

REPORTING

OF AN IRREGULARITY

Member States are obliged to report under Reg. 1848/2006 all irregularities concerning EAGF and EAFRD.

Definition of irregularity

The definition of the term irregularity can be found in art. 2(2) Reg. 1848/2 006. An irregularity is: any infringement of a provision of Community law resulting from an act or omission by an economic operator which has, or would have, the effect of prejudicing the general budget of the Communities by charging an unjustified item of expenditure to the Community budget;

Key-elements in the definition are:

- § infringements;
- § Community law;
- § act or omission;
- § economic operator
- § Community budget

Basic rule: all irregularities have to be reported!

There are, of course, a few exceptions on the rule. These exceptions are:

- 1. threshold of € 10,000. Irregularities relating to sums of less than € 10,000 Community funding do not have to be forwarded unless the Commission expressly requests it;
- 2. by way of derogation the following irregularities do not need to be reported:
 - 1. failure to (partially or totally) execute an operation co-financed by the EAFRD or subsidised under the EAGF owing to the bankruptcy of the final beneficiary or the final recipient (exception: irregularities preceding a bankruptcy and cases of su spected fraud must be reported);
 - 2. cases brought to the attention of the administrative authority
 - § by the final beneficiary or the final recipient voluntarily;
 - § before detection by the relevant authority;
 - (whether before or after the paym ent of the public contribution);
 - 3. cases where the administrative authority
 - § finds a mistake regarding the eligibility of the financed expenditure ;
 - § corrects the mistake prior to the payment of the public contribution.

Also for these 3 derogations count "unless the Commission expressly requests it".

The reporting obligations itself can be found in art. 3 and art. 5 of Reg. 1848/2006. Art. 3 Reg. 1848/2006 concerns the quarterly report as art. 5 Reg. 1848/2006 concerns the follow up. You will find the complete text of art. 3 Reg. 1848/2006 on page 3 of the introduction.

Deadline to report irregularities

Member States have the obligation to report all irregularities within 2 (two) months fo llowing the end of the quarter in which the irregularity was discovered.

The date of the discovery should be indicated in field 4.5 of module 1848. The date of discovery is the so called "PACA" (see art 2(1) and art. 3(1)k Reg. 1848/2006). You have in fact a minimum of 2 months and a maximum of 5 months to report an irregularity.

The words "within 2 (two) month s" does not mean that you have to wait till the end of the quarter to send a communication. Please send the communication as soon as you as you have finalised it. Do not wait till the end of the 2 -months period.

For your information: the 2-months period was created in the time that Member States were forwarding communications in paper format. You can imagine that relatively much time was ne eded to process communications therefore Member States were given a relatively long period to process the communications. The introduction of the electronic reporting system has made it possible to forward communications directly after the moment of discovery.

Quarterly report - reporting obligations (art. 3(1) a-p Reg. 1848/2006)

The reporting obligations are summed up in art. 3(1) a -p of Reg. 1848/2006: (see page 3)

- a. the common market organizations affected, the sectors and products concerned;
- b. the nature of the irregular expenditure;
- c. the Community provision which has been infringed;
- d. the date and the source of the firs t written information leading to the suspicion that an irregularity had been committed;
- e. the practices employed in committing the irregularity;
- f. where appropriate, whether the practice amounts to a suspected fraud;
- g. the manner in which the irregularity was di scovered;
- h. where appropriate, the Member States and third countries involved;
- i. the period during which, or the moment at which, the irregularity was committed;
- j. the national authorities or bodies which drew up the official report on the irregularity and the authorities responsible for administrative and/or judicial follow -up;
- k. the date on which the primary administrative or judicial finding on the irregularity was established;
- the identities of the natural and/or legal persons involved or of other entities whic h have taken part in the commission of the irregularity, except where this information is irrelevant for the purposes of combating irregularities, given the nature of the irregularity in question;
- m. the total amount of expenditure on the operation at issue, and, where appropriate, the distribution of its co-financing between Community, national, private and other contributions;
- n. the amount affected by the irregularity and, where appropriate, its distribution between Community, national, private and other contr ibutions; where no payment has been made to the persons and/or other entities identified under point (I), the amounts which would have been wrongly paid had the irregularity not been identified;
- o. the suspension of the payments, where applicable, and the pos sibilities of recovery;
- p. only in the case of irregularities relating to the EAFRD, the ARINCO or CCI (Common Identification Code) number of the programme affected.

Follow-up - reporting obligations (art. 5 Reg. 1848/2006)

- q. details concerning the initiatio n or abandonment of any procedures for imposing
 - § administrative sanctions or
 - § criminal sanctions

related to the notified irregularities

- r. the main results of the procedures as mentioned under point q;
- s. the character of the sanctions applied;
- t. whether the sanctions in question relate to the application of Community and/or national legislation, including a reference to the Community and/or national rules in wh ich the sanctions are laid down;
- u. all relevant information regarding the progress made notably on initiation, abandonment and termination in the procedures related to the recovery of any sums wrongly paid in a specific case or group of cases. The latter only u pon explicit request of the Commission .

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TAB-PAGE 1: IDENTIFICATION

Before reporting an irregularity, a choice needs to be made between the two (2) funds: 1. EAGF, which stands for European Agricultural Guarantee Fund

2. EAFRD, which stands for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

The choice has as result that the module will only show those fields that need to be filled for that specific fund.

Example:

Field 3.6. "Co-financing rate" will only be shown in case of EAFRD.

1.1. Reference number

The reference number of the Member State consist of five (5) sub-parts, i.e.:

1. The Member State abbreviation.

The abbreviations a

AT	= Austria	FI	= Finland	MT	= Malta	
BE	= Belgium	FR	= France	NL	= the Netherlands	
BG	= Bulgaria	GR	= Greece	ΡL	= Poland	
CY	= Cyprus	HU	= Hungary	PΤ	= Portugal	
CZ	= Czech Republic	IE	= Ireland	RO	= Romania	
DE	= Germany	IT	= Italy	SE	= Sweden	
DK	= Denmark	LT	= Lithuania	SI	= Slovenia	
EE	= Estonia	LU	= Luxembourg	SK	= Slovakia	
ES	= Spain	LV	= Latvia	UK	= United Kingdom	
Module 1848 generates automatically the correct abbreviation at the moment a use r logs in.						

- 2. The year, indicated in four (4) digits, e.g.: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 etcetera. By default, Module 1848 puts in the running year. You are however free to change that ;
- 3. The reporting authority indicated in maximum ten (10) digits. Characters and numbers can be used till a maximum of 10 digits. You are advised to use the code or abbreviation of the reporting authority so that it will be easier later on to identify which reporting authority has created the communication.
- 4. The unique case number. The system creates by itself a number. You are however free to change this number. Be wise, use a number that is in line with your own file number in order to make it easier to find a case back ;
- 5. The form version. The first communication of a case, the so-called Art. 3 communication, is always version 1. Art. 5 communication, i.e. updates, have a consecutive version number beginning with 2. The first update is therefore form version 2, the second update is form version 3 and so on.

