

## Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty

### Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2004/C 22/03)

**Date of adoption of the decision:** 16.12.2003

**Member State:** United Kingdom (Scotland)

**Aid No:** N 231/03

**Title:** Meat Generic Advertising (Scotland) Scheme

**Objective:** To advertise on a generic basis the red meat products and advantages of red meat consumption

**Legal basis:** The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions) (Amendment) Order 2002 No 2636 which amends the Agriculture Act 1967 (Section 20)

**Budget:** Maximum of GBP 3 million per year

**Aid intensity or amount:** Up to 50 % will come from a parafiscal levy and voluntary contributions of the sector. The remainder will be financed through direct aid from the Member State but will not exceed 50 % of the scheme budget

**Duration:** From the date of the Commission's approval till 2008

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**Legal basis:** Proyecto de orden por la que se regulan ayudas para al fomento de las inversiones para la innovación tecnológica de la industria alimentaria en la Comunidad de Madrid

**Budget:** EUR 1 100 000 per year

**Aid intensity or amount:** Varies according to the beneficiary and the aid

**Duration:** 2004, 2005 and 2006

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** Belgium

**Aid No:** N 509/02

**Title:** Draft Royal Decree on compulsory contributions to the Budgetary Fund for the health and quality of livestock and animal products, as laid down for the poultry sector

**Objective:** To increase the compulsory contributions by 100 %. The contributions are intended to finance the slaughter premiums/analysis costs that are part of statutory animal disease prevention and the controls relating to the improvement of hygiene, health and the quality of livestock and animal products

**Legal basis:**

Projet d'arrêt royal relatif aux cotisations obligatoires au Fonds budgétaire pour la santé et la qualité des animaux et des produits animaux, fixées pour le secteur avicole

Ontwerp van koninklijk besluit betreffende de verplichte bijdragen aan het Begrotingsfonds voor de kwaliteit van de dieren en de dierlijke producten, vastgesteld voor de sector pluimvee

**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** Spain (Madrid)

**Aid No:** N 514/03

**Title:** Aid to promote investment in technological innovation in the food industry

**Objective:** To promote investment in technological innovation in the food industry (extension of aid scheme N 834/01 approved by Commission decision of 2 February 2002 to include 2004, 2005 and 2006)

**Budget:** Not available

**Aid intensity or amount:** Up to 100 %

**Duration:** Not specified

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** Italy

**Aid No:** N 185/03

**Title:** Ministerial Decree 135 of 17 January 2003, concerning rules for setting-up and control of producers unions

**Objective:** Setting-up and start-up aids to newly established producers unions, in accordance with the Community guidelines for state aid in the agriculture sector

**Legal basis:** Decreto ministeriale n. 135 del 17 gennaio 2003: Disposizioni per il riconoscimento, il controllo ed il sostegno delle Unioni nazionali tra le associazioni dei produttori agricoli

**Budget:** Undetermined

**Aid intensity or amount:** Aid is granted up to 100 % of the eligible expenses on the first year and it is then reduced by 20 percentage points each year for a total period of 5 years

**Duration:** 5 years

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** Germany (Bavaria)

**Aid No:** N 333/03

**Title:** Aid for investments in a fruit processing company

**Objective:** The objective of the measure is investment aid to the firm Bayernwald Fruchteverwertung GmbH

**Legal basis:** Bewilligungsbescheid der Regierung von Niederbayern i. V. m. Artikel 23, 24 Bayerische Haushaltsordnung (BayHO) sowie „Richtlinie zur Durchführung der bayerischen regionalen Förderungsprogramme für die gewerbliche Wirtschaft“ vom 22.2.2002

**Budget:** An investment grant of EUR 335 000 is awarded

**Aid intensity or amount:** The aid rate is 7,44 %

**Duration:** From Commission approval until 31 December 2004

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** United Kingdom

**Aid No:** N 364/03

**Title:** Access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) within the agriculture sector

**Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to encourage the use of ICT within the agriculture sector. Two instruments will be used: Competence Development and Supply Chain Communication

**Legal basis:** Non-statutory scheme

**Budget:**

For the Competence Development instrument:

2003/2004: GBP 195 000 (EUR 281 345)

2004/2005: GBP 220 000 (EUR 317 415)

2005/2006: GBP 220 000 (EUR 317 415)

For the Supply Chain Communication instrument:

2003/2004: GBP 280 000 (EUR 403 982)

2004/2005: GBP 210 000 (EUR 302 987)

2005/2006: GBP 370 000 (EUR 533 834)

**Aid intensity or amount:** Up to 100 %

**Duration:** From the date of Commission approval until 31 March 2006

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** Spain (Cantabria)

**Aid No:** N 399/02

**Title:** Aid for livestock rearers

**Objective:** To assist co-operatives and other groups in launching programmes to improve beef production and quality

**Legal basis:** Proyecto de orden por la que se regulan ayudas para fomentar proyectos de modernización, innovación tecnológica y mejora de la competitividad de las explotaciones de ganado vacuno de carne de Cantabria

**Budget:** EUR 1 500 000 a year

**Aid intensity or amount:** Varies, depending on the aid

**Duration:** Unlimited

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**Date of adoption of the decision:** 19.12.2003

**Member State:** France

**Aid No:** N 418/03

**Title:** Aid from the Office national interprofessionnel des céréales (ONIC) and the Office national interprofessionnel des oléagineux (ONIOL)

**Objective:** To continue the funding of measures authorised under state aid schemes N 190/01, N 191/01, N 192/01 and N 821/01

**Budget:**

— N 190/01: EUR 80 000 for 2003, budget renewable up to 2006;

— N 191/02: EUR 605 000 for 2003, budget renewable up to 2006;

— N 192/01: EUR 114 000 for 2003 and EUR 120 000 for 2004, budgets renewable up to 2006;

— N 821/01: EUR 2 464 000 for one further year

**Aid intensity or amount:** A maximum of 100 %

**Duration:** Three years

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