

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1974/2006 of 15 December 2006  
laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation  
(EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European  
Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (repealed)

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Signature

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  - 5.3.1.3.3. ~~I~~Information and promotion activities
- 5.3.1.4. Transitional measures for the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania,...
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    - 5.3.2.2.2. ~~F~~First establishment of agroforestry systems on agricultural land
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- 5.3.3.2. Measures to improve the quality of life in rural areas...
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