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Chapter 1 general settings

§ 1. Scope of the Act

(1) This law stipulates state measures for the balanced development of the agricultural market, providing consumers with high-quality food, profitable production of agricultural products, development of other economic activities in rural areas (hereinafter referred to as *rural economic activities*) and ensuring a satisfactory standard of living for residents of rural areas and balanced development of rural areas, the basis and extent of monitoring the implementation of state measures, and the responsibility of this for breaking the law. [RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(2) The provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act apply to the administrative procedure prescribed in this Act, taking into account the specifics of this Act.

§ 2. State measures for the organization of rural life and the agricultural market

State measures for the organization of rural life and the agricultural market within the meaning of this Act are:

- 1) granting of state aid;
- 2) providing minor assistance;
- 3) providing support other than state aid or minor aid;
- 4) [invalidated - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entered into force. 21.03.2023]
- 5) determination of quality classes of agricultural products. [RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 2 . Determining the grants to be granted in the fiscal year and the funds intended for granting the grant

(1) The types of state aid, de minimis aid and support other than state aid or de minimis aid, activities and areas for which subsidies are granted in the fiscal year shall be established by a regulation of the minister responsible for the field for each fiscal year, based on the state budget for state aid and de minimis aid and support other than from the budget funds intended for the provision of state aid or de minimis aid.

(2) The distribution of budget funds intended for the provision of state aid, de minimis aid and support other than state aid or de minimis aid for each fiscal year by types of aid, activities or regions or on other relevant justified grounds is decided by the minister responsible for the field by means of a directive.

(3) If, on the basis of and in accordance with the procedure of this Act, the right to grant state aid or minor aid has been granted to a state foundation established to support the economic development of a rural area (hereinafter *the foundation*), the foundation shall grant state aid or minor aid to it from funds, own income or other funds allocated for this purpose in the state budget.

(4) In the case provided for in subsection 3 of this section, the council of the foundation decides on the types of state aid or minor aid to be given in the fiscal year, supported activities and regions, and the distribution of the funds planned for providing the aid, and publishes the relevant information on the foundation's website.

(5) The right to apply for state aid, de minimis aid and support other than state aid or de minimis aid does not arise if the granting of relevant aid is not provided for in the fiscal year on the basis of subsections 1 and 4 of this section.

(6) This section does not apply in the case of individual assistance outside the aid scheme.

[RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - enters into force. 29.12.2018]

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§ 2 . Submitting an application, payment request and other document

(1) In the case of implementation of state measures for the organization of rural life and the agricultural market, an application, payment request and other document shall be submitted to the Ministry of Regional and Agricultural Affairs, the Agricultural Registers and Information Agency (hereinafter *PRIA*) or, in the case provided for in this Act, to another person or institution in writing on paper or electronically.

(2) The minister responsible for the field may, by regulation, establish that the application, payment request and other documents can only be submitted electronically through the e-service environment.

[RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - enters into force. 29.12.2018]

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§ 2 . Adverse weather conditions

(1) In the event of such unfavorable weather conditions, which differ significantly from normal weather conditions and cause significant economic damage to agricultural producers, the Government of the Republic may, by order, determine the occurrence of unfavorable weather conditions. The assessment of weather conditions is based on long-term observation data collected for normal years.

(2) The occurrence of adverse weather conditions may be determined by the agricultural producers' areas of activity affected by adverse weather conditions.

[RT I, 15.03.2019, 6 - enters into force. 25.03.2019]

Chapter 2 STATE AID

§ 3. Agricultural state aid

(1) On the basis and procedure of this law, agricultural state aid is granted to an enterprise engaged in the primary production of agricultural products (hereinafter referred to *as an agricultural producer*) whose place of business is in Estonia, and to a non-profit association representing agricultural producers for the elimination of a market failure within the specified time period and to the extent necessary in Article 39 and Article 107(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. and 3 to achieve said goals.

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(2) Agricultural state aid may be granted if:

1) the European Commission has granted it in accordance with the guidelines on state aid in the agricultural and forestry sector and in rural areas (OJ C 485, 21.12.2022, p. 1–90) (hereinafter *the state aid guidelines*) or directly by the European Permissive decision regarding the notification of agricultural state aid submitted on the basis of the Treaty on the Functioning of the Union;

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2) The European Commission has been submitted a summary information sheet on the granting of state aid covered by the block exemption (hereinafter *the agricultural block exemption notice*) in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472, which recognizes certain types of aid for agricultural and compatible with the internal market in the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in the forestry sector and rural areas (OJ L 327, 21.12.2022, pp. 1–81);

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3) state aid is the Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 establishing detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ L 248, 24.09.2015, p. 9–29), considered approved by the European Commission in accordance with Article 4 paragraph 6;

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4) The Council of the European Union has, in accordance with the third subsection of Article 108 (2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, made a decision authorizing the granting of state aid based on the application of a member state.

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(2) On the basis and procedure of this Act, agricultural state aid may also be granted to an enterprise engaged in the processing and marketing of agricultural products and a person operating in the forestry sector, whose place of business is in Estonia, and to a non-profit organization representing them, if it is in accordance with the state aid guidelines, Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 or permitted on the basis of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

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(3) Agricultural state aid, including the aid to the forestry sector specified in the state aid guidelines and Regulation (EU) 2022/2472, may be granted on the basis of another law and in accordance with the procedure, if a notification of agricultural state aid has been submitted through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, on which the European Commission has made a permissive decision, an agricultural block exemption notification has been submitted to the European Commission or the state aid meets the conditions set out in point 3 or 4 of paragraph 2 of this section.