The reference number should be indicated in columns b of tables 5 and 6 as mentioned in Reg. 885/2006¹. The heading of these columns is " IMS identification if applicable"

¹

Commission Regulation (EC) No 885/2006 of 21 June 2006 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 as regards the accreditation of paying agencies and other bodies and the clearance of the accounts of the EAGF and of the EAFRD

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Note:

Communications that were transferred from old Module 595 into Module 1848 received a new form version number: 50. All these communications needed to be made "1848 -ready" due to the introduction of new drop -down-lists. That task has been performed by OLAF. In order to make visible which communications were made 1848 -ready, form version 50 was given to all communications that were transferred from Module 595 into Module 1848. It also implies that the next update should have form version 51 (consecutive number!)

1.2. Internal reference number

The internal reference number could also be described as "national number" or "file number". You can key in the (file) number that was issued by you, your administration or your country.

The idea is that you can also perform a search on your own national file number.

1.3. Communication language

The language in which the communication is effected. This information makes it easier to perform "text mining" in a multi-lingual environment.

You can make a choice between the following languages:

BG	= Bulgarian	FI	= Finnish	NL	= Dutch
CS	= Czech	FR	= French	PL	= Polish
DA	= Danish	GA	= Gaelic	PΤ	= Portuguese
DE	= German	HU	= Hungarian	RO	= Romanian
EL	= Greek	IT	= Italian	SK	= Slovakian
ΕN	= English	LT	= Lithuanian	SL	= Slovenian
ES	= Spanish	LV	= Latvian	SV	= Swedish
ΕT	= Estonian	MT	= Maltese		

By default, Module 1848 will put in the abbreviation of the reporting Member State. If you prefer to report in a different language, for instance English, the language can be changed by a simple push on the button.

To avoid misunderstandings: you are allowed to report in your native language.

1.4. Date of communication

In this field you should indicate the date on which the communication was created. You should indicate the date by entering eight digits (dd/mm/yyyy). The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples :

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
- § 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002
- § 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

Please note that the date should be amended every time an update is effected. If the first communication (Art. 3) is made on 1 October 1999 and the update (Art. 5) on 6 July 2001 then the communication dates should be 01/10/1999 and 06/07/2001 respectively.

Note that the system itself creates a system date at the moment a communication has been created. The date of communication and the system date sh ould be in line with each other.

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Field 1.7.: Art. 3(1)j Reg. 1848/2006: the national authorities or bodies which drew up the official report on the irregularity and the authorities responsible for administrative and/or judicial follow-up;

1.5. Quarter of communication

The quarter to which the communication refers should be indicated. You should select the quarter and enter 4 digits for the year. Here are some example s:

- § 1/1999 = quarter 1 of the year 1999
- $\frac{1}{2}$ 2/2000 = quarter 2 of the year 2000
- 3/2004 = quarter 3 of the year 2004
- § 4/2007 = quarter 4 of the year 2007

For example, if a n initial communication (art. 3 communication) was made in February 200 7 then you should enter 1/2007. If new information becomes available in September 2009, you create an update by clicking on the button "article 5" and indicate 3/2009.

1.6. Quarter of art. 3 communication

This field is automatically filled and will contain the quarter of the initial art. 3 communication.

1.7. Reporting authority

The idea is that the creator of a communication indicate s the name of the reporting authority to which he or she belongs. In other words, you should indicate the name of your service.

1.8. Article 4

In the 1848-meeting of June 2009, Member States requested to have the possibility to create a so called article 4 communication.

Art. 4 Reg. 1848/2006 obliges Member State to submit a communication in case:

- § a new modus operandi has been discovered, or
- § an irregularity would have repercussions for other Member States.

An article 4 communication in itself does not differ from an article 3 communication: the same information needs to be reported. This means that the same form can be used to submit an article 3 communication as well as an article 4 communication. There should only be a possibility to indicate that it also concerns an article 4 communication. In order to do so, a tick box has been created on tab page 1. It makes it possible for you to indicate that it also concerns an article 4 communication.

By putting a tick mark in the check box b, you also create an article 4 communication. OLAF will then take the necessary steps to inform all concerned parties.

1.9. Case closed

The status of a case should be indicated: closed or open. You can indicate "case closed" by a tick mark in the check box \wp .

You are also requested to indicate the date on which the case is closed. This "closure date" will trigger automatically some procedures as for inst ance the deletion of personal data x-years after a case has been closed.

To avoid misunderstandings: it concerns the status from a Member State's perspective.

Last but not least: all fields with a red asterisk * are mandatory.

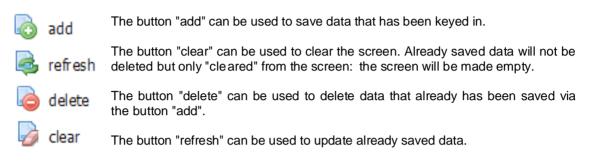
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Tab-page 2: Art. 3(1)I Reg. 1848/2006: the identities of the natural and/or legal persons involved or of other entities which have taken part in the commission of the irregularity, except where this information is irrelevant for the purposes of combating irregularities, given the nature of the irregularity in question.

TAB-PAGE 2: PERSONAL DATA

Fields 2.1. -2.13. are part of a so called multi-value group. All fields in the box belong to the same multi-value group. That means that you have to click on one of the buttons on the right hand side of the box in order to process the data. If you do not click on one of these buttons, all your work will be for nothing.



In other words, always click on one of the buttons (add, refresh, delete and clear) on the right hand side of the box in order to save your work.

Tab page 2 offers you the possibility to process personal data. The legal basis and obligation to indicate the persons involved can be found i n art. 3(1)I of Reg. 1848/2006.

2.1. Legal status

The legal status of the person involved should be indicated: natural person or legal entity.

To avoid misunderstandings:

Fields 2.5., 2.6. and 2.7. should not be used in case the person involved is a legal entity; Fields 2.2., 2.3. and 2.4. should not be used in case the person involved is a natural person.

The module will show the fields based on the choice made in field 2.1.

Legal entity

2.2. Name

The official and complete legal name of the legal ent ity involved needs to be indicated.

2.3. Trade name

A trade name, also known as a trading name or a business name, is the name which a business trades under for commercial purposes, although its registered, legal name, used for contracts and other formal situations, may be another.

2.4. Parent name

A parent company is a holding company that owns enough voting stock in another firm to control management and operations by influencing or electing its board of directors.

