The Commission adopted a Temporary Crisis Framework on 23 March 2022\(^1\) to enable Member States to use the flexibility foreseen under State aid rules to support the economy in the context of the aggression against Ukraine by Russia\(^2\). The new framework will enable Member States to (i) grant temporary limited amounts of aid to undertakings affected by the Russian aggression against Ukraine and/or by the related EU sanctions and retaliatory countermeasures taken; (ii) ensure that sufficient liquidity remains available to businesses through State guarantees and subsidised loans; and (iii) grant temporary support to undertakings to alleviate exceptionally severe increases in the price of natural gas and electricity.

Under Section 2.4 of the Temporary Crisis Framework, energy-intensive undertakings active in particularly affected sectors and sub-sectors listed in Annex 1 to the Communication may benefit from higher amounts of aid and higher aid intensities. Those include the manufacture of leather clothes, manufacture of man-made fibres, preparation and spinning of textile fibres and manufacture of non-wovens and articles made from non-wovens, except apparel.

In particular, according to the new rules, in order to ensure access to liquidity to undertakings affected by the current disturbance of the economy, Member States will be able to set-up schemes to grant up to EUR 400 000 per undertaking in the form of direct grants, tax and payment advantages or other forms including repayable advances, guarantees, loans and equity. Liquidity support in the form of subsidised State guarantees or loans with subsidised interest rates may also be compatible with the internal market on the basis of Article 107(3)(b) Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) under specific conditions.

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\(^1\) Communication from the Commission Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia, OJ 24.03.2022, C 131I, p. 1, \url{https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.CI.2022.131.01.0001.01.ENG}

\(^2\) \url{https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_22_1949}