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## Aid to Private Storage for Pigmeat



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## PART I: SUMMARY OF SCHEME

- Applications for aid for private storage of pigmeat may be submitted from 25 March 2022. The last date for the submission of applications shall be 29 April 2022. Interested parties should contact APS section to receive contract numbers prior to submitting their first application. Each contract application must be accompanied by security equal to 20% of the aid amount to be paid.
- The minimum quantities per contract and per product shall be 10 tonnes for boned products and 15 tonnes for all other products. Each application shall refer to only one of the categories of products listed in the Annex, indicating the relevant CN code within each category.
- Applications shall relate to a storage period of 60, 90, 120 or 150 days.
  - Applications can be submitted by officially registered individuals or companies who have been principally engaged in the meat and livestock sectors for at least twelve months. Applicants must have suitable storage facilities at their disposal.
- The acceptance or rejection of a contract application will issue on the **Third working day** following the date of receipt of the application.
- The meat to be stored must be derived from animals slaughtered no more than 10 days. The meat must be of sound and fair merchantable quality, coming from pig raised in the European Community for at least the previous three months.
- The pigmeat must be placed in the nominated store not later than **28 days** after acceptance of the contract. It can be placed in lots throughout the 28 days until the contract is filled. The first qualifying day for private storage aid is the day following the entry into store of the last lot of the contract. The pigmeat must be retained in the store, unaltered and in identifiable lots.
- All stages of contract performance - production, storage and withdrawal - are subject to strict official control. The applicant must give the local Department Officer-in-Charge at least **2 working days** advance notice of contract operations.
- A claim for aid will be processed when the Department, having examined the control forms, is satisfied that all the contract conditions have been fulfilled. A breach of the contract conditions shall result in a full or partial forfeiture of the contract security.
- The aid will be calculated as follows: Tonnes contracted x rate.

### Contact Details

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## **PART II: CONDITIONS OF AID FOR THE PRIVATE STORAGE OF PIGMEAT**

### **Section 1**      **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

#### **Introduction**

The European Commission has adopted proposals to provide additional assistance to the pigmeat sector as a result of Covid-19 across the EU.

1.1 The Scheme of Aid for The Private Storage of Pigmeat is governed by the following:

- (a) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/470 granting aid for private storage for pigmeat and fixing the amount of aid in advance.
- (b) Council Regulation (EC) 1370/2013, determining measure on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in the agricultural products.
- (c) COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/1240.
- (d) COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2016/1238

1.2 Applicants for Aid to Private Storage have full responsibility for familiarising themselves with these regulations and for complying with the regulatory requirements as amended from time to time. **You must familiarise yourself with the provisions of Regulation 2016/1238 and Regulation 2016/1240.** Any advice, directions or guidance given by this Department either by way of notices like this or in any other way does not alter that responsibility. While care has been taken to ensure that the information given in this notice is accurate, no legal responsibility is accepted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for any errors or omissions and claimants should read this Notice in conjunction with the relevant regulations.

The enabling regulations may be amended and notification of such will be issued as soon as possible after they occur by APS Section.

1.3 In addition to the aforementioned regulations, the specific Regulation governing this scheme is Commission Implementing Regulation (EU)2022/470. This Regulation specifies when the scheme applies, the products which may be stored, the storage periods, the rates of aid and any other special conditions. It should be read in conjunction with Regulations (EU) 2016/1238 and (EU) 2016/1240.

1.4 In accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EU) 1306/2013, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine may publish on its website, details of the names, municipality of residence, and amounts received by beneficiaries of schemes funded or co-funded by the European Commission.

## **Section 2**      **STORAGE CONTRACTS SCHEME RULES**

### **2.1 Operation of the Aid for the Private Storage of Pigmeat scheme (hereafter called APS scheme)**

- 2.1.1 This scheme is operated by means of contracts between applicants for aid and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (hereafter known as the Department). Aid shall be granted to the Applicant (also known as the Operator) when the Department is satisfied that the contract conditions have been fulfilled.
- 2.1.2 The Commission will monitor the quantities applied for based on bi-weekly notifications from Member States and if the cumulative quantities applied for approach or reach the estimated budgetary limits, the Commission will immediately suspend the relevant scheme.
- 2.1.3 Applicants must note that each APS contract is an entity separate from all other contracts. Weights shall not be grossed between contracts at any stage.

