



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 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 Maltese 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 Malta considered to be existing aid within the meaning of Article 88(1) EC from the date of the accession of Malta 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/ year	Form of aid	Individual aid / Aid scheme
AC	Nr	Yr									
MT	1	2004	Mappa għall-għajnuna reġjonali li abbażi tagħha għajnuna mogħtija mill-iStat f'Malta ser tkun eżaminata.	Regional Aid Map on the basis of which State aid granted by Malta will be assessed	1/05/2004 to 31/12/2006	October 2003	N/A	The Regional Aid Map defines those regions which are eligible for initial investment and for job creation. It also defines the ceilings on the intensity of such aid.	N/A	N/A	Scheme