

RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 35/16

PRIVATE STORAGE AID - SKIMMED MILK POWDER (SMP)

1. Introduction

This notice is an update of the current situation with regard to Private Storage Aid for SMP.

The Commission have continued to monitor the dairy market position in respect of SMP. In order to provide continuous availability and avoid any further market disturbance the Commission have agreed that the arrangements for the placing of SMP into Private Storage Aid will be extended.

2. Extension

The existing arrangements for the placing SMP into Private Storage Aid are due to expire on 30 September 2016. These arrangements have been extended until 28 February 2017.

You can continue to lodge applications under Commission Regulation (EU) 828/2008 from 1 October 2016 until 28 February 2017.

3. Regulatory Background

The applicable regulations are:

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

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 826/2008, both as amended.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1619, published in Official Journal L242.

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4. Questions

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