

No. 10-65/2

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On the basis of Article 9, Paragraph (1) and Article 12 Paragraph (1) of the Law on State Aid („Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia”, No. 24/03, 70/06 and 55/07) and Article 6 of the Regulation on the Forms and Procedure of Notification to the Commission and for Assessment of State Aid („Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia”, No. 81/03), the Commission for Protection of Competition, on its session held on the 26.02.2010, has reached the following

DECISION

The State aid which shall be granted according the Program for Improvement of the Competitiveness of the Macedonian Products and Services in 2010 (hereinafter: Program for Competitiveness), by the Ministry of Economy in 2010. With the Program for Competitiveness will be supported activities for improvement of the Macedonian products and services in 2010, in the total amount of 5.196.000.00 denars, including:

- Assets destination for realization of certification of quality system (ISO, HACCP, SA 8000) by which means the business entities are compensated 50% of proven cost, but not more than 60.000,00 denars for each individual business entity;
- Assets destination for business entities that acceded to the preparation of conceptual design solution for industrial product released into circulation during the last three years, the Ministry of Economy compensated 50% of the proven cost of business entities, but not more than 30,000.00 denars for each individual applicant;
- Assets destination for organizing and participant in workshops and roundtables in Republic of Macedonia, the total amount of 400,000.00 denars;
- Assets destination for presenting the individual industries of the national common stand of international manifestation in the foreign country, the total amount of 2,936,000.00

is approved.

For the purpose of preparation of a register of firms that have received *de minimis* aid, the Commission imposes the Ministry an obligation, following the award of above mentioned financial support, to provide notification to the Commission with the names of companies, their tax numbers and the exact amount that each company has received on the basis of the above mentioned Program.

EXPLANATION

Ministry of Economy, as a provider of State aid, with a letter no. 10-65/1 from 29.01.2010 to the Commission for Protection of Competition, submitted Notification on State aid in 2010, based on the Program for Improvement of the Competitiveness of the Macedonian Products and Services in 2010.

The Commission assess that aid, granted to business entities based on the Program for Competitiveness, is compatible aid according to Article 4 Paragraph (3) of the Law on State Aid, i.e. State aid that does not exceed the amount of 100,000 euro for three years (de minimis aid).

The Commission for Protection of Competition, according to Article 12 Paragraph (1) of the Law on State Aid, and according to Article 6 of the Regulation on the Forms and Procedure of Notification to the Commission and for Assessment of State Aid, has decided that the aid which shall be granted by the Ministry of Economy on the basis of the Program for Competitiveness is compatible with the Law.

Therefore, with regards to the previously stated, the decision was reached as in the dispositive.

Instruction for legal remedy: Against this decision, complain for initiating an administrative dispute can be lodged before the administrative court within 30 days from the day of receiving this decision.

President

Cedomir Krlevski