3.1. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AID FOR FIRST ACQUISITION OF A FISHING VESSEL

*This form must be used by Member States for the notification of any aid for the first acquisition of a fishing vessel as described in Section 3.1 of Chapter 3 of Part II of the Guidelines for State aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector[[1]](#footnote-1) ('the Guidelines').*

1. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that the Union fishing vessels in respect of which aid is granted will not be transferred or reflagged outside the Union during at least five years from the final payment of the aid.

yes  no

1.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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2. Please confirm to whom aid may be granted under the measure:

(a)  a natural person who is no more than 40 years of age at the date of submission of the aid application and has worked at least five years as fisher or has acquired adequate qualification

(b)  legal entities wholly owned by one or more natural persons who each fulfil the conditions set out in point (a)

(c)  in case of joint first acquisition of a fishing vessel, several natural persons who each fulfil the conditions set out in point (a)

(d)  in case of acquisition of partial ownership of a fishing vessel, a natural person who fulfils the conditions set out in point (a) and who is deemed to have controlling rights on that vessel through ownership of at least of 33 % of the vessel or of the shares in the vessel or a legal entity which fulfils the conditions set out in point (b) and which is deemed to have controlling rights on that vessel through ownership of at least of 33 % of the vessel or of the shares in the vessel

2.1. Please identify the provision(s) of the legal basis that reflect the box selected in response to the question.

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3. Pursuant to points (245)(a) of the Guidelines, fishing vessels must belong to a fleet segment for which the latest report on fishing capacity, referred to in Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council [[2]](#footnote-2), has shown a balance with the fishing opportunities available to that segment (hereafter ‘national report’). Pursuant to point (226) of the Guidelines, the procedure and conditions set out in points (225) to (227) of Part II, Chapter 2, Section 2.2 of the Guidelines apply for the purpose of point (245)(a). Against that background, please reply to the following questions:

*If the measure concerns inland fishing, questions 3.1-3.2.6.1 do not need to be replied.*

3.1. When was the latest national report prepared before the date of granting the aid?

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3.1.1. Please provide the link to the latest national report or enclose it to the notification.

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3.2. Please confirm that the following conditions are fulfilled for all aid to be granted:

3.2.1. Was the national report submitted by 31 May of year N[[3]](#footnote-3)?

yes  no

3.2.2. Please confirm that the national report submitted in year N, and in particular the assessment of the balance contained therein, has been prepared on the basis of the biological, economic and vessel use indicators set out in the common guidelines[[4]](#footnote-4) referred to in Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

yes  no

Please note that no aid may be granted if the national report, and in particular the assessment of the balance contained therein, has not been prepared on the basis of the biological, economic and vessel use indicators set out in the common guidelines referred to in Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

3.2.3. Does that national report submitted in year N demonstrate that there is a balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities in the fleet segment to which the new vessel will belong?

yes  no

3.2.4. Please explain how the national report was taken into account when designing the measure and how the balance is achieved.

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3.2.5. Please confirm that the Commission has not called into question by 31 March of year N+1

(a)  the conclusion of the national report submitted in year N

(b)  the assessment of the balance contained in the national report submitted in year N

3.2.6. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that the aid may be granted on the basis of the national report submitted in year N only until 31 December of year N+1, i.e., the year following the year of the submission of the report.

yes  no

3.2.6.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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4. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that fishing vessels must be equipped for fishing activities and not be longer than 24 metres in overall length.

yes  no

4.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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5. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid may only be granted in respect of a fishing vessel that has been registered in the Union fleet register for at least three calendar years preceding the year of submission of the aid application in the case of a small-scale coastal fishing vessel, and for at least five calendar years in the case of another type of vessel.

yes  no

5.1. If the measure concerns inland fishing, please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid may only be granted in respect of a fishing vessel that has entered into service, in accordance with national law, for at least three calendar years preceding the year of submission of the aid application in the case of a small-scale coastal fishing vessel, and for at least five calendar years in the case of another type of vessel.

yes  no

5.2. If the answer to the question 5 or question 5.1 is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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6. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid may only be granted in respect of a fishing vessel that has been registered in the Union fleet register for a maximum of 30 calendar years preceding the year of submission of the aid application.

yes  no

6.1. If the measure concerns inland fishing, please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid may only be granted in respect of a fishing vessel that has entered into service, in accordance with national law, for a maximum of 30 calendar years preceding the year of submission of the aid application.

yes  no

6.2. If the answer to the questions 6 or 6.1 is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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7. Please confirm that the eligible costs only include the direct and indirect costs related to the first acquisition of a fishing vessel.

yes  no

7.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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7.2. Please provide a detailed description of the costs that are eligible under the measure.

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8. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that the maximum aid intensity does not exceed 40 % of the eligible costs.

yes  no

8.1. Please provide the maximum aid intensity(ies) applicable under the measure.

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8.2. Please identify the provision(s) of the legal basis setting out the maximum aid intensity(ies) under the measure.

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OTHER INFORMATION

9. Please indicate any other information considered relevant to the assessment of the measure under this Section of the Guidelines.

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1. OJ C 107, 23.3.2023, p. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Please refer to points 225 and 226 of the Guidelines describing the sequences of the national report submitted in year N and the Commission’s action by 31 March of year N+1. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Guidelines for the analysis of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities according to Art 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2014) 545 final). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)