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MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Skema ta' Għotja mill-Gvern, inkluża Skema ta' Skreppjar, għax-xiri ta' Muturi ġodda tal-Kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-Petrol, għal Persuni, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u Impriżi

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Transport Malta) qed jippubblika skema ta' għotjiet finanzjarji mmirata lejn persuni li jgħixu f'Malta, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta.

L-iskema għandha l-għan li tnaqqas l-għadd ta' vetturi bil-mutur konvenzjonali aktar qodma mit-triq u hija soġġetta għall-kundizzjonijiet stipulati f'dan id-dokument. L-għotja għandha tappoġġja x-xiri ta' mopeds , muturi, triċikli u kwadriċikli ġodda li jaħdmu bil-petrol.

L-għotja tinkludi skema ta' skreppjar maħsuba biex tipprovdi aktar appoġġ finanzjarju lill-applikanti li, waqt li jixtru u jirreġistraw Mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol, ineħħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura tal-kategorija L, M1 jew N1 li jkollha aktar minn 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha.

L-għotja hija applikabbli biss għal Muturi tal-Kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-Petrol li kienu ordnati minn qabel, ordnati jew mixtrija (b'depożitu) fl-4 ta' Mejju 2023 jew qabel. L-iskema hija meqjusa li daħlet fis-seħħ mill-**1 ta' Jannar 2024** u hija fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. Din l-iskema għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-**31 ta' Diċembru 2024** jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ikun eżawrit, sakemm ma tkunx modifikata jew mitmuma qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

L-Iskema

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-għotja, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtiġx mod ieħor:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta, l-organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew l-impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tapplika għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema, u li hija x-xerrej ta' Mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol kif definit hawn taħt;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni magħmula għal għotja jew għotjiet taħt din l-iskema;

No. 548

MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government Grant Scheme, including Scrappage Scheme, for the purchase of New Category L Petrol Motorcycles for Persons, Voluntary Organisations and Undertakings

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) is publishing a financial grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta, voluntary organisations, and undertakings established in Malta.

The scheme aims at reducing the number of older conventional motor vehicles from the road and is subject to the conditions stipulated in this document. The grant shall support the purchase of new mopeds, motorcycles, tricycles, and quadricycles powered by petrol.

The grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a Category L Petrol Motorcycle, deregister a vehicle in category L, M1 or N1 which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

The grant is applicable only to Category L Petrol Motorcycles that were pre-ordered, ordered or bought (with a deposit) on or before the 4th of May 2023. The scheme is deemed to have come into effect as of the **1st of January 2024** and is on a first come first served basis. This grant shall remain in force until the **31st of December 2024** or until the allocated budgeted funds are exhausted unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

The Scheme

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this grant, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta applying for the grant under this scheme, and is the purchaser of a Category L Petrol Motorcycle as defined hereunder;

'application' means the application made for a grant or grants under this scheme;

'bejjiegħ' tfisser aġent jew negozjant kif definit taħt din l-iskema;

'ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jipprovdi prova tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura bil-mutur skont l-Att dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur skont il-liġijiet ta' Malta (Kap. 368);

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsima 4;

'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fondazzjoni jew kooperattiva, li mhix ikkontrollata direttament jew indirettament mill-Gvern ta' Malta jew iffinanzjata minn fondi pubbliċi;

'impriżi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

'Impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li għandhom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin ma' xulxin:

a) intrapriża waħda għandha maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda għandha d-dritt li taħtar jew tneħħi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

c) intrapriża waħda għandha d-dritt li teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt imdaħħal ma' dik l-intrapriża jew għal dispożizzjoni fil-memorandum jew fl-istatut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha

d) intrapriża waħda, li hija azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħidha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-impriża.

e) L-intrapriżi li għandhom xi waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti (a) sa (d) hawn fuq permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar għandhom jitqiesu wkoll bħala impriża waħda.

