

Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER III

**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF AID**

*SECTION 2*

*Aid to SMEs*

*Article 18*

**Aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs**

- 1 Aid for consultancy in favour of SMEs shall be compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article 107(3) of the Treaty and shall be exempted from the notification requirement of Article 108(3) of the Treaty, provided that the conditions laid down in this Article and in Chapter I are fulfilled.
- 2 The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs.
- 3 The eligible costs shall be the costs of consultancy services provided by external consultants.
- 4 The services concerned shall not be a continuous or periodic activity nor relate to the undertaking's usual operating costs, such as routine tax consultancy services, regular legal services or advertising.