The legal entity indicated in field 2.2. can belong to a group of companies. In that case, the (official and complete legal) name of parent company needs to be indicated.

Field 2.2. should always be used to indicate the name of the person involved. Fields 2.3. and 2.4. should only be used if field 2.2. has been filled.

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Natural person

2.2. Name

The family name of the natural person involved needs to be indicated.

2.3. First name

The christian name(s) need to be indicated.

2.4. Independent prefix

In some Member States an independent prefix is put between the christian name and the family name, as for instance John van der Zee. The independent prefix in this case is "van der" and should be indicated in this field.

2.5.	Street and house number	The complete address of the person(s)
2.6.	Postal code	mentioned in 2.2. an d/or 2.5 should be
2.7.	City	indicated. The country pick list is based
2.8.	Country	on the ISO 3166 -1 numeric codes.

2.9. National Identification Number

A national identification number is used by the governments of many countries as a means of tracking their citizens, permanent residents, and temporary residents for the purposes of work, taxation, government benefits, health care, and other governmentally -related functions. Sometimes, the number will appear on an identity card issued by a country.

The ways in which such a system is implemented is dependent on the country, but in most cases, a citizen is issued a number at birth or when they reach a legal age (typically the age of 18). Non - citizens are issued such numbers when they enter the country.

Many countries issued such numbers ostensibly for a singular purpose, but over time, they become a de facto national identification number.

2.10. Paying Agency ID number

The paying agency identification number as provided by DG AGRI should be indicated. The up-todate code list F100 can be found on CAP -ED: https://awai.cec.eu.int /.

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2.11. Justification non-disclosure

The basis rule is that Member States are obliged to indicate the identity of the natural and/or legal persons.

In certain specific cases where certain conditions are fulfilled (see for instance art. 3(4) Reg. 1848/2006), the nominal data does not need to be forwarded. The justification of the non -disclosure of nominal data should be indicated here.

In case the non-disclosure of nominal data is based on national law, the reference numbers of the relevant national legislation, including the articles and paragraphs, should be indicated. The justification should contain more than the simple line "national data protection rules do not allow to forward nominal data".

As stated, the basis rule is that Member States are obliged to ind icate the identity of the natural and/or legal persons involved therefore, the justification of the non -disclosure of nominal data should be clear, precise and to the point.

The European Commission respects data protection rules.

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Legal obligation Fields 3.1 – 3.4..: Art. 3(1)a Reg. 1848/2006: the common market organizations affected, the sectors and products concerned;

TAB-PAGE 3: SECTOR

Tab page 3 contains 2 multi -value groups:

- 1. sector;
- 2. provisions infringed

All fields in same box belong to the same multi -value group. That means that you have to click on one of the buttons on the right hand side of the box in order to process the data. If you do not click on one of these buttons, all your work will be for nothing.

add	The button "add" can be used to save data that has been keyed in.
refresh	The button "clear" can be used to clear the screen. Already saved data will not be deleted but only "cleared" from the screen: the screen will be made empty.
delete	The button "delete" can be used to delete data that already has been saved via the button "add".
clear	The button "refresh" can be used to update already saved data.
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In other words, always click on one of the buttons (add, refresh, delete and clear) on the right hand side of the box in order to save your work.

Tab page 3 offers you the possibility to indicate the sectors concerned and provisions infringed. Where more than one is concerned or infringed, you can add others by clicking on the button "add".

Expenditures are based on the appropriations for a given year. Member States should therefore indicate the budget years as well as the appropriations so that the budget line s affected by irregularities can be identified.

The agricultural budget year runs from 16 October year x until 15 October year x+1 .

3.1. Budget year

This field creates a direct link between the EAGF /EAFRD budget, i.e. the budget line and the budget year. You should therefore key in the year in which the expenditure was charged to the budget.

You should input the relevant year into this field using four (4) digits, e.g. 1999, 2008, 2010 etc.

3.2. Budget chapter

The budget chapter of the DG AGRI's nomenclature needs to be indicated. The pick list shows only the budget chapters of the budget year that was indicated in field 3.1. budget year.

Budget chapters are indicated in six (6) digits. Some examples for the year 2007:

- 05 02 01 = cereals
- 05 02 02 = rice
- 05 02 03 = Refunds on non-Annex 1 products

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3.3. Budget article

The budget article needs to be indicated in two (2) digits. The pick list shows a limited number of budget articles based on the selections made in field 3.1. and 3.2.

Some examples for the year 2007 conc erning budget chapter 05 02 01 (cereals):

01 = export refunds for cereals

02 = intervention storage of cereals

3.4. Measure

A distinction needs to be made between EAGF -irregularities and EAFRD -irregularities.

1. EAGF

The measure needs to be indicated in four (4) or seven (7) digits depending on the budget year. The pick list shows a limited number of measures based on the selections made in field 3.1., 3.2. and 3.3.

Some examples for the year 2007 concerning budget chapter 0 5 02 01 (cereals) and budget article 01 (export refunds for cereals):

1000 014 = refunds common wheat grain and flour

1001 014 = refunds barley grain and malt

2. EAFRD

The measure needs to be indicated in three (3) digits. The pick list shows a limited number of measures based on the selections made in field 3.1., 3.2. and 3.3.

Some examples for the year 2007 concerning budget chapter 05 04 05 (rural development) and budget article 01 (programmes):

= setting up of young farmers

113 = early retirement

3.5. Product

The Combined Nomenclature code (CN-code) should only be indicated in case of "EAGF - irregularities". The CN-code needs to be indicated in four (4) digits.

The products to which the communication refers should be input into this field. The pick list offers you a choice between various products classified according to the main categori es of the CN-code.

Some examples:

- 0102 = Live bovine animals
- 0201 = Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
- 1001 = Wheat and meslin

Additional codes are:

0000 = non applicable

- 9991 = unknown or undescribed product
- 9992 = mixed products
- 9993 = provisions

These additional codes should only be used in case no Combined Nomenclature code (CN -code) can be indicated. Example: the code 0000 can be used in case of rural development measures.

For analysis purposes it is important to be as accurate as possible when indicating the commodity code, which means that four (4) digits should be indicated.

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Legal obligation Fields 3.1 – 3.4..: Art. 3(1)a Reg. 1848/2006: the common market organizations affected, the sectors and products concerned; Field 3.5.: Art. 3(1)a Reg. 1848/2006: the common market organizations affected, the sectors and products concerned; Field 3.6.: Art. 3(1)a Reg. 1848/2006: the common market organizations affected, the sectors and products concerned;

3.6. Co-Financing rate

The co-financing rate should only be indic ated in case of "EAFRD -irregularities".

The co-financing rate needs to be indicated in one (1) digit. The pick list shows a limited number of budget articles based on the selections made in field 3.1., 3.2., 3.3. and 3.4.

