

**Cyprus Office of the Commissioner for State Aid Control, contribution for the revision of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 (De Minimis) based on the opinions our office has collected from all Cyprus Competent Authorities.**

1. The Cyprus Competent Authorities agree with the increase on the upper limit for the amount of De Minimis Aid from €200,000 to €275,000, for a single undertaking during a 3-year period.
2. The establishment of a public register at national or Union level must be done in a way that does not cause an unnecessary and/or excessive and/or disproportionate administrative burden on the competent authorities granting the minor aids.
3. Currently, the definition of the Single Undertaking creates a lot of confusion and is very difficult for the Competent Authorities to accurately define the beneficiaries under a single undertaking. We recommend that EU provides the Member States with clear and precise guidelines on how to identify the Single Undertakings.
4. The Cyprus Competent Authorities are proposing that small amounts of De-Minimis awarded to beneficiaries to be excluded from the De-Minimis regulation, meaning not to be calculated on the limit of the Regulation. The reason is that the Competent Authorities are facing difficulties and disproportionate administrative costs in verifying the completeness of the data submitted by beneficiaries in relation to the single undertaking to which they belong. An amount recommendation of the being exempted from the regulation will be any individual aid less than €1,000.
5. The Competent Authorities suggest that there should be only one definition for 'Single Undertaking' throughout all the EU Regulations. The COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 (GBER), uses the definition of 'Linked Enterprises' and the DIRECTIVE (EU) 2018/843, uses the definition of 'Beneficial Owners'. They recommend for simplicity reasons, the definition for 'Single Undertaking' should be eliminated and all the Commission Regulations and Directives should be aligned and use the same definition everywhere, either the one for 'Linked Enterprises' or the one for 'Beneficial Owners'.