

## State aids in agriculture

### **Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings**

The list of State aids measures which the candidate countries wish to maintain after accession should be classified as follows:

- (1) **Operating aids** (aid the amount of which is a function of price, of quantity or of unit of production, surface area or livestock unit; it also includes any price support-guarantee): The list of these aids should be given by sector. In principle these aids should be discontinued at accession for all products under a CMO unless transitional provisions are justified.
- (2) **Aids for primary producers:**
  - (a) Investment aids
  - (b) Training aids
  - (c) Aids for young farmers
  - (d) Early retirement aids
  - (e) Forestry sector aids
  - (f) Aids for less favoured areas and aids for environmentally disadvantageous areas
  - (g) Agro-environmental aids
  - (h) Aids for farm management
  - (i) Aids for farm replacement services
- (3) **Aids for processing and marketing of agricultural products**
- (4) **Other aids for rural development and other aids for agriculture**
  - (a) Aids in case of damages caused by natural disasters or exceptional occurrences
  - (b) Aids for fight against animal or plant diseases
  - (c) Aids for insurance policies in case of natural disasters and other events
  - (d) Start up for producer organisation
  - (e) Aids for promotion and advertising
  - (f) Aids for quality controls
  - (g) Short term operating loans
  - (h) Employment aids
  - (i) Aids for research and development
  - (j) Rescue and restructuring aids
  - (k) Other aids

**For each measure a “fiche” with the following information should be provided:**

- (1) Ministry or other administrative body with statutory responsibility for the scheme and its implementation:
- (2) Title of aid scheme:
- (3) Legal basis (attach a copy of the legal basis or the draft legal basis if available at the time of notification)
- (4) Level at which scheme is administered:
  - (a) central government
  - (b) regional
  - (c) other
- (5) Aim of scheme
- (6) Beneficiaries
- (7) Other aid limitations or criteria
- (8) What are the instruments (or forms) of aid: (delete where not applicable)
  - (a) Direct grant
  - (b) Soft loan (including details of how the loan is secured)
  - (c) Interest subsidy
  - (d) Tax relief
  - (e) Guarantee (including details of how the guarantee is secured and any charges made for the guarantee)
  - (f) Other (specify):
- (9) For each instrument of aid a summary description of its rules and conditions of application should be given, including in particular the rate of award, its tax treatment and whether the aid is accorded automatically once certain objective criteria are fulfilled or whether there is an element of discretion by the awarding authorities:
- (10) For each aid instrument, the eligible costs on which the aid is calculated should be specified (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, personnel, training, consultants fees, etc.):
- (11) Where there is more than one aid instrument, to what extent may a recipient cumulate several instruments: To what extent may the aid in question be cumulated with any other aid schemes in operation?
- (12) Duration of aid scheme.
- (13) Expenditure in 2005; estimated expenditure in 2006
- (14) Other relevant data.