

Addendum to Trader Notice

Beef and Sheepmeat Aid To Private Storage

Country of Origin of Meat under APS scheme

Products eligible for APS must originate in the Union (Article 9 of Regulation 1308/2013). Northern Ireland origin meat will not be eligible for payment of APS beyond 15 October 2020. Therefore contractual storage periods for APS applications containing NI origin meat cannot extend beyond that date. Given the time periods set down in the relevant Regulations regarding the acceptance of applications and the time allowed to place the product in storage it will not be possible at this stage to conclude contracts for either 120 days or 150 days in respect of Northern Ireland origin meat. Therefore only applications for storage of such meat for a period of 90 days will be accepted.

In order to allow the 90 day storage period to be completed by 15 October 2020 and taking into account the relevant time periods set down in the Regulations, applications for APS for NI origin meat must be submitted by 9 June 2020 at the latest. Where applications relate to meat from the Republic of Ireland only, they may be made for a 90 days, 120 days or 150 days period as normal. There is no closing date for such meat applications - the Commission will be closely monitoring the quantities applied for and it may suspend the relevant Scheme at any point.

Weight

The weight of the product for the contract will be determined when it is actually placed in storage.

The complete hindquarters may be deboned and boxed before entering the store under supervision of the Department in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1240. In such a case the volume eligible for aid is the total weight of deboned cuts of the hindquarter.

When the relevant hindquarters are stored as such (without deboning), the eligible volume is the total weight of the hindquarters (including bones, etc.)

The application form requests the applicant to indicate whether the product will be stored bone-in or boneless. It also requests the quantity that the applicant intends to place in storage (net weight in tonnes). The quantity actually placed in storage subsequently must be at least 95% of that weight.

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