The co-financing rates are :

- 1 = non-convergence region
- 2 = convergence region
- 3
- = outermost region = voluntary modulation 4
- 5 = additional contribution

3.7. Program

The program should only be indicated in case of "EAFRD -irregularities".

The program needs to be indicated in three (3) digits. The pick list shows an overview of the possible programmes

Example:

001	= program 001
002	= program 002

The authorising Directorate General of the Commission (DG AGRI) provides the Member States with the program numbers.

3.8. CCI-code

The Common Identification Code (CCI-code) should only be indicated in case of "EAFRD irregularities" (CCI = Code Commun d'Identification).

The CCI-code consists of six (6) sub -parts, i.e.:

Year	= уууу	2007	
Member State	= xx	DE	
DG (in charge)	= xx	06	(05, 06, 14 or 16)
Objective	= x	0	(0, 1, 2 or 3)
Program	= XX	PC	(AT, DO, PC, PO or PP)
National number	= xxx	009	

Example: 2001DE060PC009

DG (in charge):

05	= was DG V	ESF	(now: DG EMPL)
06	= was DG VI	unit G5: AGRI – EAGGF – guidance	(now: DG AGRI)
06	= was DG VI	unit G6: AGRI – EAGGF – guarantee	(now: DG AGRI)
14	= was DG XIV	unit A2: structural funds	(now: DG FISH)
16	= was DG XVI	unit E1: structural funds	(now: DG REGIO)

Program:

- AT = technical assistance
- DO = single programming document (SPD)
- PC = Community initiative
- PO = Operational program
- PP = Pilot project

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3.3. Budget article	-				~		
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3.6. Co-financing rate	-				*		
3.7. Program	-				~		
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3.10. Reference number(5) of Community	legislation -	~	/		- CI	eai
3.11. Article and paragrap	oh						
3.12. Reference number(s	5) of National legi	slation					
3.13. Comments							
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Legal obligation Field 3.11: Art. 3(1)c Reg. 1848/2006: the Community provision which has been infringed Field 3.12: Art. 3(1)c Reg. 1848/2006: the Community provision which has been infringed

3.9. Budget line

Field 3.9. is automatically filled on basis of fields 3.1., 3.2., 3.3. and 3.4. . It is meant to provide you an overview of the complete budget line affected by the irregularity.

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3.10. Reference number(s) of Community legislation

The reference number of the Community legislation consist of three (3) sub-parts:

1. Type of legislation

In this field the relevant type of legislation should be indicated. The pick lists offer the following options:

- 1. Decision
- 2. Regulation
- 3. Directive

2. Reference number of Community legislation

The number corresponding to the relevant legislation, e.g. Regulation No. 1257/1999. In the field the number 1257 should be entered .

3. Reference year of Community legislation

The year corresponding to the relevant legislation should be entered. In case o f Regulation No. 1257/1999 the year 1999 should be entered. The year should be indicated in four (4) digits.

3.11. Article and paragraph

In this field you should key in the number of the article and paragraph of the legislation in question.

3.12. Reference number(s) of national legislation

The reference numbers of the relevant national legislation can be entered into field 3.13. Of course, it should concern "provisions infringed".

3.13. Comments

This field is for comments or explanations on what is indicated in the fields 3.1. - 3.12. Further explanations make it easier to analyse irregularities.

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions 9. Comment	5				
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4.4. Source					
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4.5. Date of discovery (PACA)	(da	l/mm/yyyy)			
4.6. Type of irregularity					
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request \ product, species, project and/or activity	not eligible for aid (1102)				
request \ incompatible cumulation of aid (1103) request \ several requests for the same product, s	energies, project and/or activit	v (1104)			
request \ other irregularities concerning the reque		y (1104)			
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4.7. Qualification of the irregularity:					
- Irregularity in sense of Reg. 2988/95 (IRQ 2)					
(suspicion of) fraud in sense of the Convention (IR	≀Q 3)				
established fraud (IRQ 5)					
4.8. Practices adopted in committing the	e irregularity (Modus O	perandi)			
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Fields 4.1. – 4.2.: Art. 3(1)i Reg. 1848/2006: the period during which, or the moment at which, the irregularity was committed;

Fields 4.3. – 4.4.: Art. 3(1)d Reg. 1848/2006: the date and the source of the first written information leading to suspicion that an irregularity was committed;

Field 4.5.: Art. 3(1)k Reg. 1848/2006: the date on which the primary administrative or judicial finding on the irregularity was established;

TAB-PAGE 4: DESCRIPTION OF THE IRREGULARITY

4.1. Start date (From....)

This is where you should indicate the day or period on which the irregularity took place or started.

If the irregularity started and ended on the same day all you need to do is fill in field 4.1. Field 4.2 End date does not need to be filled in. This can happen in the case of export refunds, for example.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the next four the year. Here are some examples :

§ 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002

§ 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

In case you do not know exactly the start d ate of the irregularity, you are requested to indicate the first day of the month or year in which it started.

4.2. End date (Until....)

This is where you should indicate the day or period on which the irregularity ended. If the irregularity started and ended on the same day you do not need to fill field 4.2.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the next four the year. Here are some examples:

§ 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002

§ 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

In case you do not know exactly the end date of the irregularity, you are requested to indicate the last day of the month or year in which it started.

4.3. Date (of first information leading to the suspicion of an irregularity)

In this field you should indicate the date of the first written information leading to suspicion that an irregularity had been committed. Where, for example, the irregularity was discovered as a result of a tip-off (by letter) you should key in the date on which the tip off was received.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

§ 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002

§ 1 December 2007 = 01/12/2007

4.4. Source (of first information leading to suspicion of an irregularity)

You should indicate the source of the first written information as indicated in field 4.3. in this field.

4.5. Date of discovery (PACA)

In this field you should key in the date on which the primary administrative or judicial finding (PACA = Premier Acte de Constat Administratif) on the irregularity was established.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

§ 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002

§ 1 December 2007 = 01/12/2007

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1. Identification 2. Personal data 3	3. Sector	4a. Irregularity	4b. Irregularity	5. Detection	6. Amount	ts
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4.5. Date of discovery (PACA)	Γ	(dd)	/mm/yyyy)			
4.6. Type of irregularity						
- request \ incorrect or incomplete request for a request \ false or falsified request for aid (1101 request \ product, species, project and/or acti request \ incompatible cumulation of aid (1103 request \ several requests for the same produc request \ other irregularities concerning the re- beneficiary \ incorrect identity operator/beneficiary beneficiary \ non-existent operator/beneficiary beneficiary \ middescription of the holding (120	I) vity not eligi 3) ct, species, quest for aid siary (1200) (1201)	project and/or activity	(1104)			
4.7. Qualification of the irregularity:						
- Irregularity in sense of Reg. 2988/95 (IRQ 2) (suspicion of) fraud in sense of the Convention established fraud (IRQ 5)	n (IRQ 3)					
4.8. Practices adopted in committing	the irreg	ularity (Modus Op	erandi)			•
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Legal obligation Field 4.6.: Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure; Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the practices employed in committing the irregularity; Field 4.7.: Art. 3(1)f Reg. 1848/2006: where appropriate, whether the practice amounts to a suspected fraud; Field 4.8.: Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure; Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure; Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the practices employed in committing the irre gularity;

4.6. Type of irregularity

The type of irregularity should be indicated. You can do that by making a choi ce between the available options as presented by the pick list. The options are clustered:

- request;
- beneficiary;
- accounts and records;
- documentary proof;
- product, species and/or land;
- (non)-action;
- movement;
- other.

