

RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 14/16

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

Intervention offers of SMP within the EU have now reached the 109k tonne ceiling for fixed price buying. Under the existing regulations, the Commission has closed intervention buying at a fixed price.

Buying-in may now take place under a tendering system according to Commission Regulation (EU) 1272/2009 and Regulation (EU) 482/2016.

3. Application process

The first tendering period will close on 19 April 2016 at 11.00am (UK time)

After this initial period, the deadline for submission of tenders will close on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 11.00am (UK time)

If the 1st or 3rd Tuesday is a Public Holiday, applications will close at 11.00am on the previous day.

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 20 tonnes

Once submitted, you cannot withdraw your application

Rights and obligations from applications are not transferrable

Applications can be submitted by:

- Fax: 0191 226 5101
- Email: 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 10.30 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 sterling securities	Bank: RBS (Natwest) Sort Code: 60-70-80 Account number: 10018433 Account name: GBS RE RPA CASH SECURITY ACCOUNT
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For Euro securities	Bank: Citibank Sort Code: 08-33-00 Account number: 12545209
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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

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

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

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 Regulation (EU) 1272/2009, as regards the buying-in and selling of agricultural products under public intervention.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 482/2016 published in Official Journal L87.

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 0191 226 5851 or 0191 226 5064

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