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§ 4. Other state aid

(1) On the basis and in the procedure of this Act, state aid is granted to an enterprise engaged in the processing and marketing of agricultural and non-agricultural products and rural economic activities, whose place of business is in Estonia, and to a non-profit organization representing them, if the European Commission has made a permissive decision on the notification of state aid submitted on the basis and in the procedure provided for in the Competition Act, the European Commission A block exemption notification has been submitted to the Commission or the state aid meets the conditions set out in § 3 (2) point 3 or 4 of this Act.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(2) On the basis and procedure of this Act, state aid is granted to agricultural producers also on the basis of other than the European Union state aid legislation specified in subsection 3 (2) of § 3 of this Act, if the European Commission has made a permissive decision on the state aid notification submitted on the basis and procedure provided for in the Competition Act, a block exemption notification has been submitted to the European Commission or the state aid meets the conditions set out in Clause 3 or 4 of § 3 (2) of this Act.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 5. Provider of state aid

On the basis of this law, the state and the foundation may provide state aid directly or indirectly using state financial resources.

[RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - enters into force. 29.12.2018]

§ 6. Amount of state aid

[Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

§ 7. Grants provided as state aid through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and PRIA

(1) On the basis and procedure of this Act, the state, through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA, may grant the following subsidies as state aid:

- 1) market development subsidy;
- 2) information support;
- 3) breeding allowance for farm animals;
- 4) natural damage allowance;
- 5) agricultural insurance subsidy;
- 6) subsidy for replacing a farmer;
- 7) support for the implementation of measures to control a dangerous plant pest;
- 8) support for the disposal of carcasses of dead farm animals and their destruction in a waste management company;
- 9) joint economic activity support.

(2) In addition to the subsidies specified in subsection 1 of this section, the state may grant other subsidies through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA on the basis and procedure provided for in §§ 11–15 of this Act.

§ 8. State aid provided by the foundation

The foundation may grant state aid to an agricultural producer, an entrepreneur engaged in the processing and marketing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, and rural economic activities, a person operating in the forestry sector, and a non-profit organization representing them, in the form of a grant, loan or guarantee or in another form, on the basis and in the manner specified in the administrative agreement concluded between the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and the foundation. The foundation may not provide support as state aid, which is provided by the state through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

Chapter 3 SUBMISSION OF STATE AID AND GROUP EXEMPTION NOTICE AND STATE AID GRANTING PROCEDURE

§ 9. Submission of notification of agricultural state aid

(1) If state aid is granted by the state through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or the PRIA, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture prepares the agricultural state aid notification in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No. 794/2004, which implements Council Regulation (EC) No. 659/1999, which establishes detailed rules EC for the application of Article 93 of the founding treaty (OJ L 140, 30.04.2004, pages 1–134), according to and in accordance with the state aid guidelines.

[RT I, 30.12.2014, 2 - enters into force. 01.01.2015]

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture submits the agricultural state aid notice together with the necessary information via the web application prescribed by the European Commission electronically to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia

to the European Union, which forwards it to the European Commission.

(3) If agricultural state aid is provided by a foundation or is provided on the basis and procedure of another law, the state aid grantor shall, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No. 794/2004 and in accordance with state aid guidelines, submit an agricultural state aid notice with the necessary information in writing and via the web application provided by the European Commission to the Regional and to the Ministry of Agriculture for review.

[RT I, 30.12.2014, 2 - enters into force. 01.01.2015]

(4) If the notification of agricultural state aid meets the requirements, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture forwards it along with the necessary information electronically to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union via the web application provided by the European Commission, who forwards it to the European Commission.

(5) If the state aid provider specified in subsection 3 of this section fails to submit the information required in the state aid notification, the notification does not meet the requirements or there are deficiencies in the notification or in the information provided with it, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has the right within 20 working days of receiving the notification to request additional information from the state aid provider or to propose to supplement the notification.

(6) During the processing of the notification of agricultural state aid, the state aid grantor submits the additional information requested by the European Commission electronically through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union, which forwards it to the European Commission.

(7) If the provider of state aid decides to withdraw the agricultural state aid notification submitted to the European Commission, it submits a corresponding request to the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, which forwards it to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union, which forwards it to the European Commission.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 10. Submission of agricultural group exemption notification

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1588, which deals with the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain types of horizontal state aid (OJ L 248, 24.09.2015, pp. 1–8), is considered state aid covered by the block exemption for the purposes of this Act. aid referred to in Article 1, for which the European Commission has established Regulation (EU) 2022/2472.

[RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - enters into force. 21.03.2023, applied retroactively from 1 January 2023]

(2) If state aid is granted by the state through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or the PRIA, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture prepares an agricultural group exemption notification, which transmits it along with the necessary information electronically to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union via the web application provided by the European Commission, who forwards it to the European Commission .

(3) If state aid is granted by a foundation or is granted on the basis and procedure of another law, the grantor of state aid submits the notification of the agricultural group exemption in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 in writing and through the online application prescribed by the European Commission, no later than 30 working days before the granting of state aid or the implementation of the aid scheme. and to the Ministry of Agriculture for review.

[RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - enters into force. 21.03.2023, applied retroactively from 1 January 2023]

(4) If the notification of the agricultural group exemption meets the requirements, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture forwards it electronically via the web application provided by the European Commission to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union, which forwards it to the European Commission.

(5) If the state aid provider specified in subsection 3 of this section fails to submit the information required in the agricultural group exemption notification, the notification does not meet the requirements or there are deficiencies in the notification or in the information provided with it, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has the right to request additional information from the state aid provider within 10 working days of receiving the notification, or propose to him to supplement the notification of the agricultural group exemption.

§ 11. Procedure for granting state aid through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and PRIA

(1) If the state aid referred to in §§ 3 and 4 of this Act is granted by the state as a grant through the Ministry of Regional and Agricultural Affairs or PRIA, the minister responsible for the field shall establish the requirements for receiving the grant and the procedure for submitting the grant application and processing the application. The procedure for applying for support and processing the application can be established separately for each type of support. The mentioned procedure stipulates:

- 1) the requirements to be submitted for receiving support;
- 2) rate of support and amount of state aid;
- 3) eligible costs of the grant;
- 4) deadline for submitting the application;
- 5) content and form requirements of the application;
- 6) application review and verification procedure;
- 7) deadlines and procedure for determining and paying support.

(2) If it is not possible to stipulate the deadline for submitting an application in legislation, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA will publish it in the official publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded*.

(3) The Ministry of Regional and Agricultural Affairs or PRIA makes the decision to assign, pay and reject the request for state aid, as well as other decisions related to the granting of state aid.

(4) If a decision made on the basis of this Act restricts a person's rights or imposes obligations on him, a copy or an extract of the decision shall be sent to the person within 10 working days of the decision being made by registered mail, by registered letter with delivery notice, or with the applicant's consent to the e-mail address indicated in his application. Information about other decisions will be published on the website of the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA within 10 working days of the decision.

§ 12. Verification of the adequacy of the application

(1) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA checks the applicant's compliance with the requirements submitted for the grant on the basis of the application, other documents and documents and databases proving the data provided in them, and during an on-site inspection.

(2) On the basis of the applicant's written application, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA will return the documents proving the application and the data contained therein, if the application is submitted before the decision on the award of support is made. On the basis of the applicant's written application, the processing of the application ends with the return of the application and the documents proving the data contained in it to the applicant.

(3) The procedural deadline arising from this Act shall not be reinstated.

§ 13. Additional approval and opinion

If it is provided for in the legislation established on the basis of § 11 (1) of this Act, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or the PRIA may submit a copy of the application or a list of applicants to the administrative body, which has the competence to give approval or opinion and perform the necessary administrative actions, in order to decide whether to grant support or reject the application.

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

§ 14. Rejection of the application

If the state provides the state aid specified in §§ 3 and 4 of this law as support through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or PRIA may reject the submitted application if:

1) the applicant has knowingly submitted false information or the applicant influences the processing of the application by fraud or by threat or in any other illegal way;

2) the applicant does not meet the requirements set forth in this Act and other legislation in order to receive support;

3) the applicant has knowingly provided false information when applying for the same type of support last year;

4) the applicant has been required to repay the same type of support paid in the previous year to the revenues of the state budget;

5) [invalidated - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017] 6) [invalid - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 24.03.2017] 7) there are no funds in the budget for the year of payment of the support; 8) [invalidated - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 15. Granting of state aid through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture as individual aid outside the aid scheme

If the state aid specified in §§ 3 and 4 of this law is granted by the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture as individual aid outside the aid scheme, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture makes a decision or concludes the relevant administrative agreement with the recipient of the aid, which is published on the website of the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture.

[RT I, 15.03.2011, 13 - entered into force. 25.03.2011]

§ 16. Procedure for providing state aid through the foundation

(1) If the state aid specified in §§ 3 and 4 of this Act is granted by a foundation, the foundation's council shall establish the requirements for receiving state aid and the procedure for submitting an application for state aid, which stipulates:

1) the requirements for obtaining state aid;

2) rate and amount of state aid;

3) eligible expenses;

4) the deadline for submitting the application for state aid;

5) deadlines and procedures for determining and paying state aid.

[RT I, 15.03.2011, 13 - entered into force. 25.03.2011]

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(1) If the state aid specified in §§ 3 and 4 of this law is given by the foundation as individual aid outside the aid scheme, the council of the foundation makes a decision on the grant of aid and concludes a relevant agreement with the recipient of the aid, in which the intended purpose of the use of the aid is determined.

[RT I, 15.03.2011, 13 - entered into force. 25.03.2011]

(2) State aid is granted on the basis and according to the procedure specified in the administrative agreement specified in § 8 of this Act. The administrative contract shall agree on the content and form requirements of the state aid application, the procedure for reviewing and checking the state aid application, and the grounds and procedure for rejecting the application for state aid in the form of a grant.

(3) The requirements for receiving state aid specified in subsection 1 of this section, as well as the procedure for submitting an application for state aid and processing the application, are published on the website of the foundation.

(4) The foundation makes the decision to assign, pay and reject the request for state aid, as well as other decisions related to the granting of state aid.

(5) If a decision made on the basis of this Act restricts a person's rights or imposes obligations on him, a copy or an extract of the decision shall be sent to the person within 10 working days of the decision being made by registered mail, by registered letter with delivery notice, or with the applicant's consent to the e-mail address indicated in his application. Information about other decisions will be published on the foundation's website within 10 working days of the decision.

