



Rural Payments Agency

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NOTICE TO TRADERS 43/16

INTERVENTION: SKIMMED MILK POWDER (SMP)

1. Introduction

This notice is an update of the current situation with regard to sales of Intervention Skimmed Milk Powder currently held in store.

This Notice to Traders should also be taken as the Invitation to Tender.

2. Background

The Commission has been monitoring the market situation in respect of dairy prices. As prices are more competitive, the Commission has decided to open up sales of certain Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP) which is currently held in store.

The process for customers to buy SMP will be via a tendering procedure.

3. Skimmed Milk Powder Availability

The total quantity of SMP available for sale, in the UK, under tender is 1,048 tonnes held in 25kg sacks. The age and location of SMP are outlined in Annex I.

4. Application process

Applications for the first tender must be received at RPA by 13 December 2016 at 10am (UK time) prompt.

Subsequent tenders will close on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. However, in August it shall be 10.00am on the 4th Tuesday and in December it shall be 10.00am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Applicants for SMP stored in the UK must ensure that they are registered with RPA and be VAT registered in the Member State where they are registered; a copy of the VAT registration certificate must accompany the application.

Applications must be submitted on form UEU2 and be supported by a security of 50€/tonne.

Applications must be for a minimum quantity of 20 tonnes.

Once submitted, applications cannot be withdrawn.

Rights and obligations from applications are not transferrable.

Applications can be submitted by:

- Fax: 03300 416 201
- Email: trader@rpa.gsi.gov.uk

5. Security

Applicants must provide a security of 50€ per tonne at the time of application. Applications will not be accepted as “completed” until we have this security in place. **This means that at 10.00am on the closing day for applications, we must be in receipt of the 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

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

Details regarding Block or Single Transaction Guarantees and exchange rates can be found using this link:

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

When lodging cash securities, please use your trader registration number followed by INT/SMP as the reference.

Applicants should bear in mind that Block Guarantees and Single Transaction Guarantees will take time to set up initially. Applicants should also consider the most appropriate method to ensure the application is supported by the relevant security in a timely manner.

Security will be released immediately where tender applications are not accepted.

6. Adjudication process

All applications will be relayed by RPA to the Commission when the application window has closed.

The Commission will consider all applications against the ceiling quantity and decide on the minimum price for selling.

The minimum price will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

If an application is equal to or higher than the price set, then the application may be accepted subject to stock availability and price tendered.

Applications lower than the minimum price set by the Commission, will be rejected.

Where the Commission set no price, all applications will be rejected.

We will notify all applicants whether applications have been accepted or rejected.

7. Scheme Background

Before applying applicants should read Scheme Leaflet IM(L)21

8. Regulatory Background

The applicable regulations are:

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

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1240 outlines the provisions for buying-in and selling of agricultural products under public intervention.

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2080 opens the sale of intervention skimmed milk powder (SMP) by a tendering procedure, which is published in Official Journal L321.

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.

9. Questions

If you have any questions or would like more information about this notice, please contact the trader team 020 776 43983 and 020 776 43823.

Fax 0330 416 501

Email trader@rpa.qsi.gov.uk

ANNEX 1

BREAKDOWN OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER

FOR TENDER EXERCISE 001 – CLOSING AT 10.00AM ON 13 DECEMBER 2016

SMP will be available for collection from the loading bay and onto transport from:

Ardboe Coldstore
Ardboe Business Park
Kilmascally Road
Ardboe
Co Tyrone
BT71 5BJ

Contact: Mary Wylie

Telephone: 028 867 37721

Email: mary@ardboecoldstore.co.uk

Loading facilities are available e.g. dock loaders, forklift truck etc, precise arrangements can be established by contacting the store.

Applicants may be asked for exchange of equivalent quality pallets on removal from store; however, an equivalent arrangement may be agreed.

Total available 1,048T

Date of Final Delivery	Delivered Tonnage
04/08/2015	96
05/08/2015	144
06/08/2015	144
07/08/2015	144
10/08/2015	48
11/08/2015	144
12/08/2015	96
13/08/2015	48
17/08/2015	184

The laboratory analysis results for the SMP are available on request.