

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION
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**Second amendment to the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework
for State Aid measures to support the economy following the
aggression against Ukraine by Russia**

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On 9 March 2023, the Commission adopted its Communication on the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia («**the “Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework”**»).

On 20 November 2023 (**first amendment**), the Commission decided that the exceptional measures set out in the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework to remedy a serious disturbance could be phased out on 31 December 2023, but delayed the phase-out of sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework **until 30 June 2024**. The Commission recognised that the current crisis continued to pose risks and remained a source of uncertainty in specific markets, include the fishery sector.

In the European Council held on 21-22 March 2024, Member States highlighted the continued impact of the current crisis and the challenges faced by the agricultural sector.

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- Then, against this background, the Commission considered that although the existing support measures generally enable Member States to address the remaining sources of uncertainty, there were still pockets of vulnerability and a particular need in the agricultural, **fisheries and aquaculture** sectors for more time to implement effective support measures.
- So, the Commission decided to prolong the phase out of section 2.1 (Limited amounts of aid) of the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework **until 31 December 2024** for aid granted to undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products as well as the fishery and aquaculture sectors
- **Member States will, therefore, have the possibility to continue supporting the fishery and aquaculture sector in the light of persistent market disturbances.**

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The extension to 31/12/2024 does not entail an increase in the ceilings set for limited amounts of aid.

Therefore, Member States will be able to continue to provide companies affected by the crisis or sanctions and counter-sanctions, including from Russia, up to EUR 280,000 (agriculture sector) and EUR 335,000 (fisheries and aquaculture sectors) per beneficiary

Note: the state aid in question is not to be confused with «de minimis» aid: the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted per Member State to a single undertaking shall not exceed EUR 30 000 over any period of three fiscal years; by way of derogation, a Member State may decide that the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed EUR 40 000 over any period of three fiscal years, provided that the Member State has in place a national central register. (From Reg. 2023/2391)