### **2.2 Application for private storage aid.**

- 2.2.1 Application for APS Pigmeat can be made from **25 March 2022** on form PS/1 *Application for Storage Contract Pigmeat available on the website*. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read this document carefully, complete it in full and return it with the appropriate security as set out in Section 2.6 below, to APS Section, Market Supports, Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford Y35 PN52. The application form must be emailed to [APSAdmin@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:APSAdmin@agriculture.gov.ie) followed by the original hard copies of the applications.

A reference number will be assigned in the acknowledgement of the receipt of the applications.

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure their application meets the admissibility requirements set out in Article 2 and Article 40 of (EU) 2016/1240.**

- 2.2.2 The minimum quantity to be stored under a contract is 10 tonnes of boned products and 15 tonnes for other products.
- 2.2.2 An application must relate to only one CN code listed in Part III.
- 2.2.3 You must be VAT registered in the Member State in which you are making your application and send us a copy of your VAT registration certificate.
- 2.2.4 The operator must lodge a security when making an application for aid for private storage at a rate set out in the Annex to this Trader Notice.

### **2.2 Type of pigmeat eligible**

- 2.4.1 Each contract application must relate to only one of the product categories listed in the Annex of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU)2022/470.
- 2.4.2 Aid may be granted only for fresh meat of sound and fair merchantable quality produced in accordance with the provisions of Article 3(1)A (a) to (e) of Directive 64/433/EEC as amended.

## 2.5 Storage period

2.5.1 Product may be stored for a period of 60, 90, 120 or 150 days.

## 2.6 Security

2.6.1 An application for a contract will not be deemed valid unless accompanied by the appropriate security. The amount of security must be specified in Euro. The security may be submitted in the form of EFT, Bank Draft or a Guarantee from a financial institution recognised for that purpose by the Department. A security guarantee must be drawn up in favour of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

2.6.2 The security will be retained by the Department pending fulfilment of the contract obligations undertaken by the applicant.

## 2.6 Acceptance/rejection of applications

2.7.1 The acceptance or rejection of a contract application will **issue on or before the third working day** following the date of receipt of the application. The Department's signed and dated decision will be issued either on form *PS/2 Acceptance of Application* or *PS/2R Rejection of Application*.

2.7.2 The Department's explicit acceptance of an application taken together with the application constitutes a contract for the private storage of pigmeat. The paying agency shall notify the successful operator of a contract considered as being concluded within five working days of the date of issue of the control report referred to in (EU) 2016/1240 Article 61(1), subject to receiving all of the documents necessary for concluding the contract. In order to verify the eligibility of the product, Department officers will carry out all necessary on-the spot checks to verify the quantity and condition of the product delivered to cold store. A control report will be prepared by them for each application entered into store. This report will be signed by the Department officer and countersigned by a person authorised by the operator. Once the control report has issued, a contract will issue to the applicant for agreement and signature. The contract will be concluded within 5 working days of the issue of the control report, subject to receiving all of the documents necessary to conclude the contract.

2.7.3 Applicants should note that the scheme may be suspended by the Commission without notice and, in that event, all applications on hand will be rejected and the applicants will be informed.