'l-ewwel reġistrazzjoni' għandha tinkludi r-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura għall-ewwel darba f'isem persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta fejn il-vettura kkonċernata kienet reġistrata għall-ewwel darba f'Malta;

'Malta' tfisser il-Gżejjer Maltin;

'seller' means an agent or dealer as defined under this scheme;

'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act under the laws of Malta (Cap. 368);

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section 4;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a business entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society, which is not controlled directly or indirectly by the Government of Malta or funded through public funds;

'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

'Single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

e) Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'first registration' shall include the registration of a vehicle for the first time in the name of a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta where the vehicle concerned was registered for the first time in Malta;

'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;

'Mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija L li qatt ma ġiet irreġistrata f'xi pajjiż u li hija mmexxija minn magna ta' kombustjoni interna li taħdem bil-petrol;

'new Category L Petrol Motorcycle' means a Category L vehicle which has never been registered in any country and which is propelled by an internal combustion engine powered with petrol;

'negozjant' jew 'aġent' tfisser persuna jew entità awtorizzata li timporta, tbigħ jew tixtri vetturi bil-mutur

'dealer' or 'agent' means a person or entity authorised to import, sell, or buy motor vehicles

'organizzazzjoni volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (Kap. 492).

'voluntary organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492).

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew għandha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (KAP. 258) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju għall-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali u l-Infurzar tal-Liġi;

'person residing in Malta' means a person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, National Security and Law Enforcement;

'prodotti agrikoli' tfisser prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura koperti bir-Regolament tal-Kunsill (KE) Nru 104/2000 tas-17 ta' Diċembru 1999 dwar l-organizzazzjoni komuni tas-swieq fil-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura (ĠU L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22).

'agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22);

'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5(a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5 (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

'sid irreġistrat' tfisser il-persuna, l-organizzazzjoni volontarja jew l-impriża li f'isimha tkun reġistrata vettura mill-Awtorità;

'registered owner' means the person, voluntary organisation or undertaking on whose name a vehicle is registered by the Authority;

'tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser, għall-finijiet ta' din l-skema, it-tneħħija permanenti ta' vettura mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha minn mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa' tiġi reġistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f'Malta;

'de-registration' means, for the purpose of this scheme, the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with Transport Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta

'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta mwaqqfa skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499);

'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499);

'Unjoni Ewropea' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha mill-artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea (Kap. 460), u tinkludi n-Norveġja, l-Iżlanda u l-Liechtenstein;

'European Union' has the same meaning as is assigned to it by article 2 of the European Union Act (CAP. 460), and includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;

'vettura li tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija L, M1 jew N1 li tneħħitilha r-reġistrazzjoni;

'de-registered vehicle' means a Category L or M1 or N1 motor vehicle which has been de-registered;

'vettura tal-Kategorija L' tfisser vettura b'żewġ jew tliet roti jew kwadriċikli li jaqgħu fil-kamp ta' applikazzjoni tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 168/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill tal-15 ta' Jannar 2013 dwar l-approvazzjoni u s-sorveljanza tas-suq ta' vetturi b'żewġ jew tliet roti u kwadriċikli, kif emendat.

'Category L vehicle' means a two- or three-wheel vehicle or quadricycles falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles, as amended.

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni u li tista' ġġorr mhux aktar minn tmien passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5);

'xerrej' tfisser persuna residenti f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tixtri l-vettura minn pajjiż ieħor jew mingħand l-aġent jew in-negozjant lokali, li jkollha dik il-vettura rreġistrata f'isimha u li tkun l-applikant għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema;

2. Għal min tapplika din l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema għal għotja finanzjarja għax-xiri ta' Muturi ġodda tal-Kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-petrol kif definit hawn fuq, tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta li ordnaw minn qabel, ordnaw jew xtraw (b'depożitu) Mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-Petrol fl-4 ta' Mejju 2023 jew qabel u li ma applikawx għal għotja taħt l-iskema applikabbli fl-2023..

2.2. L-iskema tippermetti taħlita ta' xiri ta' muturi ġodda tal-Kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-petrol, u tibdil ta' vetturi antiki.

2.3. L-ammont totali tal-għotja maħruġ lill-applikanti għal xi waħda minn dawn l-għotjiet m'għandux jaqbeż il-prezz tax-xiri tal-mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol.

2.4. Għotja għax-Xiri ta' Muturi ġodda tal-Kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-Petrol

2.4.1. L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli f'dawn il-każijiet għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed tiġi reġistrata, kif muri fit-Tabella 1 tal-Anness.

