

**PART III.12.A**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON SUPPORT FOR**  
**INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS**

*This information sheet relates to investments in agricultural holdings discussed in point IV.A of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sector 2007-2013<sup>1</sup>.*

**1. OBJECTIVE OF THE AID**

1.1. Which of the following objectives does the investment pursue?

- ☐ Reduce production costs;
- ☐ Improve and redeploy production;
- ☐ Increase quality;
- ☐ Preserve and improve the natural environment, comply with animal hygiene and standards;
- ☐ Promote the diversification of farm activities;
- ☐ Other (please specify):

*If the investment pursues other aims, please note that only investments pursuing one or more of the objectives listed above are eligible for support for investments in agricultural holdings.*

1.2. Does the aid concern simple replacement investments?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

*If yes, please note that simple replacement investments are not eligible for support for investments in agricultural holdings.*

1.3. Is the aid linked to investments in products which are subject to restrictions on production or limitations of Community support at the level of individual farmers, holdings or processing plants under a common organisation of the market (including direct support schemes) financed by the EAGF, which would increase production capacity beyond these restrictions or limitations?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ ...

☐ yes

☐ no

*If yes, please note that, under point 37 of the Guidelines, no aid may be granted for such investments.*

## 2. BENEFICIARIES

Who are the beneficiaries of the aid?

- ☐ farmers;  
☐ producer groups;  
☐ other (please specify):  
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## 3. AID INTENSITY

3.1 Please state the maximum rate of public support, expressed as a percentage of eligible investment:

- (a) .....in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005<sup>2</sup> (max. 50%);
- (b)..... in other regions (max. 40%);
- (c) ..... for young farmers in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, carrying out the investment within five years of setting up (max. 60%);
- d) ..... for young farmers in other areas, carrying out the investment within five years of setting up (max. 50%);
- (e)..... in the outermost regions and on the smaller Aegean islands within the meaning of Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93<sup>3</sup> (max. 75%);
- (f)..... for investments entailing extra costs linked to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment or improvements in the hygiene of livestock farms or the well-being of livestock carried out within the time-limits for transposition of the newly introduced minimum standards (max. 75% in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 60% in other areas);

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93 of 19 July 1993 introducing specific measures for the smaller Aegean islands concerning certain agricultural products (OJ L 184, 27.7.1993, p. 1).

(g)..... for investments entailing extra costs linked to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment or improvements in the hygiene of livestock farms or the well-being of livestock carried out within three years following the date on which the investment must be authorised under Community legislation (max. 50% in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 40% in other areas);

(h)..... for investments entailing extra costs linked to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment or improvements in the hygiene of livestock farms or the well-being of livestock carried out in the fourth year following the date on which the investment must be authorised under Community legislation (max. 25% in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 20% in other areas);

(i)..... for investments entailing extra costs linked to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment or improvements in the hygiene of livestock farms or the well-being of livestock carried out in the fifth year following the date on which the investment must be authorised under Community legislation (max. 12.5% in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 10% in other areas, *no aid can be granted for expenses incurred beyond the fifth year*);

(j)..... for additional investment expenditure made by those Member States who joined the Union on 1 May 2004 and 1 January 2007 respectively, for the purposes of implementing Directive 91/676/EEC<sup>4</sup> (max. 75%);

(k)..... for additional investment expenditure made for the purposes of implementing Directive 91/676/EEC and which is the subject of support under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (max. 50% in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 40% in other areas);

(l)..... for investments made by young farmers in order to comply with Community or national standards in force (max. 60% in less favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, and max. 50% in other areas).

- 3.2. In the case of investments entailing extra costs linked to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment, improvements in the hygiene of livestock farms or the well-being of livestock, are the extra costs limited to investments either exceeding the minimum requirements currently prescribed by the Community or complying with newly introduced minimum standards? Are they strictly limited to eligible extra costs in connection with these objectives without resulting in an increased production capacity?

<sup>4</sup>

Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1).

☐ yes ☐ no

3.3 In the case of investments made for the purposes of implementing Directive 91/676/EEC, is the envisaged aid intensity limited to necessary and eligible extra costs, and does it exclude investments leading to increased production capacity?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.4. In the case of investments made by young farmers in order to comply with Community or national standards in force, is the aid limited to extra costs as a result of implementing these standards and have these costs been incurred within 36 months after installation?

☐ yes ☐ no

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

4.1. Is the aid limited to agricultural holdings not in difficulty?

☐ yes ☐ no

4.2. Is the aid intended for the manufacture and marketing of products which imitate or substitute for milk and milk products?

