

PART III.12.C
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL
AND ANIMAL WELFARE AID**

This form must be used for the notification of any state aid measure to support agricultural production methods designed to protect the environment and to maintain the countryside (agri-environment) or to improve animal welfare covered by point IV.C. of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sector 2007-2013¹ (hereinafter called "the guidelines") and articles 39 and 40 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005².

- Does the measure concern compensation to farmers who **voluntarily** give agri-environmental commitments (articles 39(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please refer to the part of this Supplementary Information Sheet (SIS) relating to "aid for agri-environmental commitments".

- Does the measure concern compensation to farmers who **voluntarily** enter into animal welfare commitments (article 40(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please refer to the part of this SIS relating to "aid for animal welfare commitments"

- Does the aid only concern environmental **investments** (point 62 of the guidelines)?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please refer to SIS relating to "Investment aids in the agricultural sector".

- Does the environmental aid pursue other objectives such as **training** and **advisory services** to help agricultural producers (point IV.K of the guidelines)?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, please refer to SIS relating to point IV.K of the guidelines.

- Others?

Please provide a complete description of the measure(s).....

¹ OJ ...

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

- Is documentation demonstrating that the State aid fits into and is coherent with the relevant Rural Development plan attached to the notification?

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yes

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no

If yes, please provide that documentation hereunder or in an annex to this supplementary information sheet

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If no, please note that this documentation is requested in conformity with point 26 of the agricultural guidelines.

AID FOR AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS (POINT IV.C.2 OF THE GUIDELINES)

1. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEASURE

Which one of the following specific objectives does the support measure promote?

- ☐ ways of using agricultural land which are compatible with the protection and improvement of the environment, the landscape and its features, natural resources, the soil and genetic diversity, reduce production costs;
- ☐ an environmentally-favourable extensification of farming and management of low-intensity pasture systems, improve and re-deploy production ;
- ☐ the conservation of high nature-value farmed environments, which are under threat increase quality;
- ☐ the upkeep of the landscape and historical features on agricultural land;
- ☐ the use of environmental planning in farming practice

If the measure does not pursue any of the above objectives, please indicate which are the objectives aimed at in terms of environmental protection?
(Please submit a detailed description)

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If the measure in question has already been applied in the past, what have been the results in terms of environmental protection?

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2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1. Will the aid be granted to farmers and/or other land managers (Article 39(2) of Regulation 1698/2005) who give agri-environmental commitments for a period between five and seven years?

☐ yes ☐ no

- 2.2. Will a shorter or a longer period be necessary for all or particular types of commitments?

☐ yes ☐ no

In the affirmative please provide the reasons justifying that period

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- 2.3. Please confirm that no aid will be granted to compensate for agri-environmental commitments that do not go beyond the relevant mandatory standards established pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of, and Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003³ as well as minimum requirements for fertiliser and plant protection product use and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national legislation and identified in the rural development programme.

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please note that Article 39(3) of Regulation 1698/2005 does not allow for aid for agri-environmental commitments that do not involve more than the application of these standards and requirements.

- 2.4. Please describe what the above mentioned standards and requirements are and explain how the agri-environmental commitments involve more than their application.

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3. AID AMOUNT

- 3.1. Please specify the maximum amount of aid to be granted based on the area of the holding to which agri-environmental commitments apply:

☐ for specialised perennial crops (maximum payment of 900 €/ha)

☐ for annual crops (maximum payment of 600 €/ha)

☐ for other land uses (maximum payment of 450 €/ha)?

☐ local breeds in danger of being lost to farming ...(maximum payment of 200 €/live stock unit)?

³ Council Regulation 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1

☐ other?.....

If the maximum amounts mentioned are exceeded please justify the compatibility of the aid with the provisions of Article 39(4) of Regulation (EC) N° 1698/2005.