### **Section 3      PRODUCTION OF MEAT FOR APS CONTRACTS**

#### **3.1 General provisions**

- 3.1.1 All operations relating to the production and storage of pigmeat for aided private storage must be carried out under the supervision and control of the Department.
- 3.1.2 Slaughtering for a private storage contract, or cutting/deboning within a private storage contract, may be carried out only in premises approved for these activities under Council Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, under the supervision of a Department Officer-In-Charge.
- 3.1.3 Except for slaughter, production for an APS contract may commence only after the Department has issued the acceptance for the contract application and the operator has subsequently notified the Department at least **one working day before** the start of the placing of lots into storage. Slaughtering may be permitted only for animals slaughtered no more than ten days before acceptance of a contract application.
- 3.1.4 In order to conclude a contract, the quantity actually placed in storage must be at least 95% of the quantity in the application. The quantity placed in storage cannot exceed the amount in the notification of acceptance of the application by the Department

#### **3.2 Weigh-over of pigmeat**

- 3.2.1 Meat that is intended for storage under an APS contract must be weighed over, under the control of the Department within 10 days of slaughter but not before the date of acceptance of the contract by the Department.
- 3.2.2 The weight to be recorded for aid purposes is the net weight, without wrapping, of the pigmeat in a chilled state. In the case of a contract for boneless pigmeat the weight to be recorded is that of the net weight of the boneless meat produced in the place of deboning in respect of each contract. NB: The weights to be recorded on form PS/3 *Bone-in Pigmeat Carcase Weight Schedule* are those obtained at the time of weigh-over.
- 3.2.3 Details for each day's production must be summarised on the front of form PS/3. Details of carcase numbers and carcase weights must be given on the reverse side of form PS/3 **or** in an appropriate electronic format approved by the Department Official at the premises.
- 3.2.4 Form PS/3 must be completed, signed and dated by the operator or his/her representative, at the slaughter plant, and then forwarded to the Department officer at the slaughter plant for checking and countersignature. It will be then forwarded to APS Section, Johnstown Castle Wexford.
- 3.2.5 The operator must ensure that the slaughter plant maintains production records to facilitate verification of slaughter details by Department officers.

#### **3.3 Cutting/deboning of carcasses prior to storage**

- 3.3.1 The operator may cut or debone all or part of the pigmeat before placing it in store. The operator must ensure that the Department officer receives advance notice of the intention to debone all or part of the pigmeat.
- 3.3.2 When pigmeat which is the subject of a private storage contract is being deboned, no other species may be present in the boning hall.

- 3.3.3 Details of the output from cutting or deboning must be recorded on form *PS/4 Pigmear Cutting/Deboning Output*. The form should be cross-referenced to the relevant PS/3 form schedule; and should itself be numbered according to slaughter date order of production for the contract concerned.
- 3.3.4 The form must be completed in the first instance by the operator or his/her representative at the cutting/deboning plant before being forwarded to the DAFM Officer at that plant for checking and countersignature.
- 3.3.5 The operator must ensure that the cutting/deboning plant maintains production records, giving details of the pigmeat cut/deboned for each contract. Such records must be made available on request to Department officers. An Excel, or other electronic record of these details must be emailed to APS section at the address given in page 3 of this document.
- 3.3.6 Details of the cut/deboned pigmeat to be placed in store must be recorded on form **PS/5**. Sections A and B of the form must be completed at the plant of cutting/deboning. The form must then accompany the consignment to the cold store where section C will be completed.

### **3.3 Stamping and Labelling requirements**

- 3.4.1 Each unboxed piece of pigmeat designated for APS must show:
- (i) a label clearly indicating the APS contract number on one side of the piece, and a label clearly indicating the date of entry into storage on the other side.
  - (ii) The following stamp in lettering of at least 3 cm in height, must be placed on each piece.

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- 3.4.2 Each box of pigmeat placed in store on foot of an APS contract must bear:
- (i) description of the product (name of cut & the CN Code)
  - (ii) net and gross weights
  - (iii) box number
  - (iv) an adhesive label on each end, measuring 10 cm X 5 cm with a horizontal red band between 7- and 10-mm thick running across the centre, with the letters 'APS' in the top half and the contract number in the bottom half; the format should correspond to the following model.



The lettering on the label may be printed or written. If written, a thick black felt marker of a kind suitable for cold store use should be used. The letters and numbers should be between 1 and 1.5 cm in height.



