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State Aid /Estonia

SA.120555 (2025/N) – Support for covering damage arising from animal disease control

Dear Ms Maria Muñoz de Juan,

We are responding to the European Commission's letter comp(2025)11838008 dated 27 October 2025, in which you request additional information regarding the aid scheme described in State aid notification SA.120555 (2025/N).

1. We would like to clarify that point 2 of the Specific notification form (1.2.1.3) should be marked as *ex ante* as the scheme will be applicable also for future events for animal diseases, which are listed in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 article 5(1)a and Annex II.
2. In our assessment the scheme will have no negative environmental effects as it will directly contribute to minimizing the negative effects animal diseases have on the environment by supporting farmers, whose undertakings have been affected by diseases. The aid enables rapid responses to animal disease outbreaks and helps prevent further spread, including into wildlife.
We confirm that the aid scheme does not constitute a breach of applicable Union environmental protection legislation.
3. The national legal basis is not a draft. We have added the final version again to this letter as attachment.
The relevant Estonian Official Journal reference can be found here: <https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/506072023012/consolide>
4. We confirm that the aid must be paid as part of a public program, which contains a description of the control and eradication measures. The animal disease control programme is described in sections 54–56 of the Veterinary Act, according to which the programme must comply with what is set out in Articles 72–76 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and in Article 68 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687.
5. We confirm that there is no measure in the Estonian CAP strategic plan, which covers partly or fully the same strategic costs.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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