2.4.2. Applikazzjoni għal għotja minn persuni residenti f'Malta u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li ma jwettqux attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE

a) Applikanti li huma persuni residenti f'Malta huma intitolati li jirċievu massimu ta' għotja waħda (1) taħt din l-iskema.

b) Applikanti li huma organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li ma jwettqux attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE huma intitolati li jirċievu massimu ta' ħames (5) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema.

2.4.3. Applikazzjoni għal għotja minn impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver;

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes;

'purchaser' means a person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta buying the vehicle from another country or from the local agent or dealer, having that vehicle registered in his name and being the applicant for the grant under this scheme;

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme for a financial grant for the purchase of new Category L Petrol Motorcycles as defined above, applies to any person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta who have pre-ordered, ordered or bought (with a deposit) a new Category L Petrol Motorcycle on or before the 4th May 2023 and who have not applied for a grant under the applicable scheme in 2023.

2.2. The scheme allows a mix and match of purchase of new Category L Petrol Motorcycles, and replacement of old vehicles.

2.3. The total grant amount issued to applicants for any of these grants shall not exceed the purchase price of the new Category L Petrol Motorcycle.

2.4. Grant for the Purchase of New Category L Petrol Motorcycles

2.4.1. The grant amounts applicable in these cases shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being registered, as shown in Table 1 of the Annex.

2.4.2. Grant application by persons residing in Malta and voluntary organisations that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

a) Applicants who are persons residing in Malta are entitled to receive a maximum of one (1) grant under this scheme.

b) Applicants who are voluntary organisations that do not carry out economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are entitled to receive a maximum of five (5) grants under this scheme.

2.4.3. Grant application by undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

a) Applikanti li huma organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika huma intitolati li jirċievu massimu ta' ħames (5) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema.

b) Applikanti li huma impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta huma intitolati li jirċievu massimu ta' ħames (5) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema.

c) Ir-regoli dwar l-għajnuna mill-Istat għandhom japplikaw għall-għotjiet maħruġa taħt din it-taqsima. Dettalji dwar ir-regoli applikabbli dwar l-għajnuna mill-Istat huma spjegati fit-taqsima 2.6 ta' dan id-dokument.

2.5. Skema ta' Skreppjar

a) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għall-għotja li tinvolvi t-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura eżistenti, l-applikant għandu jneħħi mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura tal-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 li għandha mill-inqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura u li tkun reġistrata fuq isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha.

b) L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli f'dan il-każ għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, kif indikat fit-Tabella 2 tal-Anness.

c) Għotjiet għall-iskreppjar maħruġa taħt din it-taqsima lil impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE huma soġġetti għal regoli dwar l-għajnuna mill-Istat skont ir-Regolament de minimis, kif spjegat fit-taqsima 2.6 ta' dan id-dokument.

2.6. Regoli dwar l-għajnuna mill-istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotjiet għax-xiri ta' muturi ġodda tal-kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-petrol minn impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE u applikazzjonijiet għal għotjiet għall-iskreppjar minn impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wieħed mir-Regolamenti *de minimis* li ġejjin.

(a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kid amendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 51I, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta'

a) Applicants who are voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity are entitled to receive a maximum of five (5) grants under this scheme.

b) Applicants who are undertakings established in Malta are entitled to receive a maximum of five (5) grants under this scheme.

c) State aid rules shall apply for grants issued under this section. Details regarding the applicable State aid rules are explained in section 2.6 of this document.

2.5. Scrappage Scheme

a) In the case of a grant application involving the deregistration of an existing vehicle, the applicant shall deregister a category L or M1 or N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture and which is registered on the applicant's name on the day of its deregistration.

b) The grant amounts applicable in this case shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being deregistered, as indicated in Table 2 of the Annex.

c) Scrappage grants issued under this section to undertakings established in Malta or voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are subject to state aid rules under the *de minimis* Regulation, as explained in section 2.6 of this document.

