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| **1.1.8.**  **Supplementary Information Sheet on aid for organic farming** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measures in favour of organic farming as described in Section 1.1.8 of Chapter 1 of Part II of the European Union Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sector and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

1. Is the aid granted only to undertakings active in primary agricultural production?

yes  no

1. Are the beneficiaries agricultural undertakings or groups of agricultural undertakings who undertake on a voluntarily basis to convert to or maintain organic farming practices and methods as defined in (EU) 2018/848 [[1]](#footnote-1)?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted only for commitments which go beyond the following standards and requirements?

(a) the relevant statutory management requirements and GAEC standards established under Title III, Chapter I, Section 2, of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115;

(b) the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare, and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;

(c) the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with Article 4(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Please describe the relevant mandatory standards and requirements in the State aid notification to the Commission.

1. Where the aid is granted for commitments referred to in question 3(b) of this Supplementary Information Sheet and where national law imposes new requirements which go beyond the corresponding minimum requirements laid down in Union law, will aid be granted for commitments contributing to compliance with those requirements for a maximum of 24 months from the date on which they become mandatory for the holding?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted for commitments which will be carried out over an initial period of five to seven years?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please note that in accordance with Section 1.1.8 of Chapter 1 of Part II of the Guidelines, aid may be granted only if that initial period is complied with, subject to the exceptions and extensions referred to in questions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

1. In order to achieve or maintain certain environmental benefits sought, will a Member State determine a longer period than that referred to in question 5, including by providing for an annual extension after the termination of the initial period?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification and specify the duration of a period determined:

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1. If the aid is granted for a conversion to organic farming, will a shorter initial period than that referred to in question 5 be provided for, corresponding to the period of conversion, but at least one year ?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, what will be the duration of that period?

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1. If the aid is granted for new commitments concerning maintenance directly following the commitment performed in the initial period referred to in question 5, will a shorter period be provided for?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please specify the duration of that period:

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1. Please confirm that undertakings carrying out operations under this Section of the Guidelines have access to the relevant knowledge and information required to implement such operations, and that appropriate training is made available for those who require it, as well as access to expertise in order to assist farmers who commit to change their production systems:

yes  no

1. Please indicate the eligible costs:

(a) compensation for all or part of additional costs resulting from the commitments;

(b) income foregone resulting from the commitments.

If the aid is granted also in favour of **investment** costs, please refer to the Supplementary Information Sheet 1.1.1.1. on aid for investment in agricultural holdings linked to primary agricultural production or 1.1.1.3. on aid for investments in processing and marketing of agricultural products.

1. Is the aid granted in favour of the transaction costs, granted on an annual basis and with a maximum value of 20 % of the premium paid for the commitment, or 30% where commitments are undertaken by groups of undertakings?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification as to why the aid in favour of transaction costs is necessary:

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1. Is the aid granted for transaction costs caused by entering into organic farming commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide convincing proof of such costs, for example by submitting cost comparisons with agricultural undertakings not entering into such commitments.

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Please note that the Commission will not authorise State aid for transaction costs for the continuation of organic farming commitments already entered into in the past, unless a Member State demonstrates that such costs continue to occur or that new transaction costs are being incurred.

1. For transaction costs calculated on the basis of average costs and/or average farms, please demonstrate that in particular large enterprises are not overcompensated:

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1. Please confirm that no aid is granted under this Section for commitments covered by an agri-environment-climate measure, or for costs covered by an aid intended to encourage the participation in quality systems?

yes  no

1. Is the aid limited to 100% of the eligible costs?

yes  no

1. Is the aid paid per hectare?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted as a lump sum or as a one-off payment per unit?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification as to why the aid in favour of transaction costs is necessary:

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| **Revision clause** |

1. Is a revision clause provided for the operations supported under this Section?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please note that in accordance with point (647) of the Guidelines, the Member State is obliged to introduce a revision clause in order to ensure the adjustment of the operations in the case of amendments of the relevant mandatory standards, requirements or obligations referred to in Section 1.1.8. of the Guidelines beyond which the commitments referred to in that Section have to go.

1. Does this aid extend beyond the rural development programming period 2023-2027?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that in accordance with point (648) of the Guidelines, a revision clause must to be included for the aid under Section 1.1.8. of Part II. of the Guidelines, in order to allow for their adjustment to the legal framework of the following rural development programming period must to be included.

**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. Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)