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| **1.1.3.**  **supplementary information sheet on start-up aid for producer groups and organisations in the agricultural sector** |

*This form must be used by Member States for the notification of State aid measures which are designed to grant start-up aid for producer groups and organisations in the agricultural sector described in section 1.1.3 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 producer groups or organisations that have been officially recognised by the competent authority of the Member State concerned?

yes  no

* 1. Do the agreements, decisions and other behaviour in the framework of the producer group or organisation comply with the competition rules as they apply by virtue of Articles 206 to 210a of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013[[1]](#footnote-1)?

yes  no

* 1. If the aid is granted directly to producers to offset their contributions to the costs of running the groups or organisations, is the aid granted up to the same overall amount as would be the aid to producer groups or organisations?

yes  no

* 1. If the answer to question 3 is yet, is the granting of aid limited to a period of the first five years following the formation of the group or organisation?

yes  no

* 1. Is the aid granted to producer groups even after they have been recognised as producer organisations under the conditions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013?

yes  no

* 1. Is aid limited to producer groups and producer organisations falling within the definition of SMEs?

yes  no

Please note that the Commission will not authorise the aid towards the costs covered in this Section of the Guidelines in favour of large enterprises.

* 1. Are the beneficiaries of the aid under this Section of the Guidelines required to adjust to take account of any changes in the regulations governing the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products?

yes  no

* 1. Is the aid in favour of start-up costs granted to:

(a) production organisations, entities or bodies, such as companies or cooperatives, the objective of which is the management of one or more agricultural holdings and which are therefore single producers?

(b) agricultural associations that undertake tasks such as mutual support and farm replacement and farm management services, in the members' holdings without being involved in the joint adaptation of supply to the market?

(c) producer groups, organisations or associations, the objectives of which are incompatible with Article 152(3) and Article 156 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013?

Please note that the aid, which is granted to producer group or organisations to cover expenses not linked to start-up costs, such as investments or promotion activities, will be assessed in accordance with the rules governing such type of aid.

* 1. Is the aid paid as a flat rate in degressive annual instalments for the first five years following the date on which the producer group or organisation was officially recognised by the competent authority on the basis of its business plan?

yes  no

* 1. Is the last instalment paid only after the Member State concerned has verified the correct implementation of the business plan?

yes  no

* 1. Is the aid limited to 10 % of the annual marketed production of the group or organisation to a maximum of EUR 100 000 per year?

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. Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) 922/72, (EEC) 234/79, (EC) 1037/2001 and (EC) 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)