

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT**

No. 1/2011

Notification of State Aid Schemes according to Article 21

Adopted on 23 November 2011

The Joint Committee,

Pursuant to Article 21.7 of the Agreement on the Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement;

With the objective to ensure transparency in the area of state aid,

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

Definitions

For the purpose of this decision:

- a) "aid" shall mean any measure fulfilling all the criteria laid down in Article 21 (1) of the Agreement,
- b) "aid scheme" shall mean any act on the basis of which individual aid awards may be decided, without further implementing measures being required, for undertakings defined within the act in a general and abstract manner, and any act on the basis of which aid may be awarded to one or several undertaking for an indefinite period of time and/or for an indefinite amount but not linked to a specific project;
- c) "existing aid scheme" shall mean any aid scheme which have existed prior to the adoption of this decision and is still applicable after the adoption of this decision.
- d) "new aid schemes" shall mean all aid schemes which are not existing aid scheme, including alterations to existing aid schemes.

Article 2

The Joint Committee hereby decides that the Parties shall report to the Joint Committee through the Secretariat on their existing aid schemes by using the form and questionnaire which are enclosed to this decision in its Annex 1 (Report on State Aid). The first reporting of existing aid schemes shall be completed by the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held following the adoption of this decision.

Article 3

The Parties shall report to the Joint Committee on their new aid schemes through using the same form and questionnaire not later than 3 months after their entry into force.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Paris on 23 November 2011 in the presence of representatives of

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244