

Possibilities under rural development (Regulation 1698/2005) to support adaptation to new requirements on animal welfare

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Modernisation of agricultural holdings

- Investments to comply with newly introduced EU standards
- Period of grace for supporting investments leading to comply with the newly introduced standard counted as up to 36 months from the date the standard becomes mandatory in national law and from when farmers have to comply with such a standard
- The investment shall result in ensuring compliance with the new standard



Modernisation of agricultural holdings

- Possible to support young farmers for complying with existing EU standards
- For young farmers period of grace 36 months from the date of setting up
- Support rate maximum 40% of the eligible amount of investment
- Higher support rates for LFA, young farmers & Natura 2000



Meeting standards based on EU legislation

- Support to cover partly costs incurred and income forgone caused to farmers who have to apply new standards
- Standards in the fields of environmental protection, public health, animal and plant health, *animal welfare* and occupational safety
- Standards newly introduced in national legislation implementing EU law



Meeting standards based on EU legislation

- The standard must have a significant impact on typical farm operating costs and concern a significant number of farmers
- Costs for investments not eligible
- Max 5 years
- Max 10 000 EUR/holding/year



Animal welfare

- Animal welfare payments provided for voluntary animal welfare commitments
- Payments cover only those commitments going beyond the relevant mandatory standards of cross-compliance and other relevant mandatory requirements set by national legislation
- Commitments are to be undertaken for the period between 5 and 7 years
- Payments are granted annually and cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the commitments made.



Thank you!



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