



## **RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

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**NOTICE TO TRADERS 30 /14**

### **PRIVATE STORAGE AID: BUTTER, CHEESE AND SKIMMED MILK POWDER**

#### **Introduction**

- 1 The European Commission has adopted proposals to provide additional assistance to the dairy sector following the recent ban on imports of certain dairy products from the EU into Russia.
- 2 These proposals include the opening of Private Storage Aid for Butter, Cheese and Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP).

#### **Scheme rules**

3. You must be VAT registered in the Member State in which you are making your application and you must send us a copy of your VAT registration certificate.

For butter and SMP your application must meet the scheme rules which are outlined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 826/2008.

The application period for butter and SMP begins on 6 September 2014 and ends on 31 December 2014 and the application period for cheese begins on 8 September 2014 and ends on 31 December 2014. Each application for butter and SMP will be for a minimum of 1 tonne and for cheese shall be a minimum of 0.5 tonne. The whole lot should be entered into Private Storage arrangements on the same day. Amounts above the minimum, need not be in whole tonnes.

Your application will only apply to products fully placed in storage.

The packaging should be marked with a unique reference number which indicates the place and date of manufacture and the date on which the contract starts.

You must either mark contract numbers on each individual unit or record this information in a store register.

The products must not have been subject to a previous storage contract.

Your store must have been approved by Agency inspectors. If butter is stored there must be a suitable room for tempering and sampling cartons.

## **Specific conditions for cheese**

- 4 Fresh cheese is not covered by these provisions. The cheese must fall within the CN codes: 0406 20, 0406 30, 0406 40 and 0406 90, and frozen curd falling under 0406 10.

The maximum quantity traders as a whole can apply for is 155,000 tonnes, this is the ceiling limit across the EU.

Each application must be for a single CN code only.

The cheese should have, on the day when the storage contract starts, a minimum age corresponding to the period of maturation that would contribute to the increasing value of the cheese.

The packaging should either be marked with a unique reference number which indicates the place and date of manufacture and the date on which the contract starts or the store manager must maintain a register to record the particulars.

You must have the goods in storage for at least 60 days and no more than 210 days. The Commission may reduce or extend these storage periods if the market situation changes.

Storage aid is:

- 15.57€ per tonne of storage for fixed storage costs
- 0.40€ per tonne per day of contractual storage

## **Specific conditions for butter**

- 5 Butter must have been produced during the 60 days preceding the day of application. It must be presented in a lot of at least 1 tonne and be taken into storage on a single day.

Bulk butter must be put into packages of 25 kg in containers which are clean, free of odour and of a quality and strength suitable for storage of butter.

Butter in retail packs must be packed to a standard size in cardboard cartons.

Butter may be unsalted or salted and have a composition of:

- Minimum butterfat content by weight of 80%
- Maximum milk solids non-fat content by weight of 2%
- Maximum water content by weight of 16%

It must have been produced from cream obtained directly and exclusively from cows' milk produced in the Union.

You must have the goods in storage for at least 90 days and no more than 210 days. The Commission may reduce or extend these storage periods if the market situation changes

Storage aid is:

- 18.93€ per tonne of storage for fixed storage costs
- 0.28€ per tonne per day of contractual storage

### **Specific conditions for Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP)**

- 6 SMP must be presented in a lot of at least 1 tonne and of homogeneous composition and quality, produced in a single factory and taken into storage on a single day

It must have been made from cow's milk produced in the Union.

It must be packed into 25 kg bags or in 'big bags' weighing no more than 1500 kg.

SMP must:

- Have a minimum protein content of 34% by weight of non-fatty dry matter
- Have a fat content no greater than 1.5%
- Have a water content no greater than 5%

You must have the goods in storage for at least 90 days and no more than 210 days. The Commission may reduce or extend these storage periods if the market situation changes.

Storage aid is:

- 8.86€ per tonne of storage for fixed storage costs
- 0.16€ per tonne per day of contractual storage

### **Quality certificates for butter and skimmed milk powder destined for storage in another Member State**

7. We will supply confirmation of origin if you want to store butter or skimmed milk powder under private storage arrangements in another Member State. Please refer to Annex II of Commission Regulation (EC) 826/2008.

We will not sample butter or skimmed milk powder destined for storage under the scheme in another Member State. This is carried out by the Member State where storage is undertaken.

If you want to store butter or skimmed milk powder in another Member State you need to tell us:

- name and address of the applicant;
- name and address of the manufacturing creamery;
- creamery approval number;
- lot number;

- number of cartons;
- individual carton numbers;
- weight of lot (metric);
- name and address of the exporter;
- date of manufacture of each part of the lot;
- code for the dates (if used); and
- the Member State in which butter is to be stored.

Please make sure you clearly mark your request

### **'Private Storage Butter/Skimmed Milk Powder – Export'.**

#### **Applying for this scheme**

8. Before applying for this scheme please read guidance leaflets IM(L)1 and 19 which can be found on Gov.uk

You must submit a Storage Contract for Private Storage Aid and a Notification of Carton Numbers form. Copies of both forms are attached to this notice.

You must assign a unique contract number in the following format:

Cheese        PCH/trader number/four digits starting 0001

Butter        PSB/trader number/four digits starting 0001

SMP        PMP/trader number/four digits starting 0001

Your contract numbers should run sequentially.

#### **Regulatory Background**

- 9 The regulations applicable are Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 947/2014, opening private storage for butter and fixing in advance the amount of aid, Commission Implementing Regulation 948/2014, opening private storage for skimmed milk powder and fixing in advance the amount of aid and Commission Delegated Regulation 950/2014, opening a temporary exceptional private storage aid scheme for certain cheeses and fixing in advance the amount of aid. The implementing regulations came into force on the day following their publication in the Official Journal of the EU, L265. The delegated regulation came into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the EU, L265.

Where relevant, Regulation No 1308/2013 and 826/2008 will also apply.

You can also 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.

## Questions

10. If you have any questions or would like more information about this notice, please contact the Operations team 0191 226 5851 or 0191 226 5219

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