



The New General Block Exemption Regulation

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General Block Exemption Regulation

- The General block exemption Regulation (GBER), in force since 29 August 2008, simplifies aid granting procedures for Member States
- Authorising without prior notification a range of measures fulfilling horizontal common interest objectives.
- Less administrative burden for “good” and “simple” State aid measures

Modernisation of the GBER

- Present GBER in force since 2008
- Latest new draft published 18 December 2013
- Entry into force 1 July 2014
- Purpose: to cover 75% of the State aid measures by Member States and 2/3 of the corresponding budget
- Therefore: additional exemption categories and an increase in thresholds for individual notification

Features of the new GBER

- More transparency, obligation to publish details of the aid and more monitoring on individual level
- Also Member States must include an evaluation plan for larger schemes
- More responsibility for Member States: make your State aid assessment yourself!
- Strong need for additional State aid expertise at national and local level

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