Chapter 4 PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANT OF MINOR AID

§ 17. Insignificant aid

(1) Agricultural de minimis aid may be granted if it complies with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 concerning the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agricultural sector (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 9 -17), to the stipulated conditions.

[RT I, 30.12.2014, 2 - enters into force. 01.01.2015]

(2) Insignificant aid for the processing and marketing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, for the development of rural economic activities and for ensuring the balanced development of rural areas may be granted on the basis and according to the procedure provided for in the Competition Act, if it complies with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013, which deals with Articles 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and 108 application to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, pp. 1–8), to the stipulated conditions.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(3) It is not necessary to submit the agricultural state aid or agricultural block exemption notification specified in Chapter 3 of this Act to the European Commission in order to grant minor aid.

§ 18. The procedure for granting minor aid provided through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and PRIA

(1) If the minor aid referred to in § 17 of this Act is granted by the state through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture or the PRIA, the minister responsible for the field shall establish the requirements for obtaining minor aid and the procedure for submitting an application for receiving minor aid and processing the application, which stipulates:

- 1) requirements for obtaining minor aid;
- 2) rate and amount of de minimis aid;
- 3) eligible expenses;
- 4) deadline for submitting the application;
- 5) content and form requirements of the application;
- 6) application review and verification procedure;
- 7) terms and procedure for determining and paying de minimis aid.

(2) Insignificant aid is granted in accordance with the procedure provided for in § 11 subsections 2–4 and § 12–14 of this Act.

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§ 18 . Provision of minor aid as individual aid outside the aid scheme through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture

If the minor aid specified in § 17 of this Act is granted by the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture as individual aid outside the aid scheme, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture makes a decision or concludes the relevant administrative agreement with the recipient of the aid, which is published on the website of the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture.

[RT I, 15.03.2011, 13 - entered into force. 25.03.2011]

§ 19. The procedure for providing minor aid provided through the foundation

(1) If the minor aid mentioned in § 17 of this Act is provided by the foundation, the foundation's council establishes the requirements for receiving minor aid and the procedure for submitting an application for minor aid, which stipulates:

- 1) the requirements for receiving minor aid;
- 2) rate and amount of de minimis aid;
- 3) eligible expenses;
- 4) deadline for submitting the application;
- 5) terms and procedure for determining and paying de minimis aid.

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(1) If the minor aid referred to in § 17 of this Act is given by the foundation as individual aid outside the aid scheme, the council of the foundation makes a decision on the grant of aid and concludes a relevant agreement with the recipient of the aid, in which the intended purpose of the use of the aid is determined.

[RT I, 15.03.2011, 13 - entered into force. 25.03.2011]

(2) The foundation may provide assistance of minor importance on the basis and according to the procedure specified in the administrative agreement concluded between the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and the foundation. The administrative contract shall agree on the content and form requirements of the application for minor aid, the procedure for reviewing and checking the application, and the grounds and procedure for rejecting the application for minor aid in the form of a grant.

(3) Insignificant aid is granted in accordance with the procedure provided for in subsections 3–5 of § 16 of this Act.

§ 20. Provision of agricultural aid of minor importance

(1) Agricultural aid of minor importance is granted to the extent provided for in Article 3(3a) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013.

(2) The grantor of the aid shall notify the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture in writing of the intention to grant agricultural aid of minor importance and the amount of the aid no later than 30 days before the grant of the aid.

(3) In the intention to grant aid of minor agricultural importance, the grantor shall indicate at least the name and amount of the aid for one calendar year, and if the aid is planned for only one product sector referred to in Article 2(3) of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013, then also the name and product sector of this product sector the size of the planned aid.

(4) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture shall find out whether the amount of the planned agricultural aid of minor importance exceeds or does not exceed the upper limit of agricultural minor aid given to the state within three years and the upper limit of the sector, and informs the grantor of this within 10 working days after learning of the intention to grant aid. The determination is

made on the basis of the already granted agricultural aid of minor importance and the total amount of agricultural minor aid notified to the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture in accordance with paragraph 2 of this section, but not yet granted.

(5) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture submits the amount of planned aid calculated in accordance with subsection 4 of this section and, if necessary, the amount of aid planned for one product sector to the register of state aid and de minimis aid maintained in accordance with the Competition Act.

(6) The grantor of aid may grant agricultural aid of minor importance only to the extent specified in subsection 5 of this section.
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OTHER AID NOT GRANTED AS STATE AID OR LOW AID

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§ 20 . Providing other support

(1) On the basis and procedure of this Act, the state may grant other support, which is not state aid or minor aid, to achieve the goals specified in § 1 of this Act.

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(2) Other support is provided by the state through PRIA, unless otherwise provided in this Act.

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(3) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

(4) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

(5) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

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§ 20 . The procedure for granting other support through PRIA

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(1) In order to grant the support specified in subsection 1 (1) of § 20 of this Act through PRIA, the minister responsible for the field shall establish by regulation the requirements for receiving support and the procedure for submitting and processing the application for support.

(2) The regulation specified in subsection 1 of this section stipulates:

- 1) the requirements to be submitted in order to receive support;
- 2) rate and size of support;
- 3) eligible costs of the grant;
- 4) deadline for submitting the application;
- 5) content or form requirements of the application;
- 6) application review and verification procedure;
- 7) deadlines and procedures for determining and paying support.