3.2. Is the support measure granted annually?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please provide the reasons justifying other period

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3.3. Is the amount of annual support calculated on the basis of:

- income foregone,
- additional costs resulting from the commitment given, and
- the need to provide compensation for transaction costs

☐ yes ☐ no

Explain the calculation method used in fixing the amount of support and specify the income foregone, additional costs and possible transaction costs

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3.4. Is the reference level for calculating income foregone and additional cost resulting from the commitments given, the standards and requirements as mentioned above under point 2.3?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no please explain the reference level taken into consideration

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3.5. Are the payments made per unit of production?

☐ yes ☐ no

If yes please explain the reasons justifying that method and the initiatives undertaken to ensure that the maximum amounts per year eligible for Community support as set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) N° 1698/2005 are complied with.

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3.6. Do you intend to give aid for transaction costs for the continuation of agri-environmental commitments already undertaken in the past ?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.7. If yes, please demonstrate that such costs still continue to be incurred

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3.8. Do you intend to give aid for the costs of non-productive investments linked to the achievements of agri-environmental commitments (non-productive investments being investments which should not lead to a net increase in farm value or profitability) ?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.9. If yes, which aid rate will be applied (max. 100 %) ?

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AID FOR ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITMENTS (POINT IV.C.2 OF THE GUIDELINES)

1. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEASURE

For which of the following areas do the animal welfare commitments provide upgraded standards?

- ☐ water and feed closer to their natural needs;
- ☐ housing conditions such as space allowances, bedding, natural lights;
- ☐ outdoor access;
- ☐ absence of systematic mutilations, isolation or permanent tethering,
- ☐ prevention of pathologies mainly determined by farming practices or/and keeping conditions.

(Please submit a detailed description)

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If the measure in question has already been applied in the past, what have been the results in terms of animal welfare?

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2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1. Will the aid be exclusively granted to farmers who give animal welfare commitments for a period between five and seven years?

☐ yes ☐ no

2.2 Will a shorter or a longer period be necessary for all or particular types of commitments?

☐ yes ☐ no

In the affirmative please provide the reasons justifying that period

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2.3 Please confirm that no aid will be granted to compensate for animal welfare commitments that do not go beyond the relevant mandatory standards established pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of, and Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No

1782/2003⁴ and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national legislation and identified in the rural development programme.

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please note that Article 40(2) of Regulation 1698/2005 does not allow for aid for animal welfare commitments that do not involve more than the application of these standards and requirements

- 2.4. Please describe what the above mentioned standards and requirements are and explain how the animal welfare commitments involve more than their application.

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3. AID AMOUNT

- 3.1 Please specify the maximum amount of animal welfare aid to be granted:

..... (maximum payment of €500 /live stock unit)

If the amount exceeds € 500/live stock unit, please justify its compatibility with the provisions of Article 40(3) of Regulation (EC) N° 1698/2005

- 3.2 Is the support measure granted annually?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please provide the reasons justifying other period

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- 3.3 Is the amount of annual support calculated on the basis of:

- income foregone,
- additional costs resulting from the commitment given, and
- the need to provide compensation for transaction costs ?

☐ yes ☐ no

Explain the calculation method used in fixing the amount of support and specify the income foregone , additional costs, possible transaction costs and possible costs of any non remunerative capital works

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- 3.4 Is the reference level for calculating income foregone and additional cost resulting from the commitments given, the standards and requirements as mentioned above under point 2.3?

☐ yes ☐ no

⁴ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1

If no please explain the reference level taken into consideration

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3.5 Are the payments made per livestock unit?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please explain the reasons justifying the method chosen as well as the initiatives undertaken to ensure that the maximum amounts per year eligible for Community support as set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) N° 1698/2005 are complied with.

3.6. Do you intend to give aid for transaction costs for the continuation of animal welfare commitments already undertaken in the past ?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.7. If yes, please demonstrate that such costs still continue to be incurred

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3.8. Do you intend to give aid for the costs of non-productive investments linked to the achievements of agri-environmental commitments (non-productive investments being investments which should not lead to a net increase in farm value or profitability) ?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.9. If yes, which aid rate will be applied (max. 100 %) ?

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