## **Section 4**      **STORING APS PIGMEAT**

### **4.1 Storage Conditions**

- 4.1.1 All APS pigmeat entering store must be blast frozen to -17°C. Half-carcases must be frozen in a hanging position but can be stacked horizontally on pallets after freezing. Boxed pigmeat must be blast frozen on racked shelves.

### **4.2 Packaging and labelling**

- 4.2.1 Prior to its entry into the blast freezer, each half carcase must be completely covered with heavy gauge polythene and then be covered by stockinette. All boxes containing cuts or boneless product should be lined with 200-gauge polythene lining. Each piece must be individually wrapped, unless previously agreed with Pigmeat Control Division. Tie-on labels bearing the contract no, carcase no, and weight should be affixed to the polythene wrapping and stockinette.
- 4.2.2 Each pallet holding pigmeat (whether in bone-in or boneless form) under a particular APS contract must have labels attached on each side which clearly state: -
- (i) the APS contract number
  - (ii) the date into storage
  - (iii) the number of boxes or pieces on the pallet
  - (iv) the net weight of the product on the pallet
  - (v) the relevant store intake docket number

### **4.3 Entry into store**

- 4.3.1 The operator must ensure that the pigmeat produced for a particular contract enters the nominated place of storage not later than 28 days following acceptance of the contract.
- 4.3.2 The storage entry period shall end when the last lot of the contractual quantity is placed in storage. That day shall be the day on which all the products whether fresh or chilled have entered the place of final storage.
- 4.3.3 The date of entry into store is defined as the date on which the pigmeat enters the designated cold store. Entry of the pigmeat into the blast freezer qualifies for entry into final storage only if the blast freezer is on site of the designated store.
- 4.3.4 The operator must arrange to give advance notice of deliveries of APS pigmeat for storage to the Department officer at the place of final storage.
- 4.3.5 Receipt of the pigmeat into the store must be recorded on Section C of form **PS/5**. The form should be completed and signed by the operator or his/her cold store representative before being forwarded to the Department Officer for checking and countersignature. If the pigmeat is first transferred to another cold store for freezing, form PS/5 must be completed, marked 'For freezing only', to accompany the consignment to the place of freezing and a second PS/5 form must be completed to accompany the consignment of frozen pigmeat to the place of final storage.

- 4.3.6 When all the pigmeat to be stored under a particular contract has been placed in store, the details must be recorded on form PS/6. This will provide a summary of all the lots listed on the corresponding PS/5 forms. The form must be completed and signed by the operator or his/her cold store representative before being forwarded to the Department officer for checking and countersignature.

#### **4.4 Commencement of contractual storage period**

- 4.4.1 The first day of contractual storage for each contract is on the day following the date of entry of the final lot of meat for the contract into the cold store.

#### **4.5 Storage arrangements**

- 4.5.1 All the pigmeat produced for a given contract must be stored in the same cold store.
- 4.5.2 The pigmeat stored under an APS contract must be located in one area of the cold store, in such a manner that it is readily identifiable and accessible at all times. It should be stored in order of contract number.
- 4.5.3 Each pallet holding pigmeat (in bone-in or boneless form) under an APS contract must have a label attached on each side giving the details outlined in 4.2.2 above.  
Pallets shall contain pigmeat from one contract only.
- 4.5.4 In each cold store chamber holding APS pigmeat, a centre or main aisle shall be provided, this must be kept free at all times. When a Department official is not satisfied as to the storage arrangement for APS pigmeat, the operator will be obliged to organise a rearrangement as required and will be responsible for all costs arising from such rearrangement.
- 4.5.5 The pigmeat must remain in the designated cold store for the contracted storage period and must not be altered in any way or exchanged for other products.