(3) The regulation specified in subsection 1 of this section may be established separately for each type of support.

(4) Subsidies granted on the basis of this section are granted in accordance with the procedure provided for in § 11 subsections 2–4 and § 12 and 13 of this Act.

(5) PRIA rejects the request on the grounds provided in § 14 of this Act.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

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IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL PROGRAMS

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

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§ 20 . Support for the implementation of the regional program

(1) On the basis and procedure of this Act, the state may provide support through the State Support Center to ensure the balanced development of rural areas. Support may be given as de minimis aid on the basis of a regional program or as other support that is not granted as state aid or de minimis aid.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(2) The regional program is established by the minister responsible for the field by means of a directive.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(3) The regional program establishes:

- 1) the purpose and general principles of the program;
- 2) region of program implementation;
- 3) requirements to be submitted for receiving support;
- 4) conditions and procedure for drawing up, approving and not approving the action plan;
- 5) rate and size of support;

- 6) supported activities and eligible and ineligible expenses;
- 7) the procedure for submitting an application, including a preliminary application;
- 8) content or form requirements of the application, including the preliminary application;
- 9) the procedure for reviewing and checking the application, including the preliminary application;
- 10) composition and procedure of the program council;
- 11) grounds for rejecting the application;
- 12) conditions and procedure for determining and paying support;
- 13) obligations of the beneficiary;
- 14) procedure for informing about receiving and using support.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(4) The regional program is published on the website of the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and the National Support Center.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(5) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

(6) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

(7) [Repealed - RT I, 19.12.2018, 17 - entry into force. 29.12.2018]

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§ 20 . The procedure for granting support for the implementation of the regional program

(1) The action plan drawn up for the use of support on the basis of the regional program is approved by the minister responsible for the field. Support may be requested for the implementation of activities approved in the action plan.

(2) The action plan stipulates:

- 1) a person or institution that can apply for support based on the plan;
- 2) name, purpose, brief description and deadline for implementation of the activity supported under the plan;
- 3) the expected cost of the activity supported under the plan, the maximum amount of support and the minimum rate of self-financing;
- 4) deadline for submitting the application.

(3) Support for the implementation of the regional program is provided by the National Support Services Center on the basis and procedure provided for in this Act and the regional program.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(4) The State Support Center makes the decision to grant support or pay aid or reject the applicant's application and other decisions related to the granting of aid to the applicant whose activities have been approved in the action plan.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(5) Decisions related to the granting of support on the basis of the regional program are announced in accordance with the procedure provided for in § 16 subsection 5 of this Act.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

Chapter 5 PRACTICE SUPPORT

[Invalid - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 21. Internship support

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 22. Internship grant applicant

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 23. Requirements for receiving internship support

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 24. Rate and amount of internship support

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 25. Provision of internship support

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 24.03.2017]

Chapter 6 WIND OAT REPELLENT

[Invalid - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entry into force. 21.03.2023]

§ 26. Wind oat

[Repealed - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entry into force. 21.03.2023]

§ 27. Measures to prevent the spread of wind oats and the ban on the spread of wind oats

[Repealed - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entered into force. 21.03.2023]

§ 28. Handling of agricultural products and soil contaminated with wind oat

[Repealed - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entry into force. 21.03.2023]

§ 29. Notification obligation

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 01.04.2017]

§ 30. Wind oat control plan

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entry into force. 01.04.2017]

§ 31. Declaring the field array to be free of wind oat

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 01.04.2017]

§ 32. Database of wind oat-contaminated areas

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 01.04.2017]

Chapter 7

REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINING THE INGREDIENTS AND QUALITY AND QUALITY CLASSES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

§ 33. Requirements for determination of ingredients and quality of agricultural products and quality classes

(1) In order to organize the agricultural market, the minister responsible for the field has the right to establish the requirements, methods and procedures for determining the ingredients and quality of agricultural products, as well as the requirements for the quality classes of agricultural products. The aforementioned procedure provides for agricultural products for which the requirements for the determination of ingredients and quality and quality classes are established, it is determined in which cases and to what extent the determination of ingredients and quality of agricultural products and the assignment of agricultural products to quality classes are mandatory.

(2) In order to determine the ingredients and quality of the agricultural product, the organoleptic and microbiological and physico-chemical composition indicators of the agricultural product are determined on the basis of analysis and other assessment methods.

(3) The minister responsible for the field shall establish the quality classes of agricultural products based on the ingredients and quality indicators of agricultural products and the indicators to be analyzed and evaluated on the basis of other evaluation methods for each agricultural product.

§ 34. Requirements for an authorized laboratory and procedure for authorization

(1) The minister responsible for the field may establish a procedure for sampling and analyzing samples for the analysis of components and quality indicators of agricultural products.

(2) The ingredients and quality indicators of agricultural products are analyzed in a laboratory authorized by the minister responsible for the field.

[RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - enters into force. 21.03.2023]

(3) The minister responsible for the field may establish specific requirements for the authorized laboratory.

(4) The minister responsible for the field makes a decision on granting authorization to operate as an authorized laboratory within 20 working days after receiving the relevant application. The scope of the given authorization is indicated in the decision on granting authorization to operate as an authorized laboratory. The authorization is given by the directive of the minister responsible for the field.

(5) The content requirements of the application for authorization to operate as an authorized laboratory, the list of documents to be attached to the application and the procedure for processing the application shall be established by the minister responsible for the field.