You can select more than 1 option. It works in the same way as selecting more than 1 row in windows excel. By using the button "control" or "shift" in combination with your mouse, you can select several options.

4.7. Qualification of the irregularity

There are four (4) types of irregularity:

- § IRQ 0 = no irregularity
- § IRQ 2 = irregularity within the meaning of Regulation No 2988/95
- § IRQ 3 = (suspicion of) fraud within the meaning of the Convention
- § IRQ 5 = established fraud

You can select the corresponding type by clicking in the pick list.

The definitions of irregularity (IRQ 2) and fraud (IRQ 3) have been discussed in meetings by "Group Art. 280" and "CoCoLaF". One of the results of these discussions is a working document in which the differences between irregularity (IRQ 2) and f raud (IRQ 3) are explained. This document can be used to make a choice between the different options.

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions 9. Comments				
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 Field 4.6.:

 Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure;

 Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the practices employed in committing the irregularity;

 Field 4.7.:

 Art. 3(1)f Reg. 1848/2006: where appropriate, whether the practice amounts to a suspected fraud;

 Field 4.8.:

 Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure;

 Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular expenditure;

 Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the practices employed in committing the irre gularity;

A short summary:

IRQ 0 = no irregularity

The code IRQ0 can be used in those cases in which it appears, later on, that there is no irregularity. In those cases, an update need to be done in which the case needs to be classified as IRQ0 = no irregularity.

IRQ 2 = irregularity

An irregularity can be summarised as an action that does not completely follow the agreed standards or, to say it very simple, everything that is not regular. See for the official definition art. 1(2) Reg. 2988/95.²

IRQ 3 = suspicion of fraud

The suspicion of fraud cases can be considered as a subset of the collection irregularities. For those irregularities count that there (is a suspicion that there) was a deliberate intent to commit an irregularity.

IRQ 5 = established fraud

The module makes a distinction between "suspicion of fraud" (IRQ 3) and "established fraud" (IRQ 5). IRQ 5 should only be used after a Court decision whe n it has been proven in Court that it was fraud. IRQ 3 should be used when there is only a suspicion of fraud. In those cases a (penal) Court still has to rule and/or investigations are still ongoing.

To avoid misunderstandings: the working document is le ading!

4.8. Practices adopted in committing the irregularity (Modus Operandi)

You can give a description of the modus operandi (MO) used in this text field. Further and more in depth explanations will improve the (quality of the) analysis of irregularitie s. The description should be clear and to the point.

In case of a new "modus operandi" is recommended to indicate that on tab page Identification by clicking on the tic box of field 1.8. "Article 4".

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Any infringement of a provision of Community law resulting rom an act or omission by an economic operator which has, or would have, the effect of prejudicing the general budget of the Communities.

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4. DESCRIPTION OF THE IRREGULARITY (CONTINUED))
4.9.1. Declaration made by beneficiary:	
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4.9.2. Findings of the administration:	
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other states involved	
4.10. Member State(s)	4.11. Third countries
- Austria (040)	- Afghanistan (004)
Belgium (056) Denmark (208)	American Samoa (016) Andorra (020)
Estonia (233)	Angola (024)
Finland (246)	Antigua And Barbuda (028) Azerbaijan (031)
	Argentina (032) Australia (036)
France (250)	v
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Art. 3(1)b Reg. 1848/2006: the nature of the irregular Art. 3(1)e Reg. 1848/2006: the practices employed in	r expenditure; a committing the irregularity;
Field 4.10.: Art. 3(1)h Reg. 1848/2006: where appropriate, the Me	ember States and third countries involved;
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Art. 3(1)h Reg. 1848/2006: where appropriate, the Me	ember States and third countries involved;

4.9.1. Declaration made by beneficiary

This is an open text field. It can be used to provide further details of the declaration made by the beneficiary.

For example, the irregularity might be defined more precisely or the way in which any errors occurred could be spelt out. Other (i ncorrect) product descriptions and/or CN codes could be indicated.

4.9.2. Findings of the administration

This is also an open text field. It can be used to indicate the official's findings when the "incorrect declaration" irregularity was established. For example, the product description and/or CN code as established by the official can be recorded.

4.10. Member State(s)

Here you should indicate the Member States concerned by the irregularity. You can use the pick list to select the Member States in quest ion. The pick list is based on the ISO 3166-1 numeric codes.

Member States should not indicate themselves therefore the abbreviation of the reporting Member State should not be keyed in.

4.11. Third countries

Here you should indicate the third countries concerned by the irregularity. You can use the pick list to select the countries in question. The pick list is based on the ISO 3166-1 numeric codes.

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions 9. Comments		
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5.1. Reason for performing a control (why)		
- information published in the media (4001) tip from informant, whistleblower, etc. (4002) complaint (4003) spontaneous confession (4100) refusal to accept controls (4101) suspicious conduct (4102)		
5.2. Type and/or method of control (how)		
- initial enquiry (5000)		
control of accounts (5001)		*
5.3. Control carried out before/after payment after payment		
5.4. OLAF-investigation <pre> OLAF code</pre> year // //	number	
5.6. Competent national service		
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5.7. Associated service(s)		
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5.8. Comments		
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Legal obligation Fields 5.1. – 5.5.: Art. 3(1)g Reg. 1848/2006: the manner in which the irregularity was discovered; Field 5.3.: Art. 3(1)n Reg. 1848/2006:where no payment has been made..... Fields 5.6. – 5.7.: Art. 3(1)j Reg. 1848/2006: the national authorities or bodies which drew up the official report on the irregularity and the authorities responsible for administrative and/or judicial follow -up;

TAB-PAGE 5: DETECTION OF THE IRREGULARITY

5.1. Reason for performing a control (why)

The reasons for carrying out a control should be entered to this field. It is an answer on the question why a control was performed. Was there a legal obligation or did you receive a tip?

The pick list contains a summary of available options. This could be a tip -off, a routine check or a request from another Member State. It is possible to select more than 1 option. By using the button control in combination with your mouse, you can select more than 1 option.

