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Factsheet for case **SE-2020-14/567**

Rent support for companies in vulnerable sectors

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Country	Sweden, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 01 April 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 07 May 2020)

Background information

To support tenants operating in certain vulnerable sectors, the Swedish government has introduced a rent rebate scheme. The measure is regulated in the Ordinance (2020:237) on state support when certain tenants receive rent rebates (Förordning om statligt stöd när vissa lokalhyresgäster fått rabatt på hyran (2020:237)).

This measure was approved by the EU Commission on April 15, 2020. The scheme was approved under the State aid Temporary Framework adopted by the Commission on 19 March 2020, as amended on 3 April 2020.

Content of measure

The scheme is designed for tenants in the hotel, restaurants, retail and several other sectors that saw their revenues heavily decreasing or even disappearing due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The measure covers up to 50% of rent reductions negotiated between tenants and landlords (but no more than 25% of the initial fixed rent costs) for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

The compensation is applied for by the landlord retroactively through a digital application system administered by the County Administrative Boards.

The government has allocated SEK 5 billion (approximately EUR 453 million) for this support measure.

Use of measure

Data on the uptake of this measure are not yet available.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government EU (Council, EC, EP)	Sector specific set of companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Unknown

N/A

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
G - Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles	G45 Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
	G47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
I - Accommodation And Food Service Activities	I55 Accommodation
	I56 Food and beverage service activities
J - Information And Communication	J59 Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
N - Administrative And Support Service Activities	N79 Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities

	N82 Office administrative, office support and other business support activities
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q86 Human health activities
R - Arts, Entertainment And Recreation	R90 Creative, arts and entertainment activities
	R91 Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
	R93 Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities
S - Other Service Activities	S95 Repair of computers and personal and household goods
	S96 Other personal service activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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