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## **RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

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**NOTICE TO TRADERS 34/16**

**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**

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

The Commission have introduced two separate extension periods which are outlined below.

### **3. Initial Extension**

The existing arrangements for the purchase of SMP into intervention are due to expire on 30 September 2016. These arrangements have been extended until 31 December 2016.

You can continue to lodge applications under Commission Regulation (EU) 1272/2009 from 1 October 2016 until 31 December 2016.

### **4. Secondary Extension**

In addition to the extension outlined above, the Commission have also agreed that the purchase of SMP into intervention should be available without interruption until the start of the next intervention "season". To provide for continuous availability, the purchase of SMP into intervention will re-open on 1 January and remain open continuously until 30 September 2017.

This extension will be governed by new scheme rules which can be found in Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1238 and 2016/1240 published in Official Journal L206.

## 5. Regulatory Background

The applicable regulations are:

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

Council Regulation (EU) 1370/2013

Commission Regulation (EU) 1272/2009, regarding the buying and selling of agricultural products under public intervention.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1614, published in Official Journal L242. 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.

## 6. 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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