



# COVID-19 and Market measures

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- 🍅 **Green lanes** - Member States are requested to designate internal border-crossing points on the trans-European transport network as 'green lane' border crossings. Green lane border crossings should be open to all freight vehicles, whatever goods they are carrying, and the aim is that crossing the border should not take more than 15 minutes.



<https://covid-19.sixfold.com/>

- 🍅 **Seasonal workers** - Guidance document on the implementation of the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU further facilitates transit arrangements for the repatriation of EU citizens, and on the effects on visa policy.

[https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/20200330\\_covid-19-guidance-implementing-temporary-restriction-non-essential-travel-eu\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/20200330_covid-19-guidance-implementing-temporary-restriction-non-essential-travel-eu_en)



## **State aid** measures:

-  Member States to channel up to EUR 100,000 to individual farmers, who are facing liquidity shortage.
-  This amount can be topped up by *de minimis* aid, a type of national support specific to the agricultural sector that can be granted without prior approval from the Commission.

Recently, the ceiling of this aid was increased to EUR 20,000 within three consecutive years (and up to EUR 25,000 in specific cases). This means that the total national support that can be granted per farm adds up to EUR 120,000 (or EUR 125,000) under the temporary framework.



## COVID-19 - Market measures

- 🍅 **Potatoes** – Art. 222 CMO - agreements concerning potatoes for processing and common decisions concerning potatoes for processing on market withdrawals and free distribution, transformation and processing, storage, joint promotion and temporary planning of production during a period of 6 months. (IA 2020/593)
- 🍅 **Dairy products** (skimmed milk powder, butter, cheeses) and **meat** (beef, sheep and goat) - private storage aid and advance payments. (DA 2020/591, IA 2020/595, 2020/596, 2020/597 and 2020/598)
- 🍅 **Olive oil and table olives** - flexibility for amendments to the three-year work programmes. (IA 2020/600)



🍅 **Fruit and vegetables** – Art. 37 CMO - retain producer organisations' recognition and avoid administrative procedures and penalties; ensure that operational programmes can be continued and adapted to the circumstances of each individual case; enable producer organisations to allocate more than one third of their expenditure to crisis management and prevention measures; make it easier for producer organisations to implement the non-harvesting measure; provide flexibility in terms of controls. (DA2020/592, IA 2020/600, IA 2020/532)

● **Withdrawal for free distribution:**

- **≥ 33 % of expenditure under operational programmes;**
- **Flexibility in terms of controls (OTSC and sample %)**



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