

PART III.12.O
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AID FOR COMBATING
ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES

This form must be used by Member States for the notification of any state aid measures designed to compensate for damage to agricultural production or the means of agricultural production as described by point V.B.4 of the Community Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sector 2007-2013¹.

1. ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES

1. What disease is involved?

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2. Does this disease appear on the list of animal diseases drawn up by the World Organisation for Animal Health?

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yes

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no

If the disease has been caused by adverse weather

3. Please answer the questions in the Information Sheet “Part III.12.N”, providing any relevant information for making the cause-and-effect link between the weather event and the disease.

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If the disease has not been caused by adverse weather

4. Is there provision for aid for firms involved in the processing and marketing of agricultural products?

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yes

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no

If yes, please refer to point 131 of the Guidelines.

5. Has the aid scheme been introduced within three years of the expenses or losses?

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yes

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no

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6. Please indicate the last date until which aid may be granted².

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7. Please show that there are Community-level or national legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions empowering the authorities to act against the disease, either by adopting measures to eradicate it (in particular mandatory measures giving entitlement to financial compensation) or by establishing an early-warning system combined, where necessary, with aid to encourage private individuals to participate in prevention schemes on a voluntary basis³.

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8. Tick the applicable purpose of the aid scheme:

- ☐ preventative in that it involves screening measures or analyses, the extermination of pests which may transmit the disease, preventative vaccinations of animals or treatment of crops, and preventative slaughtering of livestock or destruction of crops;
- ☐ compensation, because the infected animals have to be slaughtered or the crops destroyed by order of, or on the recommendation of, the public authorities or because animals die as a result of vaccination or any other measure recommended or ordered by the competent authorities;
- ☐ combined prevention and compensation, because a programme to deal with losses resulting from the disease is subject to the condition that the beneficiaries must make a commitment to take subsequent appropriate preventive measures as ordered by the official authorities.

9. Please show that the aid intended for controlling the disease is compatible with the specific aims and provisions of the European Union's veterinary or plant health legislation.

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10. Please give a detailed description of the proposed control measures.

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11. What will be the costs or losses covered by the aid?

² Under Article 10(8) of the Exemption Regulation (Commission Regulation (EC) No ... of ... on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to state aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 70/2001, aid must be introduced within three years after the expenses or losses have been incurred. The aid must be disbursed within four years after the expenses or losses have been incurred.

³ The programme must contain clear definitions of the diseases and parasitic infections, together with a description of the measures envisaged.

- ☐ costs of health checks, tests and other screening measures, purchase and administration of vaccines, medicines and plant protection products, slaughter and destruction costs of animals and costs of destruction of crops;
- ☐ losses caused by animal or plant diseases or by parasite infections;
- ☐ loss of income caused by the difficulties involved in rebuilding herds or replanting crops, or by any period of quarantine or waiting period ordered or recommended by the competent authorities to enable eradication of the disease before herd rebuilding or crop replanting.

12. Will aid designed to compensate costs of health checks, tests and other screening measures, purchase and administration of vaccines, medicines and plant protection products, slaughter and destruction costs of animals and costs of destruction of crops be granted through subsidised services without involving direct payments to farmers?

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please refer to Article 10(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

13. Is the amount of aid for losses due to animal or plant diseases or parasite infections calculated in relation to:

- a. the market value of animals killed or plants destroyed by the disease or parasite infection or of animals killed or plants destroyed by public order as part of a compulsory public prevention or eradication programme;

☐ yes ☐ no

If no, please refer to Article 10(2)(a)(i) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

- b. income losses due to quarantine obligations and difficulties in restocking or replanting;

☐ yes ☐ no

14. Please indicate the maximum aid intensity as a percentage of eligible costs.

..... % of costs of health checks, tests and other screening measures, purchase and administration of vaccines, medicines and plant protection products, slaughter and destruction costs of animals and costs of destruction of crops (gross aid intensity may not exceed 100%).

..... % of the losses caused by animal or plant diseases (gross aid intensity may not exceed 100%).

15. If aid is envisaged to make good the loss of profit due to any quarantine or waiting period imposed or recommended by the competent authorities to enable the elimination of the disease before the holding is restocked or replanted, or to any difficulties in restocking or replanting, please indicate all elements establishing that there is no risk of over-compensating the profit loss.

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16. Has Community aid been envisaged for the same purpose? If yes, indicate the date and references of the Commission decision approving it.

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17. Will insurance payments be deducted from the amount of aid?

☐ yes ☐ no

18. Will the calculation of the aid take account of costs not incurred because of the disease, which would otherwise have been incurred?

☐ yes ☐ no

2. TSE TESTS

1. Please indicate the maximum aid intensity for TSE TESTS as a percentage of eligible costs. Under Article 16(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006, aid may be granted for up to 100% of real costs incurred. Please note that Community payments regarding TSE TESTS must be included.

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2. Does the measure relate to the obligatory BSE testing of bovine animals slaughtered for human consumption?

☐ yes ☐ no

Please note that the obligation to perform screening can be based on Community or national legislation.

3. If yes, does the total direct and indirect aid for these tests exceed EUR 40 per individual test (including Community payments)?

☐ yes ☐ no

4. If yes, please refer to the second subparagraph of Article 16(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

5. Will the aid be paid directly to farmers?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please refer to Article 16(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

3. FALLEN STOCK AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE WASTE

1. Is the measure linked with a consistent programme for monitoring and ensuring the safe disposal of all fallen stock in the Member State?

☐ yes

☐ no

If no, please refer to Article 16(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

2. Is aid for fallen stock and slaughterhouse waste granted to processing and marketing firms?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please refer to point 137(i) of the Guidelines.

3. Will the aid to cover the costs of eliminating slaughterhouse waste produced after these Guidelines came into force?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please refer to point 137(ii) of the Guidelines.

4. Is the aid granted directly to producers?

☐ yes

☐ no

If yes, please refer to Article 16(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

5. If no, will aid be paid to firms active downstream from the farmer, providing services linked to the removal and/or destruction of fallen stock?

☐ yes

☐ no

If no, please refer to Article 16(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006.

6. Please indicate the maximum aid intensity as a percentage of eligible costs.

a. % of the costs of removal (max. 100%)

b. % of the costs of destruction (max. 75%)

7. Under Article 16(1)(a) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006, aid up to an equivalent amount may *alternatively* be granted towards the costs of premiums paid by farmers for insurance covering the costs of removal and destruction of fallen stock. Does the notified measure include this type of payments?

☐ yes

☐ no

8. Under Article 16(1)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006, Member States may grant aid of up to 100% for costs of removal and destruction of carcasses where the aid is financed through fees or through compulsory contributions destined for the financing of the destruction of such carcasses, provided that such fees or contributions are limited to and directly imposed on the meat sector. Does the notified measure include this type of payments?

☐ yes

☐ no

9. Under Article 16(1)(c) of Commission Regulation (EC) **/2006, Member States may grant state aid of up to 100% for the costs of removal and destruction of fallen stock, where there is an obligation to perform TSE tests on the fallen stock concerned. Does such an obligation exist?

☐ yes

☐ no