3.6. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET ON LIQUIDITY AID TO FISHERS

*This form must be used by Member States for the notification of liquidity aid to fishers, as described in Section 3.6 of Chapter 3 of Part II of the Guidelines for State aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector[[1]](#footnote-1) ('the Guidelines'). Aid under this Section may also be granted to undertakings active in inland fishing.*

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 explain in detail the circumstances justifying the liquidity aid and describe the exogenous events entailing a temporary restriction of fishing activities.

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3. Please explain when the exogenous event occurred, including its starting and ending dates if applicable.

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4. Please confirm that the measure does not concern any of the following:

(a) (the cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities listed in Section 3.5 of Part II, Chapter 3 of the Guidelines

(b) conservation measures taken in accordance with sustainable fisheries partnership agreements and of agreements on exchange or joint management

(c) the reduction or loss of fishing opportunities within EU waters in the framework of the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy

(d) the reduction or loss of fishing opportunities with regard to non-EU waters, e.g. due to non-renewal, suspension, termination or re-negotiation of a sustainable fisheries partnership agreement and of agreements on exchange or joint management or measures on fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities taken in accordance with such agreements or under the auspice of a regional fisheries management organisation

yes  no

5. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that aid may only be granted where there is a direct causal link between the exogenous events and the loss of income suffered.

yes  no

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

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6. Please describe in detail the control and enforcement mechanisms in place to guarantee compliance with the conditions attached to the liquidity aid to fishers.

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7. Please confirm that the eligible costs only cover the loss of income due to the exogenous events.

yes  no

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

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7.2. Please confirm that the eligible costs must be calculated at the level of the individual beneficiary.

yes  no

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

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7.3. Please confirm that the loss of income must be calculated pursuant to point (319) of the Guidelines, that is by subtracting: (a) the result of multiplying the quantity of the fishery products produced in the year of the exogenous events, by the average selling price obtained during that year, from (b) the result of multiplying the average annual quantity of fishery products produced in the three-year period preceding the exogenous events, or a three-year average based on the five-year period preceding the exogenous events, excluding the highest and lowest entry, by the average selling price obtained.

yes  no

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

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7.4. Please explain whether the eligible costs may include other costs incurred by the beneficiary undertaking due to the exogenous events.

yes  no

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

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

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7.5. Please confirm that the eligible costs must be reduced by any costs not incurred because of the exogenous events, which would otherwise have been incurred by the beneficiary undertaking.

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

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

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7.6. Please confirm that the measure prescribes that, where a vessel is used during the exogenous events for activities other than commercial fishing, any income must be declared and deducted from the aid granted under this Section.

yes  no

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

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8. Please note that the Commission may accept other calculation methods provided that it is satisfied that they are based on objective criteria and do not result in overcompensation of any beneficiary undertaking.

If the notifying Member State intends to propose another calculation method, please provide the reasons as to why the method set out in the Guidelines is not appropriate in the case at hand and explain how the other calculation method addresses better the identified needs.

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Please submit as an annex to the notification the other methodology proposed, together with a demonstration that it is based on objective criteria and do not result in overcompensation of any beneficiary.

9. Please confirm whether the measure provides that, where an SME was set up less than three years from the date of the exogenous events, the reference to the three or five-year periods in point (319)(b) of the Guidelines must be understood as referring to the quantity produced and sold by an average undertaking of the same size as the applicant, namely a micro enterprise, a small enterprise or a medium enterprise, respectively, in the national or regional sector affected by the exogenous events

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 confirm that the measure prescribes that the aid and any other payments, including payments under insurance policies, must be limited to 100 % of the eligible costs.

yes  no

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

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10.2. Please identify the provision(s) of the legal basis setting out the 100 % limit and the maximum aid intensity(ies) under the measure.

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OTHER INFORMATION

11. 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)