

Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 of 12 January  
2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC  
Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises

*Article 5*

**Consultancy and other services and activities**

Aid to small and medium-sized enterprises that fulfil the following conditions shall be compatible with the common market within the meaning of Article 87(3) of the Treaty and shall be exempt from the notification requirement of Article 88(3) of the Treaty:

- (a) for services provided by outside consultants, the gross aid shall not exceed 50 % of the costs of such services. The services concerned shall not be a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the enterprise's usual operating expenditure, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services, or advertising;
- (b) for participation in fairs and exhibitions, the gross aid shall not exceed 50 % of the additional costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand. This exemption shall only apply to the first participation of an enterprise in a particular fair or exhibition.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001, Article 5.