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Factsheet for case ES-2020-14/645

Refund of expenses and granting of aid for cancellation of international trade promotion activities and other international events

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Country	Spain, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 31 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	15 April 2020 (updated 30 April 2020)

Background information

Many companies have suffered cancellations of numerous events planned to support their internationalization with the support of ICEX. In many cases, expenses have been already made in events organized by ICEX that have been canceled for reasons of force majeure. Likewise, in the event of cancellation of international events, ICEX will grant companies additional aid based on non-recoverable expenses incurred.

Additionally, ICEX may grant aid to those companies that had planned to participate in international events that have been promoted or organized by other collaborating entities of ICEX itself (these entities may also be beneficiaries). These grants will be in line with the expenses borne and unrecoverable in the present or future edition of an international event canceled as a result of the pandemic.

Content of measure

ICEX Spain Export and Investments is empowered to return to companies that have incurred unrecoverable expenses in this or future editions of the fees paid for participation in fairs, or other activities to promote international trade, which have been summoned by the entity, when these are canceled, seriously affected or postponed by the organizer as a result of COVID 19. In the event of postponement, the company must justify its inability to attend the new edition.

It is empowered to grant and pay aid to companies that will participate in international events organized through ICEX collaborating entities and to the collaborating entities themselves, depending on the costs incurred that are not recoverable in this or future editions, when activities are canceled as a consequence of COVID 19

Use of measure

No data available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	All companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No social partner involvement reported.

Probably, no involvement needed, as the social partners or at least Trade Unions should have not been involved in the adoption of this measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 31 March 2020: Royal Decree 11/2020 (www.boe.es)