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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AID
CONCERNING NATURA 2000 PAYMENTS AND PAYMENTS
LINKED TO DIRECTIVE 2000/60/EC**

This form must be used by Member State to notify aids under Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC¹, as dealt with in Part IV.C.3 of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sector 2007-2013².

1. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEASURE

- 1.1. Is the measure aimed to compensate farmers for costs incurred and income foregone resulting from disadvantages in the areas concerned related to the implementation of Directives 79/409/EEC³, 92/43/EEC⁴ and 2000/60/EC?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.1.1. If no, please note that Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines does not allow for aid to compensate for other costs than those related to the disadvantages related to the implementation of Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC and 2000/60/EC.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1. Are costs incurred and income foregone resulting from disadvantages in the areas concerned related to the implementation of Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC and 2000/60/EC?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.1.1. If yes please provide all the details concerning the relevant provisions of the Directive(s) in question

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2.1.2. If no, please note that Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines does not allow for aid to compensate for other costs than those resulting from

¹ Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).

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³ Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1).

⁴ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

disadvantages related to the implementation of Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC and 2000/60/EC.

2.2. Are the planned compensation payments necessary to solve specific problems arising from the Directive(s)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.2.1. If yes please explain why this measure is necessary

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2.2.2. If no, please note that according to Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines only payments that are necessary to solve specific problems arising from these Directives can be authorised?

2.3. Is the support granted only for obligations going beyond cross compliance obligations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.3.1. If no, please justify its compatibility with the provisions of Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines

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2.4. Is the support granted for obligations going beyond conditions set out by Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003⁵?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.4.1. If no, please justify its compatibility with the provisions of Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines

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2.5. Is the aid granted in breach of the polluter pays principle?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.5.1. If yes, please provide all elements justifying its compatibility with the provisions of Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines and that it is exceptional, temporary and degressive

⁵ Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 of 29 September 2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers and amending Regulations (EEC) No 2019/93, (EC) No 1452/2001, (EC) No 1453/2001, (EC) No 1454/2001, (EC) No 1868/94, (EC) No 1251/1999, (EC) No 1254/1999, (EC) No 1673/2000, (EEC) No 2358/71 and (EC) No 2529/2001 (OJ L 270 of 21.10.2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1)

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3. AID AMOUNT

3.1. Please specify the maximum amount of aid, based on the utilised agricultural area (UAA):

- ☐ (Initial maximum Natura 2000 payment for a period not exceeding five years of 500 EUR/hectare of UAA)
- ☐ (Normal maximum Natura 2000 payment of 200 EUR/hectare of UAA)
- ☐ (Maximum amount of support linked to Directive 2000/60/EC is fixed in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 90(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005)

3.1.1 With regard to payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC please provide additional information.

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3.1.2. If you intend to grant a higher amount of aid, please justify its compatibility with the provisions of Part IV.C.3 of the Agricultural Guidelines and Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005⁶.

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3.2. Please explain the measures taken to ensure that payments are fixed at a level which avoids overcompensation

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4. OTHER INFORMATION

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

☐ yes ☐ no

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

⁶ 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. 1–40.

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