2.6. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications for the purchase of new category L Petrol Motorcycles by undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU and scrappage grants applications by undertakings or voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, assistance will be provided in line with one of the following *de minimis* Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 51I, 22.2.2019) and by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU)

Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/ 2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 *tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis* (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti *de minimis* huma kif ġej:

(a) Għal impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(b) Għal impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(c) Għall-impriżi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed the thresholds established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation outlined above. The applicable de minimis thresholds are as follows:

(a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(b) For undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of de minimis aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat mogħtija taħt ir-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom minn kwalunkwe entità għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin skont liema regolament *de Minimis* ikun jgħodd. Kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the *de minimis* rule including that received from any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years as applicable. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika l-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża waħda relatata mal-impriża applikanti, u kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom mill-impriża waħda matul il-perjodu applikabbli ta' tliet snin skont ir-Regolament *de minimis* applikabbli. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding *de minimis* aid received and applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3. Mod ta' applikazzjoni u dokumenti ta' sostenn

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja taħt din l-iskema għandha ssir jew mill-aġent/negozjant/fornitur jew mix-xerrej, billi tiġi sottomessa l-formola ta' applikazzjoni VEH 70 flimkien ma' kull informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti meħtieġa hemmhekk. Ix-xerrej tal-vettura għandu jitqies bħala l-applikant aħħari f'termini ta' din l-iskema.

3.1. An application for a grant under this scheme shall be made by the purchaser, by submitting application form VEH 070 along with any information, details and documents required therein. The purchaser of the vehicle shall be considered as the ultimate applicant in terms of this scheme.

3.2. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati mid-dokumenti li ġejjin:

3.2. Applications shall be accompanied by the following documents:

a) Evidenza li l-Mutur tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-Petrol kien ordnat minn qabel, ordnat jew mixtri (b'depożitu) fl-4 ta' Mejju 2023 jew qabel;

a) Evidence that the Category L Petrol Motorcycle was pre-ordered, ordered or bought (with a deposit) on or before the 4th of May 2023.

b) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għall-iskema ta' skreppjar, ċertifikat tal-qerda maħruġ minn faċilità ta' qerda awtorizzata li tiċċertifika li l-vettura li tkun qed titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni ġiet meqruda fil-faċilità ta' qerda awtorizzata;

b) In the case of an application for the scrappage scheme, a destruction certificate issued by an approved destruction facility certifying that the vehicle which is being scrapped has been destructed in the approved destruction facility;

c) Fil-każ ta' impriża stabbilita f'Malta, ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni, jew ċertifikat tal-VAT;

c) In the case of an undertaking established in Malta, a registration certificate, or a VAT certificate;

d) Fil-każ ta' organizzazzjoni volontarja, ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni maħruġ mill-Kunsill Malti għas-Servizz Volontarju.

d) In the case of a voluntary organisation, a registration certificate issued by the Malta Council for Voluntary Service.

3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-jiem tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi ta' Transport Malta f'wieħed mill-indirizzi ta' hawn taħt:

3.3. Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at one of the followinf addresses:

a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212;

b) Ċentru tat-Trasport ta' Malta, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija LJA2021; jew

c) Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet Għawdex, Pjazza San Franġisk, ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

3.4. Negozjant liċenzjat jew aġent tal-karozzi li jixtri xi waħda minn dawn il-vetturi għal skopijiet ta' showroom u bejgħ jista' japplika għall-għotja iżda meta jerġa' jbigħ dik il-vettura, ix-xerrej ma jkunx eliġibbli għal kwalunkwe għotja.

4. Eliġibilità

4.1. Biex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jikkonforma mat-Taqsima 2

4.2. Biex jikkwalifika għall-għotjiet, il-Mutur tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-Petrol li jkun qed jiġi reġistrat għandu:

a) ikun ġdid;

b) ġie ordnat minn qabel, ordnat jew mixtri (b'depożitu) fl-4 ta' Mejju 2023 jew qabel;

c) ikun liċenzjat għall-użu fit-triq mill-applikant.

4.3. Biex tikkwalifika għall-iskema ta' skreppjar, il-vettura bil-mutur li trid tiġi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni għandha:

a) Ikollha mill-inqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, l-età tal-vettura tiġi determinata bħala s-sena kalendarja fid-data tal-applikazzjoni wara li titnaqqas is-sena tal-manifattura kif iċċertifikat fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura u trid tkun tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni wara l-1 ta' Jannar 2023;

b) tkun reġistrata u ggaraxxjata jew liċenzjata ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, kif muri fuq iċ-ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura jew kif ikkonfermat minn Transport Malta;

c) ladarba titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, tiġi meqruda skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (LS368.02). Għandu jiġi pprovdut ċertifikat ta' qerda;

d) Vetturi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispożizzjonijiet ta' S.L.65.24 ma jkunux eliġibbli għal din l-iskema ta' skreppjar;

