The intensity of the State aid will be calculated according to the method notified to the Commission and approved by it in the decisions regarding State aid measures N 114/05 'Parama kreditų palūkanoms kompensuoti' (Decision C(2006)6786), N 112/05 'Parama žemės pirkimui' (Decision C(2006)5704), N 371/05 'Parama panaudotos linų sektoriaus technikos pirkimui' (Decision C(2006)6867).

XA Number: XA 62/07

Member State: Republic of Lithuania

Region: —

Title of aid scheme or name of the company receiving an individual aid: Dalies garantinio užmokesčio kompensavimas kreditų su garantija gavėjams.

Legal basis: Žemės ūkio ministro 2007 m. balandžio 12 d. įsakymas Nr. 3D- 161 'Dėl garantinio užmokesčio kreditų su garantija gavėjams kompensavimo taisyklių patvirtinimo'

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company: The planned annual budget is LTL 7 500 000 (EUR 2,18 million at the official exchange rate).

Maximum aid intensity: For each project the maximum aid intensity is 40 % of the eligible expenditure.

Date of implementation: 1.5.2007

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: Until 31.12.2013

Objective of aid: Aid to SMEs

The aid provided under this scheme is aid for investment in agricultural holdings.

The aim of this scheme is to create more favourable credit conditions and thus contribute to the promotion of investment in rural areas.

The scheme has been devised in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1857/2006.

In exchange for the guarantees granted by the Rural Credit Guarantee Fund Private Limited Liability Company, credit beneficiaries pay the Company a guarantee payment (of up to 7 % of the sum guaranteed). Beneficiaries of guaranteed credits may be reimbursed for part of the guarantee payment (80 %).

Part of the guarantee payment is reimbursed when the project's eligible expenditure falls into the following categories:

- (1) construction, purchase or improvement of real estate. The purchase of land is not considered an eligible expense;
- (2) purchase of agricultural machinery and computer hardware and software;
- (3) purchase of multiannual crops and the cost of planting these multiannual crops;

- (4) general expenses associated with the expenditure listed in points (1) and (2), such as the fees of architects, engineers and consultants advising on technical, economic and organisational aspects of project preparation and implementation, when such services are not continuous or periodic in nature and are not associated with normal operations and expenses, as well as construction project preparation costs (including surveys) and the costs of project technical analysis and of acquiring patents and licences.

Sector(s) concerned: Primary production of agricultural products.

Name and address of the granting authority:

Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija
Gedimino pr.19 (Lelevelio g.6)
LT-01103 Vilnius

Website:

http://www.zum.lt/min/Isakymai/dsp_isakymas.cfm?IsakymasID=3407&langparam=LT

Other information: The intensity of the State aid will be calculated according to the method notified to the Commission and approved by it in the decisions regarding State aid measures N 114/05 'Parama kreditų palūkanoms kompensuoti' (Decision C(2006)6786), N 112/05 'Parama žemės pirkimui' (Decision C(2006)5704), and N 371/05 'Parama panaudotos linų sektoriaus technikos pirkimui'.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

COMMISSION

**Latest publication of COM documents other than legislative proposals and legislative proposals
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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

COMMISSION

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel originating, *inter alia*, in Russia

(2007/C 138/12)

The Commission has decided on its own initiative to initiate a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community ('the basic Regulation')⁽¹⁾. The review is limited in scope to dumping aspects as far as the exporting producers/members of the TMK Group (Volzhsky Pipe Plant, Taganrog Metallurgical Works, Sinarsky Tube Plant and Seversky Tube Works) and their related companies ('the company') are concerned.