(6) The authorized laboratory shall immediately notify the Agricultural and Food Board of the results of the analysis of the agricultural product, if the analysis results indicate a possible violation of hygiene requirements.

[RT I, 01.07.2020, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2021]

(7) The authorized laboratory shall digitally store the original data of test protocols for at least two years.

(8) The minister responsible for the field may refuse to grant authorization to operate as an authorized laboratory or declare the authorization invalid if the laboratory does not meet the requirements set forth in subsections 2 and 3 of this section.

§ 35. Costs of sampling and analysis

(1) The analysis fees charged by the authorized laboratory must be cost-based, clear and based on the principle of equal treatment, and designed in such a way as to cover reasonable expenses related to the relevant services.

(2) The costs of taking and analyzing samples taken for the analysis of the ingredients and quality indicators of agricultural products shall be borne by the processor of agricultural products.

Chapter 8

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

§ 36. Council for Agriculture and Rural Development

(1) The Council for Agriculture and Rural Development is a permanent council with advisory rights established to resolve issues in the area of governance of the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture and to present conclusions and proposals to the minister responsible for the area. Meetings of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development are held at least once a quarter.

(2) The minister responsible for the field shall establish the working procedure of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development and the procedure for presenting the council's conclusions and proposals.

§ 37. Competence of the Council for Agriculture and Rural Development

(1) The Council for Agriculture and Rural Development:

- 1) analyzes the results of economic activities of agricultural producers and the situation of the agricultural market;
- 2) makes proposals regarding the implementation of measures necessary for the development of agricultural activities and the production and processing of agricultural products;
- 3) makes recommendations on the development priorities of agricultural production, processing and rural economic activity and, based on them, on the implementation of state aid measures and the amount of aid and the need to provide aid, which, if possible, is taken into account when preparing the state budget;
- 4) makes proposals on granting and better use of subsidies;
- 5) makes other proposals regarding the development of rural life and the production and processing of agricultural products;
- 6) fulfills the duties of the monitoring committee within the framework of the "Estonian Rural Development Plan (2004–2006)";
- 7) makes proposals regarding Estonia's positions on issues related to agriculture and rural development discussed in the Council of Ministers of the European Union.

(2) When discussing the types and amount of subsidies to be given to the agricultural producer in the following year, the situation of the agricultural market and the development preferences of rural economic activities and rural life are taken into account.

Chapter 9

STATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

§ 38. Purpose and scope of state and administrative supervision

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entered into force. 01.07.2014]

(1) The purpose of state supervision is to check the appropriateness of the use of state aid, de minimis aid and other support, the conformity of the actions of the recipient of state aid, de minimis aid and other support after the payment of support or the provision of aid in another way, in the decision to grant the application, relevant legislation of the European Union, this Act and the requirements set forth in the legislation established on its basis and the implementation of other national remedies for the organization of the agricultural market provided for in this act.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(2) The purpose of administrative supervision is to check the fulfillment of administrative contracts concluded in accordance with § 8 and § 19 (2) of this Act and the compliance of the actions of the recipient of state aid, de minimis aid and other support after the payment of support or the provision of assistance in another way in the decision to grant the application, relevant legislation of the European Union and this to the requirements set forth in the law and the legislation established on its basis, if the recipient of state aid, de minimis aid or other support is a state or local government institution or other person or institution authorized to perform public administration tasks.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

§ 39. Performers of state and administrative supervision

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entered into force. 01.07.2014]

(1) If the state aid provided for in §§ 3 and 4 of this Act, the de minimis aid provided for in § 17, other support provided for in § 20

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subsection 1 and the support provided for in § 20 subsection 1 for the implementation of the regional program, the state provides the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, PRIA or through the State Support Center, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, PRIA or the State Support Center respectively performs state and administrative supervision over the activities of the recipient of state aid, minor aid and other support.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture performs administrative supervision over the foundation's execution of the administrative contract concluded in accordance with § 8 and § 19 (2) of this Act. If the administrative contract is terminated unilaterally or if there is another reason that prevents the foundation from continuing to perform the administrative task, the further organizer of the performance is the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

(3) [Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

(4) [Repealed - RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - entered into force. 21.03.2023]

(5) State supervision over compliance with the requirements for determination of ingredients and quality of agricultural products and determination of compliance with quality classes provided for in Chapter 7 of this Act is carried out by the Agriculture and Food Board.

[RT I, 01.07.2020, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2021]

(6) [Repealed - RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entered into force. 01.07.2014]

(7) [Repealed - RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entered into force. 01.07.2014]

§ 40. Special measures of state supervision

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entered into force. 01.07.2014]

(1) The law enforcement body may apply the special measures of state supervision provided for in §§ 30, 32, 49, 50, 51 and 52 of the Law Enforcement Act in order to carry out the state supervision provided for in this Act, on the basis and according to the procedure provided for in the Law Enforcement Act.

(2) If the residential premises are also used as business premises, the law enforcement body may inspect it during working hours or when it is open without the permission of the administrative court provided for in § 51 subsection 2 of the Law Enforcement Act.

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

§ 41. Special and protective clothing of an official of a law enforcement agency

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - entry into force. 01.07.2014]

(1) The official of the law enforcement body applying the state supervision measure shall, if necessary or at the request of the applicant, wear special or protective clothing provided by the applicant during the performance of the supervisory act.