#### **4.6 Cold store Register**

- 4.6.1 The operator must ensure that the cold store maintains a register for meat stored under APS contracts in addition to the standard commercial records. The register should contain:
- (i) consignment records relating to the movement of meat to and from the store
  - (ii) identification, by contract number, of products placed in private storage
  - (iii) the number, weight and designation of carcasses, half-carcasses or boxes as the case may be
  - (iv) date of commencement of contractual storage for each contract
  - (v) date(s) of withdrawal from storage of products in private storage
  - (vi) location of each contract in store.
- 4.6.2 These records shall be kept at all times up-to-date and be retained for 3 years after the events concerned and be available on request for inspection and verification by Department Officials. If the storekeeper wishes to use a computerised system, such a system must be capable of providing the data listed at 4.6.1 above in an easily accessible manner.

4.6.3 A store plan or grid reference guide should be available to Department officers in the store showing the location of APS product there by contract number.

#### **4.7 Control and inspection by the Department**

4.7.1 The Comptroller and Auditor General, or any of the institutions of the European Community, may instruct the Department to inspect and examine APS pigmeat and records relating thereto. The operator shall permit access to the store at all reasonable times, with or without prior notification, to officials authorised by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for this purpose. All assistance necessary for the execution of control over the pigmeat being stored, including the taking of samples as appropriate, shall be given. It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that the cold store complies with this requirement.

#### **4.8 Stock returns**

4.8.1 Each applicant is required to furnish to the Department details of APS pigmeat in contractual storage at the end of each month. The details to be included, as appropriate, are:

- (a) quantity entering store
- (b) quantity withdrawn from store
- (c) quantity in store but no longer under contractual storage
- (d) total quantity in contractual storage

## **Section 5 Completion of Storage**

- 5.1.1 Aided storage under an APS contract shall be completed at the end of the contractual storage period. A contract for storage may be for a period of 60, 90, 120 or 150 days.
- 5.1.2 A summary of the individual quantities removed from an APS contract must be recorded on form PSB/9 Storage Certificate. The form must be completed by the operator or his/her representative at the cold store and submitted for certification by the local Department officer.

### **5.2 Cold store Records**

- 5.2.1 Further to the requirements of Section 4.6, the applicant shall ensure that the following details regarding the removal from store are itemised accordingly in the cold store records:
- the quantities of meat and date(s) of withdrawal from the APS scheme and
  - the date of physical removal from the cold store.

Such records must be kept for at least three calendar years starting from the end of the calendar year in which they were drawn up.

## **Section 6 WITHDRAWALS FROM STORE**

### **6.1 General Conditions**

- 6.1.1 The operator must give the Department officers at the cold store written notice of withdrawal in accordance with (EU)2016/1238 & (EU) 2016/1240 five days in advance of any withdrawal.

### **6.2 Completion of storage**

- 6.2.1 Aided storage under an APS contract shall be completed at the end of the contractual storage period. A contract for storage may be for 60, 90, 120 or 150 days.
- 6.2.2 A summary of the quantities withdrawn from an APS contract must be recorded on form **PS/9 Storage Certificate**. The form must be completed by the operator or his/her representative at the cold store and submitted for certification by the local Department officer. In cases where all of the pigmeat has been withdrawn before the end of the maximum storage period a "Nil" return should be made in Section C of this form.

### **6.3 Cold store Records**

- 6.3.1 Further to the requirements of Section 4.6, the applicant shall ensure that the following details regarding the removal from store and subsequent export of pigmeat (if applicable) are itemised accordingly in the cold store records:
- the quantities of pigmeat and date(s) of withdrawal from the APS scheme and
  - the date of physical removal from the cold store.

Such records must be kept for at least three calendar years starting from the end of the calendar year in which they were drawn up.

## **Section 7**      **ELIGIBILITY OF COMPLETED CONTRACTS**

### **7.1 Fulfilment of contract obligations**

- 7.1.1 Eligibility for aid arises when the Department is satisfied that the operator has fulfilled the obligations undertaken in the contract application.
- 7.1.5 Each of the required control forms must be completed and signed by the operator or his/her representative, checked and countersigned by the local Department officer. If all in order, the Department officer then forwards the original documents in a sealed envelope to the Department's APS Section in Johnstown Castle Wexford.
- 7.1.6 The Department will only accept original documents. Correction fluid should not be used, any amendments should be initialled and dated and the incorrect information crossed out.
- 7.1.7 The forms relating to the operations for placing in storage must be received by the Department **within five working days** following the placing of the last lot into contractual storage.  
Operators should note that any apparent lack of attention to the completion of the required control forms for particular contracts, or delay in the submission of forms to the Department, operators may be penalised by the whole or partial forfeiture of the contract security concerned. Falsification of documents shall result in the loss of the aid due and the forfeiture of the security.

