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Factsheet for case **HR-2020-14/514**

Decision on the implementation of the provisional extraordinary measures to assist small dairies with operating problems caused by COVID-19 disease

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Background Information

Many small-scale dairy producers have serious business problems caused by the COVID-19 epidemic because nobody can withdraw and buy their daily production of milk. In the same time, some institutions of social welfare and hospitals do not have enough quantities of milk. Therefore, there was a need for government action to aid them and to save milk production. The Ministry of Agriculture will determine the list of small dairies that are eligible for the support from this Decision.

Content of measure

This Decision establishes a provisional emergency measure to assist small-scale dairies with business problems caused by the COVID-19 epidemic. The activity consists of withdrawing and buying dairy production of dairies which have an annual production up to 14 million liters of raw milk. The withdrawal and purchase of surpluses from small dairies also ensures the smooth continued production and supply of milk. Recipients are obliged to ensure that all necessary measures are considered during withdraw and distribution of dairy products, in accordance with the instructions and decisions of the Civil Protection Authorities of the Republic of Croatia and local civil protection headquarters.

Use of measure

In addition to assisting small dairies and ensuring the smooth production of milk on farms, this Decision provides for quantities of dairy products intended for free of charge distribution. The recipients of the dairy products referred to in this Decision will be intermediaries in the food donation chain, registered in the Register of Food Donors, maintained by the Ministry of Agriculture. Furthermore, recipients will be also hospitals, social welfare centers and social welfare institutions managed or recognized by the competent authorities.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Sector specific set of companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

Due to the nature of the measure, social partners were not involved.

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
A - Agriculture, Forestry And Fishing	A1 Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 02 April 2020: Odluka o provedbi privremene izvanredne mjere pomoći malim mljekarama s problemima u poslovanju uzrokovanih epidemijom bolesti COVID-19 (narodne-novine.nn.hr)