Highlights

Commission approves prolongation of the Danish winding up scheme for credit institutions
The European Commission has authorised, under EU state aid rules, a six months prolongation until 30.06.2011 of the Danish winding up scheme for credit institutions. The Commission found the prolongation of the measures, initially approved on 30 September 2010 (see IP/10/1266), to be in line with its Guidance Communications on state aid to overcome the financial crisis (see IP/08/1495). In particular, the extended measure can be considered as an appropriate means for remediying a serious disturbance in the Danish economy and as such is compatible with the internal market under Article 107(3)(b) of the TFEU.
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Commission approves extension of Hungarian recapitalisation scheme for credit institutions
The European Commission has authorised, under EU state aid rules, a six-month extension (until 30 June 2011) of the Hungarian recapitalisation scheme for credit institutions. The Commission found the extension of the scheme, initially approved on 12 February, 2009 (see IP/09/253), to be in line with its guidance on state aid to banks during the crisis (see IP/08/1495 and IP/08/1901). In particular, the extended measures can be considered as an appropriate means of remediying a serious disturbance in the Hungarian economy and as such are compatible with Article 107(3)(b) of the EU Treaty.
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Commission approves extension of the Hungarian mortgage support scheme for households affected by financial downturn
The European Commission has authorised, under EU state aid rules, a six-month prolongation (until 30 June 2011) of a Hungarian mortgage support scheme to help households affected by the financial and economic downturn. The Commission found that the extended measures, initially approved on 13 July 2009 (see IP/09/1123), and extended on 24 November 2009 (see MEX/09/1124), were aimed at well-defined objectives of common interest and well designed to deliver these objectives and to limit distortions of competition. The Commission has therefore concluded that they provide aid of a social character to individuals, affected by a temporary income shock and at risk of losing their home, on a non-discriminatory basis and as such are compatible with Article 87(2)(a) of the EC Treaty.
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Commission approves extension of the Hungarian liquidity scheme for credit institutions
The European Commission has authorised, under EU state aid rules, a six-month prolongation (until 30 June 2011) of the Hungarian liquidity scheme for credit institutions. The Commission found the prolongation of the measures, initially approved on 14 January 2010 (see IP/10/19), and extended on 28 June 2010 (see IP/10/854) to be in line with its guidance on state aid to banks during the crisis (see IP/08/1495 and IP/08/1901). In particular, the extended measures are proportionate, well targeted, limited in time and scope.
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The Commission has therefore concluded that they represent an appropriate means of remedying a serious disturbance in the Hungarian economy and as such are compatible with Article 107(3)(b) of the TFEU.

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**Commission authorises temporary Slovenian scheme to grant limited amounts of aid of up to € 15,000 to farmers**

The European Commission has recently authorised a Slovenian scheme with a budget of approximately € 3.8 million which aims at supporting farmers in Slovenia who encounter difficulties as a result of the current economic crisis. Aid under this scheme can be granted until 31 December 2010 and will take the form of direct grants. This scheme is a further application of the Commission's Temporary framework for State aid measures to support access to finance in the current financial and economic crisis, as amended end of October 2009 in order to allow Member States to grant limited amounts of aid to primary agricultural producers (see IP/08/1993).

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**State aid: Overview of national measures adopted as a response to the financial/economic crisis**

*Situation as of 6 December 2010*

**Online State aid Scoreboard**

Following the adoption, by the Commission, of the autumn update of the State Aid Scoreboard, the online scoreboard has been published on the DG Competition's website. In addition to the scoreboard, the online scoreboard consists of a set of more in depth statistics presenting the State aid situation in the EU and in each Member State over the years 1992 to 2009.

*Scoreboard, reports and studies' web page of DG Competition*

Online Scoreboard:
- Data on State aid expenditure,
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**European Economic Area**

Based on the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), the EFTA States participating in the EEA have entrusted the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the EFTA Court with similar decision making powers to that of the Commission and the European Court of Justice, respectively, in the field of state aid for the EFTA States.

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