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| **1.1.5.**  **Supplementary Information Sheet on aid for animal welfare commitments** |

*This form must be used for the notification of any State aid measure to support agricultural production methods designed to improve animal welfare covered by Section 1.1.5. 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 solely to undertakings active in the primary agricultural production, which undertake, on a voluntary basis, to carry out operations consisting of one or more animal welfare commitments?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted only for commitments going beyond the relevant mandatory standards established pursuant to Title III, Chapter I, Section 2, of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law?

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted for commitments, which go beyond established farming practice at national level?

yes  no

Please note that where no relevant mandatory standards or requirements exist, commitments must go beyond established farming practice at national level.

If the answer to the question is yes, please provide the description of a farming practice concerned:

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1. Please confirm that where national law imposes new requirements which go beyond the corresponding minimum requirements laid down in Union law, aid will 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. For which of the following areas do the animal welfare commitments provide upgraded standards of production methods?

(a) water, feed and animal care in accordance with the natural needs of animals;

(b) housing conditions that improve the comfort of animals and their freedom of movement, such as increased space allowances, flooring surfaces, natural light, microclimate control, as well as housing conditions such as free farrowing or group housing, depending on the natural needs of animals;

(c)conditions allowing for expression of natural behaviour, such as enrichment of living environment or late weaning;

(d) outdoor access and grazing;

(e) practices that increase animal robustness and longevity, including slower growing breeds;

(f) practices which avoid mutilation or castration of animals; in specific cases when mutilation or castration of animals is deemed necessary, anaesthetics, analgesia and anti-inflammatory medication or immunocastration must be used;

(g) sanitary measures, preventing non-transmissible diseases, that do not require the use of medical substances such as vaccines, insecticides or anti-parasitic drugs.

Please submit a detailed description: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

1. Is the aid be granted for animal welfare commitments for a period of one to seven year?

yes  no

1. Does a Member State determine a longer period than seven years for particular types of commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification. Please note that a Member State may determine a longer period only where it is necessary in order to achieve or maintain certain animal welfare benefits, including by means of providing for their annual extension after the termination of the initial period:

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1. Is the renewal of the contract automatic?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please note that under point (230) of the Guidelines, the details of the renewal must be described in the contract and the mechanism of renewal must be communicated to the Commission as part of the notification. The renewal must always be subject to respect of conditions approved by the Commission for aid pursuant to this Section of the Guidelines.

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. Is the aid granted annually?

yes  no

If the answer is no, please provide the reasons justifying other period:

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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 related to animal welfare commitments under this Section, please refer to the Supplementary Information Sheet 1.1.1.1. on aid for investment in in agricultural holdings linked to primary agricultural production.

If the aid pursues other objectives such as **training** and **advisory** **services** to help agricultural producers, please refer to the Supplementary Information Sheet(s) 1.1.10. on aid for provision of technical support in the agricultural sector.

1. Is the aid granted as a one-off payment per unit, calculated on the basis of additional costs incurred and income foregone?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification:

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Please note that aid may be granted as a one-off payment per unit only in duly justified cases.

1. Does the aid cover transaction costs, to a maximum value of up to 20 % of the premium paid for the animal welfare commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide the justification:

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1. Is the aid granted in favour of transaction costs caused by entering into animal welfare commitments?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please provide a convincing proof of such costs, for example by presenting cost comparisons with 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 animal welfare 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. Are the transaction costs calculated on the basis of average costs and/or average farms?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please demonstrate that, in particular, large enterprises are not overcompensated.

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

yes  no

1. Is the aid granted per unit?

yes

Please provide details:

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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:

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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 under point (647) of the Guidelines, the Member State is required 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 1.1.5. of Chapter 1 of Part II 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 under point (648) of the Guidelines, a revision clause must to be included for the aid under Section 1.1.4. of Part II. of the Guidelines in order to allow for the adjustment of the operations 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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