5.2. Type of control (how)

The type of control and/or the method used to perform the check should be indicated. It is an answer on the question how the control was performed.

The pick list contains a number of options. This could be an analysis of samples or an initial enquiry. Also here counts that you can s elect more than 1 option by using the button control in combination with your mouse.

5.3. Controls carried out before/after payment

It is important to ascertain whether checks /controls on the (suspected) irregularity were carried out pre-payment or post-payment. This "field" therefore comprises 3 subfields which can be clicked to report on this aspect. The subfields are:

- § before payment;
- § after payment;
- § before as well as after payment.

A link can be created with fields 6.2.1. and 6.2.2., described for the sake of brevity as "detected before payment" and "detected after payment". Where checks are carried out before payment, no payment is normally made. The financial impact should then be entered to field 6. 2.1. Where checks are carried out after payment, field 6.2.2. should as a rule be filled in.

5.4. OLAF-investigation

This field has to be used to indicate if an OLAF investigation was or is running on this irregularity . You should put a tick mark in the check box $\,\wp\,$ in case there is or was an OLAF investiga tion on going.

5.5. CMS-number

In case an OLAF investigation is running on this irregularity the case management system number (CMS-number) needs to be indicated in three (3) sub -parts:

- 1. OLAF file reference: (OF, IO or IU);
- 2. the year, indicated in four (4) digits, e.g.: 2004, 2006, 2009, etcetera;
- 3. the unique case number in four (4) digits.

You will receive the information concerning the CMS -number directly from OLAF. The reason that you have the key in the information concerning the CMS -number is a simple one: Module 1848 should only contain data that is keyed in by Member States.

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- information published in the media (4001) tip from informant, whistleblower, etc. (4002) complaint (4003) spontaneous confession (4100) refusal to accept controls (4101) suspicious conduct (4102)
5.2. Type and/or method of control (how)
- initial enquiry (5000)
control of accounts (5001)
5.3. Control carried out before/after payment
5.4. OLAF-investigation OLAF code year number 5.5. CMS-number / / /
5.6. Competent national service
5.7. Associated service(s)
5.8. Comments
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Fields 5.1. – 5.5.: Art. 3(1)g Reg. 1848/2006: the manner in which the irregularity was discovered;
Field 5.3.: Art. 3(1)n Reg. 1848/2006:where no payment has been made
Fields 5.6. – 5.7.: Art. 3(1)j Reg. 1848/2006: the national authorities or bodies which drew up the official report on the irregularity and the authorities responsible for administrative and/or judicial follow -up;

5.6. Competent national service

Details of the national authority responsible for carrying out the check, control, audit or scrutiny should be entered to this field.

5.7. Associated service(s)

The associated service(s) or sub -departments of the competent national authority sh ould be keyed in to this field.

5.8 Comments

Comments and additional e xplanations on how the irregularity was detected can be provided here. It is an open field for information which may be of use to the other Member States and/or OLAF and will improve the quality of the analysis.

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6. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES	EUR~EUR	O - EUROPE		~
6.1. Total amount of expenditure	TO TAL	EU-SHARE	MS-SHARE	PRIVATE SHARE
6.2. financial impact of the irregularity				
6.2.1. detected BEFORE payment				
6.2.2. detected AFTER payment				
6.3. Amounts to recover				
6.4. Administrative status 6.5. Financial status	-			v
Clearance of accounts				
6.6. Commission Decision				
6.7. Amount charged to the Member State:				
6.8. Amount charged to the EU-budget				
6.9. Comments				
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Field 6.1.:

Art. 3(1)m Reg. 1848/2006: the total amount of expenditure on the operation at issue, and, where appropriate, the distribution of its co-financing between Community, national, private and other contributions;

Fields 6.2. - 6.2.2.:

Art. 3(1)n Reg. 1848/2006: the amount affected by the irregularity and, where appropriate, its distribution between Community, national, private and other contributions; where no payment has been made to the persons and/or other entities identified under point (I), the amounts

which would have been wrongly paid had the irregularity not been identified;

TAB-PAGE 6: FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

The first general point is that amounts should be rounded up/dow n to the nearest euro (\in). Amounts of 0.50 should be rounded up . Here are some examples :

€200,000.12	=	€200,000
€ 200,000.50	=	€200,001
€200,000.99	=	€200,001

The second general point is that fields are based on a logical structure. Below various aspects are clarified for each individual field. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the fields actually represent a total. Hence:

(Amount field 6.2.) = (amount field 6.2.1.) + (amount field 6.2.2.)

The third general point is that fields concerning EU -SHARE, MS-SHARE and PRIVATE SHARE should only be used in case the reporting concerns EAFRD -irregularities.

For the record, and to prevent any misunderstandings, it should be noted that interest and penalties are not included in the amounts which should be indicated in field s 6.1. to 6.3. inclusive. Those fields are purely for EAGF and/or EAFRD amounts paid in error.

Currency

The IMS Welcome Page offers you the option to choose a currency that will be used for all communications that you are going to process during this login session (see also Manual, Chapter 2, page 17).

On this tab page, you can again choose the currency. The choice made on the IMS Welcome Page is displayed but you can select a different currency for this specific communication.

Article 6(2) of Reg. 1848/2006 gives a more detailed explanation of the conversion rates.

To avoid misunderstandings:

Member States should indicate the amounts in their own (current) currency.

6.1. Total amount expenditure

Here you should indicate the total amount that could be charged to the EAGF/EAFRD budget, national budget and/or private budget.

The amount of the irregularity can be lower than the total amount of aid. Therefore it is possible that the amount entered to field 6.1. is larger than the amount entered to field 6.2.

6.2. Actual or potential financial impact of the irregularity

The financial impact of the irregularity may be an actual financial impact in cases where the irregularity has already occurred and the amount has already been disbursed. Alternatively, it may be a potential financial impact in cases where the irregularity was detected before payment was made.

The above implies that the amount in field 6.2. must be the same as the amount of fields 6.2.1. and 6.2.2:

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Legal obligation

Fields 6.2. - 6.2.2.:

Art. 3(1)n Reg. 1848/2006: the amount affected by the irregularity and, where appropriate, its distribution between Community, national, private and other contributions;

where no payment has been made to the persons and/or other entities identified under point (I), the amounts which would have been wrongly paid had the irregularity not been identified;

6.2.1. detected before payment:

In this field you should key in the amount not paid out as a result of the irregularity detected before payment. The amount in question does not have to be repaid because it was never paid out in the first place. Such situations may arise, for example, where refund goods are exported. The irregularity is detected when the export declaration is submitted. No refund is paid but the irregularity has already occurred.

