

Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June  
2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006  
establishing an instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA)

PART II

**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

TITLE II

**CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION COMPONENT**

CHAPTER III

**Implementation**

*Section 2*

***Cross-border programmes between beneficiary countries and Member States***

*Sub-section 4*

***Financial management***

*Article 135*

**Interruption of the payment deadline**

1 The payment deadline may be interrupted by the authorising officer by delegation within the meaning of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 for a maximum period of six months if:

- a in a report of a national or Community audit body there is evidence to suggest a significant deficiency in the functioning of the management and control systems;
- b the authorising officer by delegation has to carry out additional verifications following information coming to his attention alerting him that expenditure in a certified statement of expenditure is linked to a serious irregularity which has not been corrected.

2 The participating countries and the certifying authority shall be informed immediately of the reasons for the interruption. The interruption shall be ended as soon as the necessary measures have been taken by the participating countries.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007, Article 135.