

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-003150/25
to the Commission
Danuše Nerudová (PPE)
(30 July 2025)**

Subject: Transparency regarding state aid granted to large Czech agricultural companies

The Commission has concluded that Czechia's support for insurance premiums granted to certain large Czech agricultural companies in 2018 is not in line with EU rules for state aid. Consequently, Czechia must now recover the incompatible state aid with interest.

As this situation clearly has a harmful effect on Czech taxpayers, maximum transparency is essential to inform the public and identify those responsible for this misuse of taxpayers' money.

1. In line with key principles such as Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union, which establishes that the EU is founded on the principle of transparency, will the Commission publish all details of its findings and the list of companies that wrongly received this support?
2. What other measures will the Commission propose to strengthen state aid rules and prevent the misuse of taxpayers' money in the future?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera on behalf of the European Commission
(28 August 2025)**

In compliance with Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the TFEU, the Commission will publish the full text of the decision adopted on 29 July 2025 in case SA.51501 (2021/C), once a non-confidential version is agreed with the Czech Republic.

Furthermore, as regards the recovery of unlawful aid, the Commission publishes regularly the statistics ⁽¹⁾ on recovery of unlawful aid including the names of the companies that are subject to recovery.

The current state aid procedural rules provide for several instruments that aim to prevent the misuse of aid. This includes monitoring of existing aid schemes, the power of the Commission to initiate a formal investigation procedure and the right of interested third parties (such as competitors) to submit a complaint to the Commission.

The Commission keeps its state aid rules under regular assessment, in order to ensure their efficient performance.

⁽¹⁾ https://competition-policy.ec.europa.eu/state-aid/procedures/recovery-unlawful-aid_en.