6.2.2. detected after payment:

In this field you should key in the amount which actually has to be repaid because the irregularity was not detected until after payment had been made. Payment has therefore been made and this amount has to be repaid.

6.3. Amounts to recover

The outstanding amount, i.e. the initial amount that has to be repaid, should be indicated in field 6.3.

6.4. Administrative status

The administrative status of a case should be entered here. The pick list indicates t he following options:

- AC = clearance of accounts procedure
- AP = administrative procedure
- JP = legal proceedings
- PA = case dropped
- PP = criminal proceedings
- TF = attempt failed (case closed)
- TT = proceedings terminated

A few clarifications on the codes:

- AC = The AC code refers to the clearance of accounts procedure and can only be used in combination with fields 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9. Only OLAF should enter this code.
- AP = This code should be used where an administrative procedure has been launched. Normally this procedure takes place internally.
- JP = The JP code is used where legal proceedings other than criminal proceedings have been instituted.
- PA = Where cases are dropped the PA code should be entered. It concerns cases where it emerges subsequently that no irregularity has occurred and therefore proceedings are terminated.
- PP = The PP code is used where criminal proceedings have been launched.
- TF = The TF code is used in cases where an attempt has been made but no irregularity actually occurs.
- TT = The TT code is used in all cases in which proceedings are terminated. Examples include cases in which recovery has been effected in full but also cases in which recovery has run into problems.

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6.6. Commission	Decision									
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6.5. Financial status

This is where you key in the case's fi nancial status. A pick list offers a limited number of options:

- ICE = charged to the European Union
- IEM = charged to a Member State
- NR4 = not recovered within the time -limit of four (4) year (art. 32(5) Reg. 1290/2005)

NR8 = not recovered within the time -limit of eight (8) year (art. 32(5) Reg. 1290/2005)

- IMI = amount still to be calculated
- IRR = amount irrecoverable
- RBA = recovery or repayment procedure still to be launched
- RBC = recovery or repayment procedure launched
- RBR = appeal lodged. Payment postpo ned
- RRC = recovery/repayment subject to appeal ruling
- SCF = no amount to be recovered
- TRE = full/complete recovery

Here is a brief explanation:

ICE and IEM are codes which are directly related to the clearance of account procedure whereby a formal decision is ultimately taken by the Commission. These codes can only be used in combination with fields 6.7., 6.8 and 6.9. The latter also implies that they can be entered by OLAF alone and not by the Member States.

NR4 is used in cases where recovery has not taken place within four (4) years of the primary administrative or judicial finding. 50% of the financial consequences of non -recovery shall be borne by the Member State concerned and 50% by the Community budget (all MS). The NR4 code can only be used in c ombination with fields 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9. See art. 32(5) Reg. 1290/2005.

NR8 is used in cases where recovery has not taken place within eight (8) years where recovery action is taken in the national courts. 50% of the financial consequences of non -recovery shall be borne by the Member State concerned and 50% by the Community budget (all MS). The NR4 code can only be used in combination with fields 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9. See art. 32(5) Reg. 1290/2005.

IMI is used in cases where an irregularity is detected but it s financial impact cannot yet be determined. This may arise where irregularities have just been detected. It also implies that no amounts will be indicated in fields 6.1. to 6. 3. in such cases.

IRR is used in cases where it has been established that recovery will not be possible, e.g. because the company in question has gone bankrupt.

RBA is used in cases in which the recovery procedure has not yet been launched.

RBC is used in cases in which the recovery procedure has been launched.

RBR is used in cases where appeals have been lodged; recovery is suspended pending the results of the appeal. Suspension of payment is then confirmed.

RRC is used in cases where repayment has been started further to an appeal ruling.

SCF is used where no amount has to be repaid, e.g. in cases where no irregularity occurred or where no amount was disbursed.

TRE is used where an amount disbursed in error is recovered in full.

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions	9. Comments						_
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6.2.1. detected BEFORE p	ayment						
6.2.2. detected AFTER pay	yment						
6.3. Amounts to recover							
6.4. Administrative statu	5		-				*
6.5. Financial status			-				*
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6.6. Commission Decision	i						
6.7. Amount charged to the	he Member State:	:					
6.8. Amount charged to the	he EU-budget						
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Fields 6.6., 6.7. and 6.8. will only be used in case of a formal Commission decision in a clearance of accounts procedure. OLAF will update these fields in case of a formal Commission decision therefore Member States should not use these fields.

6.6. Commission Decision

The number of the Commission Decision in a Clearance of Accounts procedure has to be keyed in, for example "Commission Decision 200 6/678/EC of 3 October 2006". The data are input by OLAF.

6.7. Amount charged to the Member State

The amount to be filled in here is based on the Commission decision. The data are input by OLAF.

6.8. Amount charged to the EU-budget

The amount to be filled in here is based on the Commission decision. The data are input by OLAF.

6.9. Comments

In this field additional comments can be indicated concerning fields 6.1. - 6.5 inclusive.

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7. RECOVERY PROCEDURES	EUR		
7.1. Date on which the procedure started		(dd/mm/yyyy)	
7.2. Expected end date of procedure:		(dd/mm/yyyy)	
	TOTAL	EU-SHARE	MS-SHARE
7.3. Amounts to recover			
7.4. Amount Recovered			
7.5. Balance to recover			
7.6. Total amount repaid to the EU-budget		٦	
7.7. Amount retained by Member State]	
7.8. Amount of interests charged]	
7.9. Recovery procedures already launched:			
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7.10. Interim measures already taken:			
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7.11. Comments on the chances of recovery			
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7.12. Date on which the procedure ended		(dd/mm/yyyy)	
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Legal obligation

Screen 7 .:

Art. 5(2) Reg. 1848/2006: Upon explicit request of the Commission, the Member States shall, within two months following receipt of that request, provide the Commission with all relevant information regarding the progress made — notably on initiation, abandonment and termination — in the procedures related to the recovery of any sums wrongly paid in a specific case or group of cases.

TAB-PAGE 7: RECOVERY PROCEDURES

For the record, and to prevent any misunderstandings, it should be noted that **interest and penalties are not included in the amounts which should be indicated in fields 7.3. to 7.7. inclusive**. Those fields are purely for EAG F and/or EAFRD amounts paid in error.

Note: the fields concerning EU -SHARE and MS-SHARE will only be shown in case the reporting concerns EAFRD-irregularities.

7.1. Date on which the procedure was started

Here you should indicate the date on which the r ecovery procedure was started.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
- § 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002
- \$ 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

In case you do not know exactly the start date of the recovery procedure, you are requested to indicate the first day of the month o r year in which it started.

7.2. Expected end -date of procedure

In this field you should enter the date by which the recovery procedure is expected to be completed.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
- § 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002
- § 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

7.3. Amounts to recover

This field is automatically filled by transferring the amount indicated in field 6.3.

