



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 22/2016

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 218k tonne revised 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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/826.

3. Application process

The first tendering period will close on 7 June 2016 at 11.00am (UK time)

After this initial period, the deadline for submission of tenders will be 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 working 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. Therefore you are advised to lodge your application and security by 1030 on the closing day for applications.

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

For Euro securities Bank: Citibank
Sort Code: 08-33-00
Account number: 12545209

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

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) 2016/826 published in Official Journal L137.

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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