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| **2.**  **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AIDS FOR THE FORESTRY SECTOR** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measure[[1]](#footnote-1) for the forestry sector covered by Chapter 2 of Part II of the European Union Guidelines for State aid in the agriculture and forestry sectors and in rural areas ('the Guidelines').*

*In addition to this form, please fill in the General Information Sheet for the notification of State aid in the agriculture and forestry sectors and in rural areas (Part III 12) demonstrating the general eligibility conditions for State aid and also the corresponding forestry forms 2.1 to 2.9 depending on the specific type of aid[[2]](#footnote-2).*

*Please submit information concerning the legal basis provided for in national law, or the draft act providing the legal basis in national law, together with any additional documents, such as calculation methodology, expert(s)’ opinion, which describe in more details the State aid measure.*

*If aid for the forestry sector is to be granted under Union rules common to all sectors or specific to trade and industry, please use the applicable notification form for those sectors when notifying a State aid measure to DG Competition services.*

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| **1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** |

* 1. Will the aid be granted in the framework of a strategic plan in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please continue with questions XXX.

* 1. Please indicate the relevant strategic plan (SP) and the measure under which the aid is granted:

SP: ………………………………………………………………………….

Measure: ………………………………………………………………………….

* 1. Is aid granted in favour of working capital?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that such aid may be considered to be compatible with the internal market only where aid is provided in the form of financial instruments.

* 1. Is aid granted as operating aid?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that such aid may be considered to be compatible with the internal market only such aid is expressly provided for in the relevant Union legislation.

* 1. Is aid available to undertakings in difficulty as defined in point (33)66 of the Guidelines?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that under point (23) of the Guidelines, the Commission considers that when an undertaking is in financial difficulty, given that its very existence is in danger, it cannot be considered an appropriate vehicle for promoting other public policy objectives until such time as its viability is assured. Such aid must therefore comply with the Commission Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertakings in difficulty, unless it is exempt from the obligation to notify it.

* 1. Is aid available to undertakings which are subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that when assessing such aid, the Commission will take account of the amount of aid still to be recovered.

* 1. Is the aid intended for investments in energy efficiency and renewable energies?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that in accordance with point (496) of the Guidelines such aid is excluded from the scope of Chapter 2 of Part II of the Guidelines as such aid should comply with the Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy 2022[[3]](#footnote-3), except aid related to the use of wood as a raw material or energy source, which are limited to all working operations prior to industrial processing, provided for in point (529) of the Guidelines, or unless it is exempt from notification obligation.

* 1. Does the aid meet the objectives and fulfil all the conditions, including the conditions concerning the beneficiaries of aid, laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/2115[[4]](#footnote-4), and any implementing and delegated acts adopted pursuant to that Regulation?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please note that the Commission will declare State aid for the forestry sector compatible with Article 107(3)(c) of the Treaty only if the aid complies with the conditions laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 (except for measures of Sections 2.8 and 2.9 of Chapter 2 of Part II of the Guidelines).

* 1. Please confirm that the aid is not intended for forest based industries.

yes  no

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| **2. TYPE OF AID** |

2.1. Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests.

Please fill in the form .2.1

2.2.Aid for area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements in forest areas

Please fill in the form .2.2

2.3. Aid for forest-environment and climate services and forest conservation

Please fill in the form 2.3

2.4. Aid for knowledge exchange and information actions in the forestry sector

Please fill in the form 2.4

2.5. Aid for advisory services in the forestry sector

Please fill in the form 2.5

2.6. Aid for cooperation in forestry sector

Please fill in the form 2.6

2.7. Start-up aid for producer groups and organisations in the forestry sector

Please fill in the form 2.7

2.8. Other aid to the forestry sector with ecological, protective and recreational objectives

Please fill in the form 2.8

2.9. Aid in the forestry sector aligned with the agricultural aid measures

Please fill in the forms 2.9.1. or 2.9.2.

1. Please note that only measures falling with the definition of State aid and the rules concerning the interpretation of that definition set out in the Commission Notice on the notion of aid must be notified. In the case of uncertainty whether a measure complies with the conditions of State aid, it may be notified for the assessment of the European Commission. Forestry measures in Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, in principle, are considered to meet all the criteria of State aid. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This requirement does not apply to aid granted in the framework of a strategic plan in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Communication from the Commission — Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy 2022 (OJ C 80, 18.2.2022, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)