### **7.2 Other sources of information**

- 7.2.1 The applicant should note that authorised officers of the Department may, from time to time, wish to examine their commercial records and documentation for the purpose of verifying the origin, ownership and disposal of the meat which is the subject of an APS contract.

## **Section 8**      **PAYMENT OF AID**

### **8.1 Application for aid**

- 8.1.1 An application for aid, made on *PS/20 Claim Form*, with the required supporting documents, in respect of a particular contract should be made to the Department **within 3 months** following the end of the period of contractual storage.
- 8.1.2 If the Department is satisfied that the contractual conditions have been fulfilled, payment will be made within 120 days following the date of receipt of the payment application, with the required supporting documents, provided it has not been necessary for the Department to initiate enquiries as to the entitlement to aid.
- 8.1.3 The operator is advised to supply the Department with bank details to which the aid payment can be remitted.
- 8.1.4 Each applicant must have a trader reference number (TRN). If necessary, application forms for a TRN are available from APS Section, details of which are shown on page 3.

### **8.2 Calculation of aid**

- 8.2.1 Aid will be calculated with reference to the following elements:
- (a) the eligible quantity as determined in Section 7
  - (b) the appropriate basic rate of aid as set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/470.

### **8.3 Aid deductions**

- 8.3.1 The aid shall be paid for the contractual quantity if the quantity stored during the contractual storage period represents at least 97 % of the contractual quantity, where the contractual quantity relates to the fresh meat entering the store.
- 8.3.2 No aid is payable if the quantity stored during the contractual storage period is less than 97% of the contractual quantity, whereas the contractual quantity relates to the fresh meat entering the store
- 8.3.3 If checks during storage or on removal reveal that the products are defective, no aid shall be paid for the quantities concerned. The remainder of the storage lot eligible for aid shall be not less than 10 tonnes. The same rule will apply where part of a storage lot or batch is removed from storage for reasons of defectiveness before the end of the minimum storage period.
- 8.3.4 Where in respect of the total quantity stored the operator fails to respect the end of the contractual storage period, the aid for the contract in question shall be reduced by 10 % for each calendar day of non-compliance. However, this reduction shall not exceed 100 % of the aid.

### **8.4 Reimbursement of Aid**

- 8.4.1 Any unduly paid aid shall be refunded to the Department on request.

## **Section 9**      **RELEASE OF SECURITIES**

### **9.1 Basic contract security**

9.1.1 The contract security will be released in full when the Department is satisfied that all contractual obligations have been fulfilled.

9.1.2 The contract security will be forfeited in full (or in part) if:

- (a) The operator withdraws an application for aid to private storage
- (b) Where the application is amended after submission
- (c) less than 95% of the quantity specified in the application is placed into storage for the contractual storage period
- (d) less than 97% of the contractual quantity is kept in storage for the period laid down in the Implementing (EU) 2022/470, whereas the contractual quantity relates to the fresh meat entering the store.
- (e) has not completed the placing in storage within 28 days after the date of acceptance of application
- (f) the checks carried out by the Department show that the products do not correspond to the quality requirements referred to in in Article 3 of Regulation 2016/1238.

## **Section 10 APS CONTROL FORMS**

This section lists the control forms which must be completed to record the existence of a contract and subsequently each stage of the contract performance.

PS/1 Contract application to be completed by the applicant for aid.

PS/2 Indicating the Department's acceptance of the contract application.

PS/3: Bone-in pigmeat Carcase Weight Schedule.

