

Pigmeat

Private Storage Aid

Introduction

- 1 Private Storage Aid is a scheme paying fixed rates of aid for the Private Storage of pigmeat.
- 2 The scheme will open on 9 March 2015 and your application must be made in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 826/2008.

Applying for the scheme

- 3 If you are not registered with RPA you will need to register with RPA as a trader. To register with RPA please call **0845 053 9103** explaining that you need a trader registration number. Lines are open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

To help us get you registered please have the following information to hand:

- The name and address of your business and your contact details;
- The name and address of any others you would like to empower to act on behalf of your business;
- Your bank details.

You will be allocated a unique trader registration number.

- 4 You should read the guidance leaflet IM(L)3 before applying. You can find this by typing "pigmeat PSA" into the search of Gov.uk website.
- 5 You can select which abattoirs, cutting, boning, packing plants and cold store you wish to use. The cold store to be used must be nominated at the time of the contract application.
- 6 You must ensure that the cold store has sufficient resource available during Agency visits.
- 7 All products must have a pallet card which details the contract number and products must show the Health Mark either on the meat or on the packaging.

Applications

- 8 The application form is available directly from the RPA, you can contact us using the details below and we will send out what you need.
- 9 The products which can be entered into Private Storage Aid and the rates of aid are listed at Annex I
- 10 A separate application must be made for each product quoting the appropriate CN code
- 11 You must use the relevant CN code (listed in the annex of the regulation) when completing Part B of your Storage Contract
- 12 The storage periods are 90,120 or 150 days
- 13 Each application shall be for a minimum of 10 Tonnes for boned products, and 15 Tonnes for other products.

- 14 Once we have accepted your application, you will not be able to change the storage period entered in Part B. If you do not comply with this storage period, it will result in a reduction in your payment and/or security forfeit.

Security

- 15 Your application must be supported by a security equal to 20% of the total aid payable. For your application to be accepted as complete, the security must be in place at the time you submit your application.
- 16 You can lodge your security by:

Block Guarantee
Single Transaction Guarantee
BACS transfer

You can find help with securities at:

www.gov.uk/licence-securities-for-the-importexport-of-agricultural-products#make-a-security-payment

Authority

- 17 The scheme regulation is Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 360/2015, published in the Official Journal L62/16 on 6 March 2015.
- You can access Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website at (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>).

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Questions

- 18 If you have any questions or would like any more information about this scheme, please call us on:

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