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| **1.1.9.**  **Supplementary Information Sheet on aid for the participation of producers of agricultural products in quality schemes** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measures which are designed to encourage the participation of producers of agricultural products in quality schemes as described in Section 1.1.9. of Chapter 1 of Part II of the European Union Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sectors and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

1. Is the aid granted only to producers of agricultural products?

yes  no

1. Please indicate the eligible costs:

(a) the costs for new participation in quality schemes, notably the costs incurred for entering a supported quality scheme and the annual contribution for participating in that quality scheme, including, where necessary, expenditure on checks required to verify compliance with the specifications of the quality scheme;

(b) the costs for compulsory control measures in relation to the quality schemes undertaken pursuant to Union or national legislation by or on behalf of the competent authority of the Member State;

(c) the costs of market research activities, product conception and design and for preparation of applications for recognition of quality schemes.

1. Please confirm that no aid will be granted towards the costs of control undertaken by the beneficiaries themselves, or where Union legislation provides that the costs of control is to be met by producers of agricultural products and groups thereof, without specifying the actual level of charges:

yes  no

1. For which type of scheme is the aid for a new participation granted?

(a) Union quality scheme;

(b) Quality schemes, including farm certification schemes, for agricultural products, recognised by the Member States as complying with the following criteria:

(a) the specificity of the final product under such quality schemes must be derived from clear obligations to guarantee any of the following:

1. specific product characteristics, or
2. specific farming or production methods, or
3. a quality of the final product that goes significantly beyond the commercial commodity standards as regards public, animal or plant health, animal welfare or environmental protection;

(b) the quality scheme must be open to all producers;

(c) the quality scheme must involve binding final product specifications and compliance with those specifications must be verified by public authorities or by an independent inspection body;

(d) the quality scheme must be transparent and ensure complete traceability of agricultural products.

(c) Voluntary agricultural product certification schemes recognised by the Member State as meeting the Union best practice guidelines referred to in Commission Communication of 16 December 2010 entitled ‘EU best practice guidelines for voluntary certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs’ relating to agricultural products and foodstuffs[[1]](#footnote-1).

1. Is the aid accessible to all eligible undertakings in the area concerned, based on objectively defined conditions?

yes  no

1. Is the aid in favour of the costs specified in point (272) (b) and (c) of the Guidelines granted in the form of subsidised services and paid to the body responsible for control measures, the research provider or the consultancy provider?

yes  no

1. Is the aid in favour of the costs for new participation in quality schemes pursuant to point (272)(a) of the Guidelines limited to 100% of eligible costs?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted for a maximum period of seven years and paid annually?

yes  no

1. Is the aid referred to in point (272)(b) and (c) of the Guidelines limited to 100 % of the real costs incurred?

yes  no

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please indicate any other information considered relevant to the assessment of the measure concerned under this Section of the Guidelines.

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1. OJ C 341, 16.12.2010, p. 5. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)