

PART III.12. G

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET FOR AID FOR
EARLY RETIREMENT OR FOR THE CESSATION OF FARMING
ACTIVITIES**

This form must be used for the notification of any state aid schemes which are designed to encourage older farmers to take early retirement as described by chapter IV.G of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sector 2007-2013¹.

1. TYPES OF AID

1.1. Is the support measure granted only to primary production?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please note that according to point 85 of the Guidelines, the support may not be granted for other activities than primary production.

1.2. Is the early retirement support granted:

☐ to farmers who decide to stop their agricultural activity for the purpose of transferring the holdings to other farmers?

☐ to farm workers who decide to stop all farming work definitively upon the transfer of the holding?

Please describe the envisaged measures:

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2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1. Will the aid be exclusively granted when the transferor of the farm,

- stops all commercial farming activity definitively,
- is not less than 55 years old but not yet of normal retirement age at the time of transfer or not more than 10 years younger than the normal retirement age in the Member State concerned at the time of transfer and
- has practised farming for the 10 years preceding transfer?

☐ yes ☐ no

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If no please note that according to point 87 of the Guidelines combined with article 23 of Council Regulation N° 1698/2005², no aid can be authorised if the transferor does not fulfil all those conditions

2.2. Will the aid be exclusively granted when the transferee of the farm:

- succeeds the transferor by setting up as a young farmer as provided for in article 22 of Council Regulation N° 1698/2005, is less than 40 years of age and is setting up for the first time on an agricultural holding as head of the holding, possesses adequate occupational skills and competence and submits a business plan for the development of his farming activities, or
- is a farmer of less than 50 years old or a private law body and takes over the agricultural hold released by the transferor to increase the size of the agricultural holding?

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yes

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no

If no, please note that according to point 87 of the Guidelines combined with article 23 of Council Regulation N° 1698/2005 no aid can be authorised if the transferee does not fulfil all those conditions.

2.3. When the aid planned for early retirement support includes measures to provide an income for farm workers, please confirm that no aid will be granted if the worker does not fulfil all the following conditions:

- stop all farm work definitively upon the transfer of the holding,
- be not less than 55 years old but not yet of normal retirement age or more than 10 years younger than the normal retirement age in the Member State concerned,
- have devoted at least half of his working time as a family helper or farm worker to farm work during the preceding five years,
- have worked on the transferor's agricultural holding for at least the equivalent of two years full-time during the four-year period preceding the early retirement of the transferor, and
- belong to a social security scheme.

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yes

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no

² 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.

Please note that according to point 87 of the Guidelines and article 23 of Council Regulation N° 1698/2005, no aid can be authorised to provide an income for farm workers if they do not fulfil all those conditions.

3. AID AMOUNT

3.1. Is the aid measure combined with support under the Rural Development Regulation ?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1. If yes, please provide a brief description of the modalities and amount of such co-financed support

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3.2. Please specify what is the maximum amount of aid to be granted per transferor:

☐per transferor and year (maximum annual amount of 18.000€/ transferor and maximum total amount of € 180.000€/ transferor)

If the maximum amounts are not respected please justify its compatibility with the provisions of point 87 of the Guidelines. Please note that the Guidelines allow for support going above the maximum amounts set out in the Regulation provided that the Member State demonstrates that such payment is not passed on to active farmers.

3.3. Please specify what is the maximum amount of aid to be granted per worker:

☐per worker and year (maximum annual amount of 4000€/worker and maximum total amount of € 40.000€/worker)

If the maximum amounts are not respected please justify its compatibility with the provisions of point 87 of the Guidelines. Please note that the Guidelines allow for support going above the maximum amounts set out in the Regulation provided that the Member State demonstrates that such payment is not passed on to active farmers.

3.4. Does the transferor receive a normal retirement pension paid by the Member State?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.4.1. If yes, is the planned early retirement support granted as a supplement taking into account the amount of the national retirement pension?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please note that point 87 of the Guidelines combined with article 23 of Council Regulation N°1698/2005 requires that the amount paid as a normal retirement pension is taken into account in the calculation of the maximum amounts to be granted under the early retirement schemes.

4. DURATION

- 4.1. Can it be assured that duration of planned early retirement support shall not exceed a total period of 15 years for the transferor and for the farm worker and that, at the same time, it shall not go beyond the 70th birthday of a transferor and not go beyond the normal retirement age of a worker?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please note that point 87 of the Guidelines combined with article 23 of Council Regulation N°1698/2005 does not allow for aid if all those requirements are not assured in the planned scheme.