



Decision

of the Bavarian Parliament

Der Landtag hat in seiner heutigen öffentlichen Sitzung beraten und beschlossen:

Konsultationsverfahren der Europäischen Union;

Landwirtschaft und ländliche Entwicklung, Wettbewerb

Agriculture - simplified EU approval scheme (block exemption) for state subsidies (review)

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In the consultation procedure, the Bavarian Parliament issues the following opinion:

For the Common Agricultural Policy after 2020, the European Commission (COM) is planning a **new delivery model** in which the EU wants to limit itself to less prescriptive and leave the design of support measures to a large extent left to Member States. For example, the current draft of the COM proposal for the CAP Strategic Plan contains **much less detailed requirements** for the design of the support measures than the current EAFRD Regulation. This **new EU approach should also be applied to the agricultural and forestry state aid instruments** in 1: 1, with the consequence that in the future framework and in the new exemption regulation the level of detail to date can be waived. This would not only lead to a **clear simplification of the aid instruments, but also essential in order to harmonise the EU funding requirements**. This is the only way of preventing any further requirements for support measures - which in the future are financed exclusively from national funds - due to limited availability of EU funds – rather than channelled through the CAP Strategic Plan.

In addition, the framework for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas should be adapted / supplemented as follows:

- deletion of the **maximum amounts of agricultural and forestry environmental measures**,
- The creation of a **simplified support scheme** for local development;
- further development of the State aid rules for **cooperation**, particularly with a view to promoting the European Innovation Partnership (EIP).
- complementing funding opportunities in the **forestry sector** to guarantee area-wide sustainable forest management and adapt to climate change, including by promoting forest owners' support facilities;

Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 should be further developed in the following areas:

- To facilitate the benefits in kind in the form of **subsidised services**, by extending the current **derogations to demonstrate the incentive effect**.

- Introduction of an **exemption for agri-environmental-climate measures, including the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture**
- Introduction of an **exemption for LEADER**
- Extension of the current **derogations in the forestry sector by removing the link to the EAFRD programme**
- Introduction of an exemption for the support of investment prevention measures against **protected animals** and the promotion of the **running costs of preventive measures**
- **Extension of exemption possibilities for animal diseases**

Another cross-cutting issue should also be to examine whether or not aid instruments can extend to the recipients of indirect aid. For instance, in local development, in the European Innovation Partnerships, in the knowledge transfer, in advice or in the livestock sector, the benefits for end beneficiaries are mostly in the downstream area. This could significantly reduce the burden on the host organisations.

Against the background of the aid instruments ending at the end of 2020 and the emerging delays in the start of the new CAP funding period, provision should be made for a **transitional period or extension** of existing notifications and exemptions **as long as possible, in order to ensure continuous payments and a proper transition.**

The opinion will also be sent to the European Parliament, the European Committee of the Regions and the German Bundestag.

Die Präsidentin

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