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Subject : Your e-mail concerning State aid for the purchase of fertilizers.

Sir,

Thank you for your e-mail from 12 March 2009, in which you ask whether the Romanian government has already taken steps to make sure that Romanian farmers will receive aids for the purchase of fertilizers.

At this stage, the Commission has not received any official notification concerning an aid for the purchase of fertilizers.

I would like to draw your attention on the fact that such an aid would be an operating aid incompatible with the common market according to Community State aid rules.

If the Romanian government wants to grant such an aid, the only possible solution is to use the remaining part of the *de minimis* amount established for Romania in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1535/2007 (98.685 million EUR) and to grant it within the limits established per beneficiary in the same Regulation (7.500 € over any period of three fiscal years).

Yours sincerely,

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