(2) The minister responsible for the field may, by regulation, establish a list of the supervisory actions during which the official of the law enforcement agency must wear special or protective clothing, the costs of which are covered from the state budget.

[RT I, 13.03.2014, 4 - enters into force. 01.07.2014]

Chapter 10 RECOVERY OF STATE AID, DEGREE AID AND OTHER BENEFITS

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 42. Recovery of state aid, minor aid and other support granted through the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, the State Support Services Center and PRIA

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - entry into force. 25/05/2020]

(1) If, after the payment of state aid, minor aid or other support, it turns out that the applicant for aid has knowingly provided false information, has not fulfilled the requirements underlying the payment of the aid, has received aid unjustifiably in other ways or has not used the aid as intended, the Regional and Full or partial repayment of the aid by the Ministry of Agriculture, the State Support Services Center or the person who received aid from PRIA.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(2) Recovery of aid may be waived if it is not possible to use the aid in a targeted manner due to force majeure or other circumstances beyond the will of the aid recipient.

(3) In the case provided for in subsection 1 of this section, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, the National Support Center or PRIA shall make a decision on the recovery of aid. The decision will be sent to the person who received aid by mail by simple letter or by registered letter with delivery notice within 10 working days of the decision being made.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(4) The aid must be repaid within 60 days of receiving the relevant decision.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(5) In justified cases, at the request of the recipient of the support, the repayment of the support may be postponed, requiring a guarantee if necessary.

(6) A decision on the recovery of aid may be made within 10 years from the date of the decision to award aid.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

(7) If the person who received the aid does not repay the aid within the time limit specified in subsection 4 of this section, the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, the National Support Center or PRIA has the right to issue a decision on the recovery of the aid to enforcement in the manner provided for in the enforcement procedure code.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

(8) In case of recovery of the aid, interest is required on the balance of the aid amount to be repaid. The interest rate on the amount of aid to be repaid is one year Euribor + 5 percent per year in euros. The interest rate is determined as of January 2 of each year and is valid for one year. Interest is calculated from the day the aid recovery decision is announced to the aid recipient until the day the aid is repaid. The interest calculation is based on the actual number of days in a month and a 360-day year.

[RT I 2010, 22, 108 - entry into force. 01.01.2011]

§ 43. Recovery of state aid, minor aid and other support granted by the foundation

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - entered into force. 01.09.2018]

(1) The foundation determines the intended purpose of the use of the aid in the contract for granting state aid, minor aid or other support. The foundation checks that the aid it provides is used in a targeted manner.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

(2) If, after the grant of aid, it turns out that the recipient of the aid has knowingly provided false information, has not fulfilled the requirements underlying the payment of the aid, has received the aid unjustifiably in other ways, or has not used the aid as intended, the foundation requires the recipient to repay the aid in full or in part to the foundation within the time period specified in the recovery decision, after learning of the relevant decision.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

(3) The foundation shall decide to recover the aid granted in the case provided for in subsection 2 of this section within 30 days of learning of the violation.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

(4) The decision to recover the aid may be made within 10 years from the date of the decision to award the aid.

(5) The foundation shall apply subsections 2, 5, 7 and 8 of § 42 of this Act to the recovery of state aid, de minimis aid and other support, together with the differences arising from this section.

[RT I, 06.07.2018, 2 - enters into force. 01.09.2018]

§ 44. Recovery of illegal and misused state aid

Agricultural state aid and other state aid granted on the basis and in accordance with the procedure of this Act, which has been recognized by the grantor of the state aid, the European Commission or the Court of Justice of the European Union as illegal or misused state aid within the meaning of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589, will be reclaimed on the basis and in the procedure

provided for in § 42 of the Competition Act, and in such a case, §§ 42 and 43 of this Act shall not apply to the recovery.
[RT I, 02.06.2021, 2 - enters into force. 01.07.2021]

Chapter 11

STATE AID, DEGREE AID AND OTHER SUPPORT REPORTING

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 45. Reporting of agricultural state aid

(1) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture prepares the annual report on the state aid granted in the previous calendar year based on the pre-filled agricultural state aid report table sent by the European Commission and transmits it electronically to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Estonia to the European Union, which transmits the report to the European Commission no later than June 30 or the deadline set by the European Commission.

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has the right to request data from the grantor of state aid in order to prepare the report provided for in subsection 1 of this section.

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§ 45 . Compliance with the transparency requirement for agricultural state aid

(1) In the case of granting individual aid exceeding the amount specified in Article 9(1)(c) and (2) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 and the amount specified in Clause 112(c) and Clause 113 of the State Aid Guidelines, the state aid provider shall enter in Annex III of Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 and the data specified in subparagraphs b and c of point 112 of the state aid guidelines to the relevant website of the European Commission within four calendar months of the grant of aid, and in the case of grant of aid in the form of a tax discount, within ten calendar months of the due date of submitting the tax return. The grantor of state aid shall immediately notify the Ministry of Regional and Agricultural Affairs in writing.

[RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - enters into force. 21.03.2023, applied retroactively from 1 January 2023]

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture checks the data entered by the grantor of state aid and makes them available to the public on the relevant website of the European Commission by the deadline specified in Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 or state aid guidelines.

[RT I, 11.03.2023, 5 - enters into force. 21.03.2023, applied retroactively from 1 January 2023]

(3) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has the right to demand the submission of additional data from the state aid provider.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 46. Keeping records and reporting on the granting of agricultural aid of minor importance

(1) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture uses data from the register of state aid and de minimis aid kept on the basis of the Competition Act for accounting and reporting on the provision of agricultural aid of minor importance.