Used to record the weights of the carcasses from which the APS pigmeat will be derived. Forms should be numbered according to production date order.

PS/4: Pigmeat Cutting/Deboning Output

Used to record the output of APS pigmeat cut or deboned prior to storage.

PS/5: Pigmeat Transit Note and Certificate of placing in store

Used to record the placing of pigmeat in store. Sections A and B must be completed at the plant of slaughter and the form must accompany the consignment to the cold store where Section C must be completed to confirm entry of the pigmeat into the place of final storage.

PS/6: Summary of pigmeat placed in Store

Used to summarise the details given in the corresponding PS/5 forms.

PS/7: APS Inspection Report [For official use]

PS/8: Removal from storage after 60 days for export

This form is completed when the pigmeat stored under contract is withdrawn after 60 days for export to countries outside the community.

PS/9: Storage Certificate

This form must be completed either when all the pigmeat stored under a contract has been withdrawn from storage or at the end of the maximum storage period. If all the pigmeat is withdrawn before the end of the maximum storage period, the applicant shall complete Sections A and B of the form and enter a 'Nil' return in Section C.

PS/20 Claim form for Aid

This form is used, with PS/9 to apply for aid in respect of each contract. It should be sent to the Department **within 3 months** of the end of the contractual storage period.

**Each form must be completed at the time when the relevant operation takes place and returned to APS Section through the DAFM officers. The PS/3, PS/4, PS/5 and PS/6 forms must reach APS not later than one month after the date of placing into storage. The PS/8 and PS/9 must be forwarded when completed.**



## PART III: ELIGIBLE PIGMEAT PRODUCTS AND RATES OF AID

**ANNEX**

Categories of products	Products in respect of which aid is granted	Amount of aid for a storage period of (EUR/tonne)			
		60 days	90 days	120 days	150 days
1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Category 1</b> ex 0203 11 10	Half-carcases without the forefoot, tail, kidney, thin skirt and spinal cord <sup>(1)</sup> Whole carcasses of animals up to 20 kg	270	286	301	317
<b>Category 2</b> ex 0203 12 11 ex 0203 12 19 ex 0203 19 11 ex 0203 19 13	Hams Shoulders Fore-ends Loins, with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	326	341	357	372
<b>Category 3</b> ex 0203 19 55	Legs, shoulders, fore-ends, loins with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump, boned <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	377	392	407	423
<b>Category 4</b> ex 0203 19 15	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut	282	297	313	327
<b>Category 5</b> ex 0203 19 55	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut, without rind and ribs	348	361	375	389
<b>Category 6</b> ex 0203 19 55	Cuts corresponding to 'middles', with or without rind or fat, boned <sup>(4)</sup>	279	293	306	320
<b>Category 7</b> ex 0209 10 11	Subcutaneous pig fat with or without rind <sup>(5)</sup>	157	168	180	190

<sup>(1)</sup> The aid may also be granted for half-carcases presented as Wiltshire sides, i.e. without the head, cheek, chap, feet, tail, flare fat, kidney, tenderloin, blade bone, sternum, vertebral column, pelvic bone and diaphragm.

<sup>(2)</sup> Loins and neck-ends may be with or without rind but the adherent layer of fat may not exceed 25 mm in depth.

<sup>(3)</sup> The quantity contracted may cover any combination of the products referred to.

<sup>(4)</sup> Same presentation as for products falling within CN code 0210 19 20.

<sup>(5)</sup> Fresh fatty tissue which accumulates under the rind of the pig and adheres to it, irrespective of the part of the pig from which it comes; in case it is presented with the rind, the weight of the fatty tissue must exceed the weight of the rind.

## Information Note on Securities accepted by Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Commission Implementing Regulations (EC) No 907/2014 and 908/2014 of 11 March 2014 lays down the common detailed rules for the application of the system of securities for agricultural products

A security is required when submitting an application for private storage aid and the application shall not be accepted as complete until a security is in place prior to receipt of applications.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine accepts securities in a number of formats which are outlined below. It should be noted that some securities are treated differently to others, for the reasons given.

