1. The *de minimis* Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013\(^1\) was subject to a substantial review in 2018/2019 and resulted in an amendment by Regulation (EU) 2019/316\(^2\). That amendment consisted of an increase of the ceiling of *de minimis* aid to individual aid beneficiaries from EUR 15,000 to EUR 20,000 (i.e. an increase of 33%) or under specific conditions even to EUR 25,000 (i.e. an increase of 66%). At this stage, the Commission is not considering reviewing the *de minimis* ceiling in the agricultural sector. The EUR 25,000 ceiling applies only to agricultural primary production\(^3\). For processing and marketing of agricultural products, the general *de minimis* Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013\(^4\) applies, which provides for a EUR 200,000 ceiling.

2. The State aid rules in the agricultural sector currently under revision\(^5\) concern the Agricultural Block Exemption Regulation\(^6\) and the Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas\(^7\), and not the *de minimis* Regulation. Therefore, no derogation to the EUR 25,000 ceiling is currently envisaged. However, in the current situation, Member States also have the possibility to use the Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression by Russia against Ukraine\(^8\).

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\(^3\) The general *de minimis* aid is EUR 20,000 over any period of 3 fiscal years. The cap of EUR 25,000 only applies if the Member State concerned (as the case is for Italy) has in place a national central *de minimis* register.


\(^7\) OJ C 131 I, 24.03.2022, p. 1.