



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 measure included in the list annexed to this letter on the grounds that there are no serious doubts as to its compatibility with the common market. It 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.

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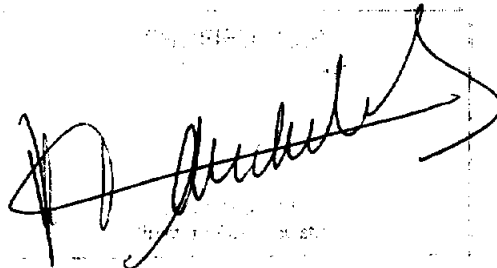
The Lithuanian authorities are reminded that the interim procedure for existing aid does not apply to aid to the transport sector, nor to activities linked to the production, processing or marketing of products listed in Annex I to the EC Treaty with the exception of fisheries products and products derived 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

Mario MONTI
Member of the Commission

annex: I

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Monti', is written over a faint, rectangular stamp. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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

COMP no.	AC Nr	Yr									
LT 1	2004		LIETUVOS REGIONINES PAGALBOS ŽEMELAPIO PRATĖSIMAS	regional aid map of Lithuania - prolongation without changes until 31.12.2006	01.05.2004 - 31.12.2006	Government Decision No 714 of 03.06.2003	NA	regional aid	NA	NA	NA