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**AD HOC REPORT ON COVID-19 MEASURES TAKEN BY THE EU
(INCLUDING BY ITS MEMBER STATES) IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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This ad hoc report covers measures adopted by the EU and its member States in relation to the Covid-19 as of 25 May 2020.

The measures of EU member States include subsidies which have been approved by the European Commission under EU state aid rules (see the European Union Guidelines for state aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas 2014 to 2020¹) as well as those approved under the Temporary Framework to support the economy in the context of the coronavirus outbreak². They do not include those authorised under Commission Regulation (EU) No 702/2014³ and those considered as *de minimis* aid under Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013⁴, for which there is no *ex ante* requirement for notification by EU member States to the European Commission. General schemes available to all sectors of the economy are not included in the attached list.

Measures in this ad hoc report which constitute domestic support will be included in the EU DS:1 notification covering the relevant year. For example, expenditure related to 2020 will be included in the EU DS:1 notification for the 2019/20 marketing year.

For export financing measures, whilst data is not yet available on the actual use, all measures conform to the Nairobi Ministerial Decision. Such measures will be included in the EU reply to the export competition questionnaire for 2020, to be submitted in 2021.

¹ For the latest consolidated version, see: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014XC0701\(01\)-20181109](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014XC0701(01)-20181109).

² For detailed explanations on covid-19 related state aid see: https://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/what_is_new/covid_19.html.

³ For the latest consolidated version, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02014R0702-20190312>.

⁴ For the latest consolidated version, see: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02013R1408-20190314>.

EU ad-hoc report on Covid-19 measures

Name	EU/Member State (MS)	Legal reference	Short description	Amount
DOMESTIC SUPPORT	EU or National measure			
Direct payments application date delayed ; increased rate of advances from 50 to 75% for direct payments and from 75% to 85% for rural development	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/501, and Regulation (EU) 2020/531	Allows member States to delay the date for farmers to apply for direct payments in 2020	NA
CAP checks derogations	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/589	Derogations from some rules on checks for Direct Payments and Rural Development which are impractical due to Covid-19	NA
Rural Development CRII+	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/558	Simplification for financial instruments, and other simplification in administration of rural development programmes	No additional funds
Private Storage Cheese	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/591	Allowing for private storage - 100 000 T	€ 80 million
Private Storage butter	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/597	Allowing for private storage - 140 000 T	
Private Storage SMP	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/598	Allowing for private storage 90 000 T	
Private Storage Sheep meat	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/595	Allowing for private storage	
Private Storage Beef meat	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/596	Allowing for private storage	
Authorising agreements and decisions on the planning of production in the milk and milk products sector		Regulation (EU) 2020/599	Allowing farmers, farmers' organisation or associations, for a period of 6 months, to take actions on planning the volume of raw milk to be produced.	NA
Flexibility in market support programmes for wine and fruit and vegetables sectors	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/592	F&V: Increase the part Operational Programmes can use on crisis prevention. Wine: Open up the possibility for the use of crisis distillation, storage aid for wine and some increased flexibility concerning mutual funds, green harvesting, harvest insurance and investment aids	No additional funds
Flexibility in market support programmes for olive oil and table olives, national apiculture programmes and the school milk and fruit schemes	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/600	Flexibility to amend programmes in the olive sector. In apiculture possibility to delay certain programme activities. For the school schemes carryover of unused budget availability for school year 2019/20 to 2020/21	No additional funds
Authorising agreements and decisions on market stabilisation in the potatoes sector	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/593	Allowing farmers, farmers' organisation or associations, for a period of 6 months, to take actions such as: withdrawal from the market for free distribution, transformation and processing, storage, joint promotion and temporary planning of production for 6 months	NA
Authorising agreements and decisions on market stabilisation in the cut flowers and ornamental foliage sector	EU	Regulation (EU) 2020/594	Allowing farmers, farmers' organisation or associations, for a period of 6 months, to take actions such as: withdrawal from the market for free distribution, joint promotion and temporary planning of production for 6 months	NA

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Rural Development - lump sum to farmers	EU	Waiting for EP/Council adoption	Member States will be allowed to grant a lump sum payment of up to €5.000 per farmer from unspent amounts of rural development allocations for 2014-20	max 1% of rural development envelope of EU member State in question. No additional funds
Temporary framework for state aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak	EU	(2020/C 91 I/01) (2020/C 112 I/01) C (2020) 3156 final	Increase temporary state aid limit to max €100.000 per farmer and €800.000 for food processing and marketing companies	NA
Member State measures				
Indemnisation des entreprises actives dans la production primaire agricoles dans le cadre de la crise sanitaire du Covid-19	BE		Payments to producers of primary products in the agricultural sector.	€ 0.2 Mio
Aid to undertakings in the primary agricultural sector	FI		Direct grants	€30 Mio
Capped Business Loan's Portfolio Guarantees for New Working Capital Loans	EL		The agricultural part of a general scheme for all sectors of the economy. Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy, Direct grant and Guarantee	
Support to floriculture sector	EL		Direct grants	€10.13 Mio
Crisis Rural Guarantee Programme (covering the food chain)	HUN		Crisis Rural Guarantee Programme by AVHGA	HUF 100 000 Mio
Temporary aid scheme for primary agricultural production, food processing (incl. processing and marketing of agricultural products), fisheries and aquaculture, forestry and game management sectors	HUN		Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy, Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, Forestry and logging, Fishing and aquaculture and Manufacture of food products	HUF 99 Mio
Compensation for the agricultural, forestry and fishery sectors in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region	IT		FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA, Remedy serious disturbance, Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Direct grant Interest subsidy	€50 Mio + €50 Mio
Guarantee scheme to support SMEs in the agriculture, forestry, fishery and aquaculture sectors	IT		Loans and direct grants for costs of loans under the Temporary Framework	€100 Mio
Loans provided by ISMEA in favour of undertakings of the agricultural and fishery sector affected by the COVID-19 outbreak	IT		The scheme, which will be open to SMEs active in these sectors aims at enabling those companies to have access to the financial means they need to cover their immediate working capital needs, thus helping them to continue their activities.	€30 Mio

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Emergency aid scheme for primary agricultural production, fishery and aquaculture Campania	IT		CAMPANIA, Remedy serious disturbance, Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, Direct grant	€12.5 Mio
Emergency aid scheme for primary agricultural production, fishery and aquaculture Campania	IT		Remedy for a serious disturbance in the economy, Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities and Fishing and aquaculture. Direct grant.	€70 Mio
Income stabilisation in agricultural, fishery and food sector	LAT		The support takes the form of direct grants	€35.5 Mio
Loan scheme to support companies in the agricultural sector under Section 3.1	LAT		Under the scheme, support will be granted in the form of zero-interest rate loans by the Rural Support Service,	€1.5 Mio
Compensation for damages caused by COVID-19 outbreak to horticulture, floriculture and potato sectors	NL		€600 million will be allocated to aid farmers and traders in the floricultural sector and companies in the specialty horticultural sector for the food-service market. €50 million will be allocated to compensate potato growers	€650 Mio
Intervention measures to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 epidemic on the economy.	SLV		The agricultural part of a general scheme for all sector of the economy. In total €2 billion. Several sub-measures including direct grants, tax advantages, guarantees and wage subsidies, Various sections under the Temporary Framework	
Market access				
Green lanes at borders	EU	C(2020) 1897 final	Implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential service	NA
Export Competition				
Export financing schemes (general schemes, non-agriculture specific)	BE, DK, FR, NL		All agriculture-specific or agricultural part of general schemes are required to respect the Nairobi Ministerial Decision on Export Competition.	
Food Aid				
No reporting so far				