7.4. Amounts recovered

In this field you could enter the amount repaid. If the total amount paid out in error is repaid then field 7.4. is the same as field 6.2.2.

For the record, it should be noted that in cases in which repayment takes place in instalments, the amounts indicated in fields 6.2., 6.2.1 . and 6.2.2. remain the same in principle. This is because the amount of the irregularity remains the same; only the outstanding amount is reduced.

7.5. Balance to recover

The outstanding amount, i.e. the amount that still has to be repaid, should be indicated in field 7.5. This field therefore shows the outstanding debt.

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions 9. Comments				
7. RECOVERY PROCEDURES	EUR			
7.1. Date on which the procedure started		(dd/mm/yyyy)		
7.2. Expected end date of procedure:		(dd/mm/yyyy)		
	TOTAL	EU-SHARE	MS-SHARE	
7.3. Amounts to recover				
7.4. Amount Recovered				
7.5. Balance to recover				
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7.6. Total amount repaid to the EU-budget				
7.7. Amount retained by Member State				
7.8. Amount of interests charged				
7.9. Recovery procedures already launched:				
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7.10. Interim measures already taken:				
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7.11. Comments on the chances of recovery				-
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7.12. Date on which the procedure ended		(dd/mm/yyyy)		
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Legal obligation

Fields 7.9. – 7.11.: Art. 3(1)o Reg. 1848/2006: the suspension of payments, where applicable, and the possibilities of recovery;

7.6. Total amount repaid to the EU-budget

The total amount transferred (back) by a Member State to the EU-budget (EAGF and/or EAFRD) as repayment of amounts.

7.7. Amount retained by Member State

Under the rules, Member States can retain part of the amount recovered (20%) in a number of cases. These amounts should be entered here (see Art. 32(2) Reg. 1290/2005).

7.8. Amount of interest charged

The total amount of interest paid on amounts recovered. Only amounts actually recovered should be filled in.

7.9. Recovery procedures already launched

Recovery procedures which had already been launched when the Art. 3 communication or the (previous) Art. 5 communication was submitted should be indicated here.

7.10. (Interim) Measures already taken

Measures which have already been taken to e nable amounts disbursed to be recovered should be indicated in this field. Examples include confiscation of the recipient's assets.

7.11. Comments on the chances of recovery

In this field comments can be indicated on the chances of recovering EAGF and/or EAFRD funds disbursed. For example, additional details can be provided of the procedures which have been launched, whether a seizure has been effected and any other measures taken.

7.12. Date on which the procedure ended

In this field you should enter the date by which the recovery procedure ended.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
- § 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002
- § 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

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7. Recovery 8. Sanctions 9. Comments				
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8.1. Administrative or penal sanctions	-			Clear
8.2. Date on which the procedure was started 8.3. Expected end date of procedure: 8.4. Sanctions applied		(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)		
- National administrative sanction National proportional fine Non Proportional Penalty Flat rate national fine Removal of national subsidies Exclusion from future national subsidy Limitation of access to public procurement Community administrative sanction Community diministrative sanction Community fine Flat rate Community fine Loss of Community subsidies Exclusion from future Community subsidies Penal sanction				
8.5. Fines applied (in amounts) 8.6. Date on which the procedure ended		EU-SHARE	MS-SHARE	
8.7. Comments				
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Screen 8.: Art. 5(1) Reg. 1848/2006: In addition to the info Commission as soon as possible, but at the latest to any previous report made under Article 3, on de imposing administrative or criminal sanctions relate procedures. This information shall also indicate the question relate to the application of Community a and/or national rules in which the sanctions are laid	within two months stails concerning th ed to the notified in e character of the and/or national leg	following the end regularities as wel sanctions applied a	of each quarter, w idonment of any p I as of the main r and/or whether th	with reference procedures for esults of such le sanctions in

TAB-PAGE 8: SANCTIONS

The sanctions applied should be ind icated here. Where more than one sanction is applied, you can add others by clicking on the \log add .

8.1. Administrative or Penal sanctions

A choice need to be made between five possibilities . The pick list offers the next options:

- 1. decision not yet taken
- 2. no sanction imposed
- 3. sanction to be imposed
- 4. administrative sanction
- 5. penal sanction

8.2. Date on which the procedure was started

Here you should indicate the date on which the penal proceedings were instituted .

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
- § 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002
- § 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

In case you do not k now exactly the start date of the penal procedure, you are requested to indicate the first day of the month or year in which it started.

8.3. Expected end-date of procedure

In this field you should enter the date by which the penal procedure is expected to be completed.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

§ 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002

§ 30 July 2002 = 30/07/2002

§ 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

8.4. Sanctions applied

Here you should indicate the sanctions applied. You can choose from a number of options in the pick list.

8.5. Fines applied (in amounts)

Here you should indicate the total amount of the fines applied an d, if applicable, divided into EU - share and MS -share.

8.6. Date on which the procedure ended

In this field you should enter the date by which the penal procedure ended.

You should indicate the date by entering eight (8) digits: dd/mm/yyyy. The first two represent the day, the next two the month and the last four the year. Here are some examples:

- § 1 January 2002 = 01/01/2002
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- § 1 December 2002 = 01/12/2002

8.7. Comments

Comments and additional information concerning sanctions can be keyed in.

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TAB-PAGE 9. ADDITIONAL REMARKS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ETCETERA

This field is for any additional remarks, comments, recommendations, suggestions etcetera. It is an open field which implies that the remarks etc. can be very diverse in nature.

Attachment

This field can be used to attach additional information or documents regarding the communication.

Pre-IMS offers the possibility to do a so called "zero notification". In case a Reporting Authority does not have any communication to forward in a quarter, a message can be send to the next level to inform that reporting authority that no communications will be send.

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		R1848/null/2009/0/10177/1	3	TEST with OSCAR 2	EAGF	Third Quarter (3) 2009	22/10/2009	22/10/2009 14:15:11		
5		R1848/null/2009/0/10001/1	3	october/8/001	EAGF	Third Quarter (3) 2009	08/10/2009	08/10/2009 10:47:56		
		R1848/null/2003/UC2N08/10018/1	3	UC2.008	EAGF	Second Quarter (2) 2003	23/09/2003	22/10/2009 14:10:23		
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By clicking on "1848" in Core actions or Actions menu the following screen will appear:

By clicking on the button "zero notification" the following screen will open:

	1848 :Zero notification
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Reg. 1848/2006 does not (yet) have an obligation to submit a zero notification. Some of the Member States indicated that it would be handy to have such a possib ility, therefore, this facility has been created in module 1848.

Of course, it is very much appreciated when you would forward a "zero notification" in case you would have nothing to report.

A "zero notification" can be easily created by keying in the date and the quarter.