☐ yes ☐ no

#### 5. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

5.1. Do eligible expenses include:

- ☐ construction, acquisition or improvement of immovable property;
- ☐ the purchase or lease purchase of machinery and equipment, including computer software up to the market value of the asset, exclusive of costs connected with a leasing contract (tax, lessor's margin, interest refinancing costs, overheads, insurance charges etc);
- ☐ overheads connected with the two previous types of expenses (for instance architect's fees, engineer's fees, expert's fees, feasibility studies, acquisition of patents and licences)?

5.2. Does the aid cover the purchase of second-hand machinery?

☐ yes ☐ no

5.3. If yes, is eligibility limited to small and medium enterprises with a low technical level and limited capital?

☐ yes ☐ no

5.4 Are any of the following excluded from the aid scheme: the purchase of production rights, animals and annual plants, or the planting of annual plants?

☐ yes ☐ no

*If no, please note that according to point 29 of the Guidelines no aid may be granted for such types of expenditure.*

5.5. Is the share of purchases of land other than land for construction purposes in the eligible expenses for the planned investment limited to 10%?

☐ yes ☐ no

*If no, please note that this 10% ceiling is one of the eligibility criteria to be met under point 29 of the Guidelines.*

## 6. AID FOR THE CONSERVATION OF TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPES AND BUILDINGS

6.1. Does the aid concern investments or capital works intended for the conservation of non-productive heritage features located on agricultural holdings?

☐ yes ☐ no

6.1.1. If yes, what is the envisaged rate of aid (max.: 100%):

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6.1.2 Do the eligible expenses include remuneration for the work of the farmer or his workers?

☐ yes ☐ no

6.1.3 ...  
If yes, will this remuneration be limited to a maximum of EUR 10 000 per year?

☐ yes ☐ no

6.1.4 If no, please give reasons for exceeding the above limit.

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6.2. Does the aid concern investments or capital works intended to conserve the heritage features of productive assets on farms?

☐ yes ☐ no

6.2.1. If yes, does the investment entail any increase in the production capacity of the farm?

☐ yes ☐ no

6.2.2. What are the envisaged maximum aid rates for this type of investment?

☐ Investments without increase in capacity:

Maximum rate envisaged for less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (max. 75%): .....

Maximum rate envisaged for other areas (max. 60%):  
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☐ Investments with increase in capacity:

Maximum rate envisaged in cases where contemporary materials are used (max.: see point 3.1): .....

Maximum rate envisaged in cases where traditional materials are used, expressed as a percentage of the extra cost (max. 100%): .....

## 7. RELOCATION OF FARM BUILDINGS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

7.1. Does the relocation result from expropriation?

☐ yes ☐ no

7.2. Is the relocation justified on grounds of public interest specified in the legal basis?

☐ yes ☐ no

*Please note that the legal basis must explain the public interest served by the relocation.*

7.3. Does relocation simply consist of the dismantling, removal and re-erection of existing facilities?

☐ yes ☐ no

7.3.1. If yes, what is the intensity of the aid? (max. 100%)

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7.4. Does relocation result in the farmer benefiting from more modern equipment and facilities?

☐ yes ☐ no

7.4.1. If yes, what is the farmer's own contribution, as a percentage of the added value of the facilities after relocation?

☐ In less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (min. 50%)

☐ .....  
In other areas (min. 60%)

☐ .....  
Young farmers in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (min. 45%)

☐ .....  
Young farmers in other areas (min. 55%)

7.5. Does relocation result in an increase in production capacity?

☐ yes ☐ no

7.5.1. If yes, what is the farmer's own contribution, as a percentage of the expenditure linked to the increase?

☐ In less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (min. 50%)

☐ .....  
In other areas (min 60%)

☐ .....  
Young farmers in less-favoured areas or the areas referred to in Article 36(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (min. 45%)

☐ .....  
Young farmers in other areas (min 55%)

## 8. OTHER INFORMATION

8.1. Is the notification accompanied by documentation demonstrating how the state aid measure is consistent with the relevant rural development programme(s) concerned?

☐ yes ☐ no

*If yes, please provide this documentation below or in an annex to this supplementary information sheet*

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*If no, please note that this documentation must be provided under point 26 of the Guidelines*

- 8.2. Is the notification accompanied by documentation showing that support is targeted on clearly defined objectives reflecting identified structural and territorial needs and structural disadvantages?

☐ yes

☐ no

*If yes, please provide this documentation below or in an annex to this supplementary information sheet*

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*If no, please note that this documentation must be provided under point 36 of the Guidelines*