1.3. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON AID FOR THE COSTS OF PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF ANIMAL DISEASES IN AQUACULTURE AND OF INFESTATIONS BY INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES, AND AID TO MAKE GOOD THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THOSE ANIMAL DISEASES AND INFESTATIONS

*This form must be used by Member States for the notification of any aid for the costs of prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases in aquaculture and of infestations by invasive alien species, and aid to make good the damage caused by those animal diseases and infestations as described in Section 1.3 of Chapter 1 of Part II of the Guidelines for State aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector[[1]](#footnote-1) ('the Guidelines').*

1. Is the measure an *ex ante* framework scheme to support costs relating to the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases in aquaculture and infestations by invasive alien species?

yes  no

If the answer is yes, please disregard questions 10 and 12.

2. In the case of *ex ante* framework schemes, please confirm that the Member State will comply with the reporting obligation set out in point (345) of the Guidelines.

yes  no

3. Please confirm that the aid is granted in respect of animal diseases and/or infestations by invasive alien species for which Union or national rules exist, whether laid down by law, regulation or administrative action?

yes  no

3.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant Union or national rules.

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3.2. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the disease(s) and/or infestation(s) that the measure is targeting and provide a detailed description of the causes and spread of the disease or infestation.

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4. Please confirm that the aid is granted as part of:

* public programme at Union, national, or regional level for the prevention, control or eradication of animal diseases
* emergency measures imposed by the competent national authority
* measures to eradicate or contain an invasive alien species implemented in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014

4.1. Please identify the relevant programme(s) or measure(s) according to the box selected in response to the question.

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5. Please confirm that the relevant programme(s) or measure(s) contain a description of the prevention, control and eradication measures concerned.

yes  no

5.1. Please identify the relevant provisions in the programme(s) and measure(s).

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6. Please confirm that the aid does not relate to measures in respect of which Union legislation provides that the cost of such measures is to be borne by the beneficiary undertaking, unless the cost of such aid measures is entirely offset by compulsory charges on the beneficiary undertakings.

yes  no

7. Please confirm that the aid must be paid directly to:

(a)  the undertaking concerned,

(b)  a producer group or organisation of which that undertaking is a member.

8. Where the aid is paid to a producer group and organisation, please confirm that the amount of aid must not exceed the amount of aid to which that undertaking is eligible.

yes  no

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

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9. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that no individual aid will be granted where it is established that the animal disease or infestation by invasive alien species was caused deliberately or by the negligence of the beneficiary undertaking.

yes  no

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

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10. Please identify the appropriate category(ies) in respect of which the aid may be granted:

(a)  aquatic animal diseases listed in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council[[2]](#footnote-2), or included in the list of animal diseases of the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health[[3]](#footnote-3)

(b)  zoonoses of aquatic animals listed in Annex III, Point 2, to Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council[[4]](#footnote-4)

(c)  emerging diseases, which meet the conditions set out in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429

(d)  diseases other than a listed disease as referred to in Article 9(1), point (d), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and which meet the criteria laid down in Article 226 of that Regulation.

10.1. Please identify the relevant category of disease/zoonosis.

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11. Please explain when the animal disease or infestation took place, including its starting and ending dates (as applicable).

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*If the measure has preventive purposes, the question is not applicable.*

12. Please confirm that the aid scheme is established within three years from the date of the occurrence of the costs or damage caused by the animal disease or infestation by invasive alien species.

yes  no

Please note that this condition does not apply to costs incurred for preventive purposes as indicated in point (188) of the Guidelines.

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

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13. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid must be paid out within four years from the date of the occurrence of the costs or damage caused by the animal disease or infestation by invasive alien species.

yes  no

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

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Please note that this condition does not apply to costs incurred for preventive purposes as indicated in point (188) of the Guidelines.

14. Please submit an assessment as precise as possible of the type and extent of damage incurred – or that might be incurred in case of *ex ante* framework schemes – by undertakings.

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15. Please identify the eligible costs covered by the measure:

(a)  health checks, analyses, tests, and other screening measures

(b)  the improvement of biosecurity measures

(c)  the purchase, storage, administration or distribution of vaccines, medicines, and substances for the treatment of animals

(d)  the purchase, storage, deployment and distribution of protection products or equipment to address infestations by invasive alien species

(e)  the slaughtering, culling, and destruction of animals

(f)  the destruction of animal products and of products linked to them

(g)  the cleaning and disinfection of the holding or equipment

(h)  the damage incurred due to the slaughtering, culling or destruction of animals, animal products, and products linked to them

(i)  other costs incurred due to animal diseases in aquaculture or infestations by invasive alien species. Please specify it: ………………………………………………………

15.1. Please identify the provision(s) of the legal basis that reflect the eligible costs:

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16. Please confirm that aid in relation to health checks, analyses, tests and other screening measures is granted in kind and paid to service providers:

yes  no

16.1. If the answer is ‘no’, please confirm that the measure prescribes that beneficiary undertakings already have in-house capabilities suitable for those purposes.

yes  no

16.2. If the answer to question 16.1 is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis.

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17. In case the eligible costs include aid to make good the damage caused by animal diseases or by infestations by invasive alien species referred to in point (188)(h) of the Guidelines, please confirm that the measure prescribes that compensation must be calculated only in relation to the following:

(a)  the market value of animals slaughtered or culled, or that have died, or the products destroyed:

* as a result of the animal disease or infestation by invasive alien species
* as part of a public programme or measure referred to in point (180)(b) of the Guidelines;

(b)  loss of income due to quarantine obligations and difficulties in restocking.

17.1. Please identify the relevant provision(s) in the legal basis:

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18. If you selected point (a) in response to question 17, please confirm that the measure prescribes that the market value must be established on the basis of the value of the animals immediately before any suspicion of the animal disease or the infestation by invasive alien species arose or was confirmed, and as if they had not been affected by the disease or infestation.

yes  no

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

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19. Please confirm that the amount of the compensation must be reduced by any costs not directly incurred due to the animal disease or infestation by invasive alien species which would otherwise have been incurred by the beneficiary undertaking.

yes  no

19.1. If the answer is ‘yes’, please identify the relevant costs.

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

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20. Please confirm that the amount of the compensation must be reduced by any revenue made by the sale of products linked to the animals slaughtered, culled or destroyed for preventive or eradication purposes.

yes  no

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

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21. If the notifying Member State selected letter (i) in question 15, please provide a detailed justification why those other costs should be eligible.

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22. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid and any other payments received by the beneficiary undertaking, including payments under other national or Union measures or insurance policies or mutual funds for the same eligible costs, must be limited to 100 % of the eligible costs.

yes  no

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

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22.2. Please identify the provision(s) of the legal basis laying down the 100 % limit and the maximum aid intensity(ies) under the measure.

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OTHER INFORMATION

23. 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) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health (‘Animal Health Law’) (OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)