



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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**Subject: Measures that will be regarded as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88 (1) of the EC Treaty**

Your Excellency,

During the course of 2003 and 2004, your authorities have submitted lists of measures which they wished to be considered as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC. In accordance with the procedure provided for in Annex IV, Chapter 3, paragraph (1)(c) (under Article 22) of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union, these measures have been examined by the Commission.

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission has decided not to raise any objections to the measures included in the list annexed to this letter on the grounds that there are no serious doubts as to their compatibility with the common market. They will therefore be regarded as existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) of the EC Treaty from the date of accession.

This decision does not prejudice any future decision by the Commission on the existing aid status of the measures submitted by your authorities but not included in the list annexed to this letter.

The Czech authorities are reminded that the interim procedure for existing aid does not apply to aid to the transport sector, nor to activities linked to the production, processing or marketing of products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty with the exception of fisheries products and products derived thereof. Therefore, this decision explicitly excludes these sectors and any existing aid for such sectors must be communicated separately to the Commission pursuant to the rules applicable to the sector concerned.

Yours faithfully,  
For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

annex: I



**Annex: State aid measures in the Czech Republic considered to be existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC from the date of the accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union**

COMP no.			Title of the aid measure (in original language)	Title of the aid measure (in English)	Duration	Date of approval	Aid granting authority	Aid objective	Budget Mio EUR	Form of aid	Individual aid / Aid scheme
CC	Nr	Yr									
CZ	45	2003		Prolongation of the Czech regional aid map for the period from 1 May 2004 to 31 December 2006	31/12/2006			Regional	N/A	N/A	Scheme