



Rural Payments  
Agency

## **RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH

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### **NOTICE TO TRADERS 01/18**

### **INTERVENTION: SKIMMED MILK POWDER (SMP)**

#### **1. Introduction**

This notice is an update of the current situation with regard to Intervention Purchase of SMP.

#### **2. Background**

Buying-in of SMP will be available from 1 March to 30 September 2018. Applications will be held under a tendering system according to Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2016/1240 and 2018/154.

#### **3. Application process**

The first tendering period will close on 20 March 2018 at 11.00am (Brussels time).

After this initial period, the deadline for submission of tenders will close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 11.00am (Brussels time) and the final period will close on 18 September 2018.

If the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday is a Public Holiday, applications will close at 11.00am (Brussels time) on the previous day.

For August, the deadline for submission will be 11am (Brussels time) on 28 August.

You must be VAT registered in the Member State in which you are making your application; a copy of your VAT registration certificate must accompany your application.

Your application must be submitted on form SMP8 and be supported by a security of 50€/Tonne.

The minimum quantity that you can apply for is 30 tonnes.

Once submitted, you cannot withdraw your application.

Rights and obligations from applications are not transferrable.

Applications can be submitted by:

- Fax: 03300 416 501
- Email: [trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk)

#### 4. Security

You must provide a security of 50€ per tonne at the time of application. Your application will not be accepted as “completed” until we have this security in place. This means that at 11 am (Brussels time) on the closing day for applications, we must be in receipt of your application and security.

The security must be in the form of cash or a guarantee provided by a bank or insurance company incorporated in the UK and approved by RPA.

For cash payments, the bank details are:

For sterling securities	Bank: RBS (Natwest) Sort Code: 60-70-80 Account number: 10018433 Account name: GBS RE RPA CASH SECURITY ACCOUNT
For Euro securities	Bank: RBS (Natwest) Sort code: 60-70-80 Account No: 550/00/85014583 BIC: NWBKGB2L IBAN: GB48 NWBK 6072 0385 0145 83

For guarantee payments, details regarding Block or Single Transaction Guarantees can be found using this link:

[www.gov.uk/licence-securities-for-the-importexport-of-agricultural-products#make-a-security-payment](http://www.gov.uk/licence-securities-for-the-importexport-of-agricultural-products#make-a-security-payment)

When lodging cash securities, please use your trader registration number followed by INT/SMP as the reference.

You should bear in mind that Block Guarantees and Single Transaction Guarantees will take time to set up initially. You should consider the most appropriate method to ensure your application is supported by the relevant security in a timely manner.

Your security will be released immediately where tender applications are not accepted.

#### 5. Adjudication process

All tender applications will be submitted to the Commission when the application window has closed.

The Commission will consider all applications and decide on the maximum price for buying in.

The maximum award price will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

If your application is equal to or lower than the maximum price set, then your application will be accepted.

If your application is greater than the price set, then your application will be rejected.

Where the Commission set no price, then all applications will be rejected.

We will notify all applicants whether applications have been accepted or rejected.

## 6. Scheme Background

Before applying you should read Scheme Leaflet IM(L)21.

The Skimmed Milk Powder must meet the criteria outlined in the Scheme Leaflet.

## 7. Regulatory Background

The applicable regulations are:

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1238 supplementing Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to public intervention and aid for private storage.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1240, laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to public intervention and aid for private storage.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/154 published in Official Journal L29.

You can access the Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website <http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. While every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

## 8. Questions

If you have any questions or would like more information about this notice, please contact the trader team 020 776 43823 or 020 776 43983

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