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NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI:1 OF THE GATT 1994 AND ARTICLE 25 OF THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES

EUROPEAN UNION

Addendum

The following addendum to the notification of the European Union relates to subsidy programmes of **Greece**.

GREECE

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OPERATIONAL PROGRAM FOR FISHERIES 2007-2013

1 INVESTMENTS ON BOARD OF FISHING VESSELS AND SELECTIVITY OF FISHING GEARS – MEASURE

1. Title of subsidy

Grant for the modernization of fishing vessels with the improvement of working conditions, safety and product quality and the use of more selective gear.

2. Period covered by notification

2015-2016

3. Policy objective

The main objective is the modernization of fishing vessels with the improvement of working conditions, safety and product quality and the use of more selective gear.

4. Authority of subsidy

Managing Authority for the Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Rural Development and Food

5. Form of subsidy

The measure was included in the Operational Program for Fisheries 2007-2013 and is co-financed by the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) and the Greek Government (GR). The contribution rates of EFF and GR to the total public expenditure have been calculated by applying Article 53 of Regulation (EC) 1198/2006 and on average amount to 75% EFF and 25% GR.

The percentage of the grant is on the cost of eligible expenditure of the project:

- For improving of safety on board: for vessels less than 12m 60% and for the rest of the vessels 40% on the cost of eligible costs (equipment, improvement works etc.)
- For engine replacement: for vessels less than 12m 40% and for the rest of the vessels 20%
- For fishing gear replacement: for vessels less than 12m 60% and for the rest of the vessels 40%
- For other investments on board of fishing vessels and selectivity of fishing gears: for vessels less than 12m 60% and for the rest of the vessels 40%

6. To whom the subsidy is paid

The subsidy is paid to Fishermen.

7. Amount of subsidy

2015 - GR contribution: € 255.812

2016 - GR contribution: € 135.337

8. Duration of subsidy

The scheme was introduced in 2012 and expired in 2015.

9. The trade effect of the subsidy

No effects on international trade.

2 AQUACULTURE – MEASURE

1. Title of subsidy

Grant for funding productive investments in aquaculture

2. Period covered by notification

2015–2016

3. Policy objective

The main objective is the co-funding of actions that are relevant to the expansion of the existing aquaculture units as well as the possible establishment of new ones and the modernization of facilities and equipment of the existing aquaculture units.

4. Authority of subsidy

Managing Authority for the Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Rural Development and Food

5. Form of subsidy

The measure was included in the Operational Program for Fisheries 2007-2013 and is co-financed by the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) and the Greek Government (GR). The contribution rates of EFF and GR to the total public expenditure have been calculated by applying Article 53 of Regulation (EC) 1198/2006 and on average amount to 75% EFF and 25% GR.

The percentage of the grant is on the cost of eligible expenditure of the project:

- For very small, small and medium sized enterprises: Objective convergence 60%, Objective nonconvergence 40%, Remote Greek Islands 60%
- For enterprises which employ between 250 and 750 employees or have a turnover of 50-200 million Euros: Objective convergence 30%, Objective non-convergence 20%, Remote Greek Islands 60%
- For enterprises independently of number of employees or turnover: grant only for investments on Remote Greek Islands (60%)

6. To whom the subsidy is paid

The subsidy is paid to the owners of aquaculture units.

7. Amount of subsidy

2015: GR contribution: € 1.063.424

2016: GR contribution: € 2.181.819

8. Duration of subsidy

The scheme was introduced in 2012 and expired in 2015.

9. The trade effect of the subsidy

No effects on international trade.

3 PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF FISHERIES PRODUCTS – MEASURE

1. Title of subsidy

Grant for funding productive investments in marketing and processing of fisheries products.

2. Period covered by notification

2015–2016

3. Policy objective

The main objective is the co-funding of actions that are relevant to the expansion of the existing units as well as the possible establishment of new ones and the modernization of facilities and equipment of the existing units.

4. Authority of subsidy

Managing Authority for the Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

5. Form of subsidy

The measure was included in the Operational Program for Fisheries 2007-2013 and is co-financed by the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) and the Greek Government (GR). The contribution rates of EFF and GR to the total public expenditure have been calculated by applying Article 53 of Regulation (EC) 1198/2006 and on average amount to 75% EFF and 25% GR.

The percentage of the grant is on the cost of eligible expenditure of the project:

- For very small, small and medium sized enterprises: Objective convergence 60%, Objective nonconvergence 40%, Remote Greek Islands 60%
- For enterprises which employ between 250 and 750 employees or have a turnover of 50-200 million Euros: Objective convergence 30%, Objective non-convergence 20%, Remote Greek Islands 60%
- For enterprises independently of number of employees or turnover: grant only for Remote Greek Islands (60%)

6. To whom the subsidy is paid

The subsidy is paid to the owners of marketing and processing units.

7. Amount of subsidy

2015: GR contribution: € 342.988

2016: GR contribution: € 1.917.633

8. Duration of subsidy

The scheme was introduced in 2012 and expired in 2015.

9. The trade effect of the subsidy

No effects on international trade.