Type of Security	Details
Bank draft	This is treated as cash and does not need to clear the account before it is accepted with a valid application.
Bank guarantee	A written guarantee drawn up by a financial institution, whereby in the event that obligations are not fulfilled, the financial institution promises to pay the amount due. Financial institutions must have prior approval from the Department to act as a guarantor. A current list of guarantors is available, upon request. Bank guarantees are drawn up using specific text.
Cash	Cash is not accepted.
Credit/debit/Laser card	Payment by any of these methods (see below) is treated as cash and does not have to clear the account before it is accepted with a valid application.
Electronic fund transfer	The Department's protocol for EFTs is outlined below. Time should be allowed for the EFT to appear in the Department's bank account before the associated application can be accepted.
Postal order	This is treated as cash and does not need to clear the account before it is accepted with a valid application.
Waiver	See Article 18(2) of Reg (EC) 907/2014

Bank drafts and postal orders should be made payable to Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. To avail of the credit/debit/Laser card facility please contact the Department's Cash Office by telephone at +353 (0)49 4352053.

### **Payment by EFT can only be made according to the following protocol.**

1. All payments to be made in Euro.
2. Each EFT payment made must quote your name or your Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine nine-digit customer number (e.g., 100987456 or 300987456). This enables the Department to distinguish your payment in our account. Be sure that your bank can accommodate this reference.
3. Each payment must be followed by remittance notice detailing
  - Name and address details. \*
  - Your nine-digit customer number (e.g., 100987456 or 300987456)
  - The date and amount paid into the Department's EFT Account.
  - A detailed description of purpose of the payment (Aid to Private Storage for PIGMEAT). \*

\* These are required to enable the Department to clear the payment against the correct Trader and licence application.

4. Where a payment is to cover a number of different branches of your company, i.e. a number of Department customers; a breakdown of the payment is required giving the details at 3 for each branch.
  
5. The remittance notice can be sent:
  - by email to [eftpayments@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:eftpayments@agriculture.gov.ie) or;
  - by mail to EFT Payments, Cash Office, Accounts Division, Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine, Government Buildings, Farnham Street, Cavan, or;

The Department cannot accept any responsibility for payments made into this account that cannot be identified due to lack of information. Should you have any problems please contact the Department Cash Office at +353 (0)49 4368254

#### **The Department's EFT Bank Details**

**Bank Details:** Danske Bank, International House, 3 Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1

**Account Name:** Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Receipts – Public Bank Account

**IBAN:** IE23DABA95159950006254

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**Account No.:** 50006254

**Sort Code:** 95-15-99

## Guarantees must be on the headed paper of the Guarantor

Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford

Re: APS for PRODUCT in accordance with COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) NO. 2016/1238 as amended.

We \_\_\_\_\_ with registered office at \_\_\_\_\_ hereby engage ourselves to be principal debtors to you jointly and severally with \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the applicant(s) in respect of every sum which the applicant(s) shall become liable to pay to you pursuant to security in respect of the application for private storage aid for PRODUCT by the applicant(s) on or after the date of this guarantee under Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2022/470, as amended or to be amended, and any relevant Regulations of the European Community for the time being in force.

Our liability under this guarantee shall not exceed the sum of EUR \_\_\_\_\_ (EUROs). But within this limit is a guarantee for the whole of each and every sum in which the applicant(s) shall become liable to you as aforesaid. This guarantee is valid until the obligations arising there-under have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine or 90 calendar days from the date of this guarantee have elapsed, whichever is the earlier. We hereby undertake jointly and severally with the applicant to pay, within 30 days of demand by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine any sum within the limit of this guarantee, due once the security is declared forfeit.

We agree that this guarantee shall not be deemed to have been delivered until actually received in your office.

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and full address of witness)

For and on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*In the case of the bank guarantee, the signatory should be the General Manager or in his absence the guarantee should be signed by a person authorised to sign it on his behalf.