1. Product

The product under review is certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel, of circular cross-section, of an external diameter not exceeding 406,4 mm with a Carbon Equivalent Value (CEV) not exceeding 0,86 according to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) formula and chemical analysis⁽²⁾ originating in Russia ('the product concerned'), currently classifiable within CN codes ex 7304 11 00, ex 7304 19 10, ex 7304 19 30, ex 7304 22 00, ex 7304 23 00, ex 7304 24 00, ex 7304 29 10, ex 7304 29 30, ex 7304 31 80, ex 7304 39 58, ex 7304 39 92, ex 7304 39 93, ex 7304 51 89, ex 7304 59 92 and ex 7304 59 93⁽³⁾. These CN codes are given only for information.

2. Existing measures

The measures currently in force are a definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 954/2006.

3. Grounds for the review

There is sufficient *prima facie* evidence available to the Commission that the circumstances on the basis of which the existing measures were established have changed and that these changes

are of a lasting nature. Information at the Commission's disposal indicates that the company's corporate structure has changed significantly in a lasting way since the period on the basis of which the existing measures were established.

Furthermore, a comparison of normal value based on the company's domestic prices and its export prices would lead to a reduction of dumping significantly below the level of the current measure. Therefore the continued imposition of measures at the existing levels, which were based on the level of dumping previously established, would no longer be necessary to offset dumping.

4. Procedure for the determination of dumping

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

The investigation will assess the need for the continuation, removal or amendment of the existing measures in respect of the group of companies mentioned above.

(a) Questionnaires

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send questionnaires to the group and to the authorities of the exporting country concerned. This information and supporting evidence should reach the Commission within the time limit set in point 5(a) of this notice.

(b) Collection of information and holding of hearings

All interested parties are hereby invited to make their views known, submit information other than questionnaire replies and to provide supporting evidence. This information and supporting evidence must reach the Commission within the time limit set in point 5(a) of this notice.

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ The CEV shall be determined in accordance with Technical Report, 1967, IIW doc. IX-535-67, published by the International Institute of Welding (IIW).

⁽³⁾ As presently defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1549/2006 of 17 October 2006 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 301, 31.10.2006, p. 1). The product coverage is determined in combining the product description in Article 1(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 954/2006 (OJ L 175, 29.6.2006, p. 4) and the product description of the corresponding CN codes taken together.

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 5(b) of this notice.

5. Time limits

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

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

(b) *Hearings*

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

6. Written submissions, questionnaire replies and correspondence

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

Commission address for correspondence:

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7. 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 favorable to that party than if it had cooperated.

8. 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*.

9. Processing of personal data

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

⁽¹⁾ This means that the document is for internal use only. It is protected pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPETITION POLICY

COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.4637 — Sachsenfonds Holding/Eastmerchant/Nikko Principal Investments)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 138/13)

1. On 13 June 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Nikko Principal Investments Ltd ('Nikko Principal Investments', United Kingdom) and Eastmerchant GmbH ('Eastmerchant', Germany) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking Sachsenfonds Holding GmbH ('Sachsenfonds', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Nikko Principal Investments: private equity investments firm,
- for undertaking Eastmerchant: financial investments firm,
- for undertaking Sachsenfonds: design, initialisation, distribution and management of closed-end funds.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 ((32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4637 — Sachsenfonds Holding/Eastmerchant/Nikko Principal Investments, to the following address:

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4698 — Apollo/CEVA/EGL)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 138/14)

1. On 14 June 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking CEVA Group Logistics Plc ('CEVA' United Kingdom), controlled by the private equity fund Apollo Group ('Apollo', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking EGL, Inc. ('EGL', United States) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for CEVA: provision of contract logistic services;
- for Apollo Group: private equity found;
- for EGL: provision of freight forwarding and contract logistic services.

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

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4717 — TAC/Tower Automotive)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/C 138/15)

1. On 15 June 2007, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking TA Acquisition Company ('TAC', USA) (controlled by the Cerberus Group, USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Tower Automotive Inc. ('Tower', USA), including its foreign operations, by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for the Cerberus Group: Investment company;

— for Tower Automotive Inc.: Designer and producer of structural metal components used by automobile manufacturers.

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

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.