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture has the right to request data from the grantor of aid for the purpose of keeping records and reporting on the granting of agricultural aid of minor importance.

[RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - enters into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 47. Entry of data into the register

(1) On the basis of this Act, state aid, de minimis aid and other support granted through PRIA and grants granted through PRIA on the basis of the Structural Support Act for the period 2004–2006, PRIA shall enter the following data into the register of agricultural subsidies and farmlands, which is kept in good order on the basis of the Act on the Implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union:

1) the name, register or personal identification code or, if there is no personal identification code, date of birth of the applicant and recipient of aid or support, information about his residence, location or place of business and current account and his contact information, as well as information about the death of a natural person and the liquidation of a legal entity;

2) data of the application submitted for assistance or support and data obtained during the processing of the application.

[RT I, 13.03.2019, 2 - enters into force. 15.03.2019]

(2) The Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, PRIA, the foundation, the National Support Center and other providers of aid on the basis of the law shall submit the data of the agricultural aid of minor importance specified in § 17 subsection 1 of this Act granted through them to the register of state aid and minor aid maintained on the basis of the Competition Act.

[RT I, 15.05.2020, 1 - enters into force. 25/05/2020]

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§ 47 . Data verification

The correctness of the data necessary for the implementation of the national measures for the organization of rural life and the agricultural market can be checked from the registers containing this data.

[RT I, 13.03.2019, 2 - enters into force. 15.03.2019]

Chapter 12

RESPONSIBILITY

§ 48. Failure to fulfill the requirements for preventing the spread of wind oat

[Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

§ 49. Violation of the requirements for determining the ingredients and quality of agricultural products

(1) Violation of the requirements for determining the ingredients and quality of agricultural products - shall be punished with a fine of up to 300 fine units.

(2) For the same act, if it has been committed by a legal entity, - shall be punished with a fine of up to 3,200 euros.
[RT I 2010, 22, 108 - entry into force. 01.01.2011]

§ 50. Procedure

(1) [Repealed - RT I, 12.07.2014, 1 - entered into force. 01.01.2015]

(2) [Repealed - RT I, 14.03.2017, 1 - entered into force. 24.03.2017]

(3) The out-of-court procedure for misdemeanors provided for in § 49 of this Act is the Agriculture and Food Board.
[RT I, 01.07.2020, 1 - enters into force. 01.01.2021]

Chapter 13 IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS

§ 51. Minor aid granted in previous years

The provider of minor agricultural aid submits data on recipients of agricultural minor aid granted since August 1, 2005 and the amount of aid granted to them by September 1, 2008 at the latest to PRIA, which transfers the data of aid recipients on the basis of the Act on the Implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union and to the properly maintained register of agricultural subsidies and farmland by October 1, 2008.

§ 52. Recovery of state aid and minor aid granted in previous years

Before August 1, 2008:

1) the processing of initiated recoveries and refunds will be completed in accordance with the requirements set forth in the legislation in force at the time the said procedure was initiated;

2) in the case of a decision to satisfy a support request made or a refund of support granted in accordance with an administrative contract concluded, the grounds for refund provided in the legislation in force at the time of making the said decision or concluding the administrative contract shall be used.

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§ 52 . Transfer of agricultural de minimis aid data

Starting from January 1, 2009, PRIA submits the data registered in the register of agricultural subsidies and farmlands about recipients of agricultural aid of minor importance and the amount of aid granted to them to the register of state aid and minor aid by February 1, 2015 at the latest.

[RT I, 30.12.2014, 2 - enters into force. 01.01.2015]

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§ 52 . Implementation of § 44 of this Act

(1) The revision of § 44 of this Act, which entered into force on July 1, 2021, is applied in cases of detection of illegally granted or misused state aid, if the state aid has been granted since July 1, 2021.

(2) With respect to state aid granted before July 1, 2021, for which a recovery decision must be made from July 1, 2021, the revision of the Act on Rural Life and Agricultural Market Organization valid until June 30, 2021 shall apply.

[RT I, 02.06.2021, 2 - enters into force. 01.07.2021]

§ 53. – § 55. [Omitted from this text.]

§ 56. Validity of authorization norms of the Rural Life and Agricultural Market Organization Act

§ 19 (2), § 58 (1) of the Act on the Organization of Rural Life and Agricultural Market, which has been in force until now, only with regard to support for the replacement of a farmer and apprenticeship support, § 67 (4), § 68 (3), § 69 (2), § 70 (4) and (5), § 72 (3) and legislation issued on the basis of § 73 shall be valid after the entry into force of this Act until repealed or until new legislation issued on the basis of this Act enters into force.

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§ 56 . Transferring the execution of administrative matters

As of September 1, 2018, the employment contracts of employees related to the execution of the administrative contract specified in § 4,

20 subsection 3 of the revision of this Act valid until August 31, 2018, will be transferred to the State Support Services Center, which continues to perform administrative tasks, and § 112 subsection 1 of the Employment Contracts Act shall apply to them.

[RT I , 15.05.2020, 1 - in force. 25/05/2020]

§ 57. Repeal of the Rural Life and Agricultural Market Organization Act

[Omitted from this text.]

§ 58. Entry into force of the law

This law enters into force on August 1, 2008.