4.4. Persuni li rċevew mill-għotjiet għar-reġistrazzjoni ta' muturi ġodda li jaħdmu bil-petrol fl-2021, 2022 u/jew 2023 MHUMIEX eliġibbli għal din l-iskema.

a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija LJA2021; or

c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

3.4. A licensed dealer or car agent purchasing any of these vehicles for showroom and sales purposes may apply for the grant but on re-selling such vehicle, the buyer will not be eligible for any grants.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

4.2. To qualify for the grants, the Category L Petrol Motorcycle being registered shall:

a) be new;

b) have been pre-ordered, ordered or bought (with deposit) on or before the 4th of May 2023;

c) be licensed for use on the road by the applicant.

4.3. To qualify for the scrappage scheme, the motor vehicle to be de-registered shall:

a) be at least ten (10) years old on the date of application, the age of the vehicle being determined as the calendar year on the date of application less the year of manufacture as certified on the vehicle's registration certificate and must be deregistered after the 1st of January 2023;

b) be registered and garaged or licensed with Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of scrappage, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by Transport Malta;

c) once de-registered, be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL368.02). Destruction certificate shall be provided ;

d) Deregistered vehicles which had benefitted from the provisions of S.L.65.24 shall not be eligible for this scrappage scheme.

4.4. Persons who have received grants for the registration of new petrol motorcycles in 2021, 2022 and/or 2023 are NOT eligible for this scheme.

4.5. Impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li rċevew għotjiet għar-reġistrazzjoni ta' muturi ġodda li jaħdmu bil-petrol fl-2021, 2022 u/jew 2023 jistgħu japplikaw biss għal din l-iskema jekk irċevew inqas minn ħames (5) għotjiet b'kollox matul dawn is-sentejn. Il-kwantità ta' applikazzjonijiet preżentati f'dawn il-każijiet ghandha tkun limitata sabiex għotjiet aggregati riċevuti minn tali applikanti għall-2021, 2022, 2023 u 2024 ma jaqbżux il-ħames (5) għotjiet.

5. Ħlas ta' Għotja

5.1. Fejn applikant jikkwalifika għal għotja, tali għotja għandha titħallas direttament lill-applikant.

5.2. L-għotja mogħtija lix-xerrej ma għandhiex tkun stmata bħala dħul għall-finijiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dħul.

5.3. Vettura hija eliġibbli għal għotja waħda biss, u jekk is-sid oriġinali (il-benefiċjarju) ibigħ il-vettura fis-suq tal-vetturi użati wara li jgħaddi l-perjodu msemmi fit-Taqsima 7, is-sid il-ġdid tal-istess vettura ma jkunx intitolat li japplika għal xi għotja relatata ma' dik il-vettura, fil-każ li tali għotja tkun għadha disponibbli.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma timteliex bis-sħiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex tajjeb u d-dokumenti rilevanti ma jkunux inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm tingħata l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. Vetturi reġistrati fl-1 ta' Jannar 2023 jew wara huma eliġibbli għal din l-għotja u s-sidien rispettivi għandhom japplikaw bil-formola ta' applikazzjoni l-ġdida mnedija għal din l-iskema. L-applikazzjonijiet preċedenti kollha fil-format l-antik ma jiġux aċċettati għal din l-għotja.

7. Rifużjoni tal-għotja

7.1. Kull mutur ġdid tal-kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol mixtri mill-applikant taħt din l-għotja għandu jibqa' reġistrat f'isem l-applikant għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' mutur ġdid tal-kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol li fuqu tkun inħarġet għotja taħt din l-iskema jittrasferixxi l-imsemmija vettura lil parti terza għal kwalunkwe raġuni, minbarra transferiment causa mortis lil xi werriet, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-għotja riċevuta minn Transport Malta. F'każijiet bħal dawn, jiġifieri, meta l-vettura terġa' tinbiegħ u l-għotja titħallas lura mis-sid oriġinali, ix-xerrej il-ġdid jista' japplika għall-iskema ta' għotja relatata max-xiri ta' muturi ġodda tal-kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-petrol, jekk tali skema tkun disponibbli f'dak iż-żmien. F'każijiet

4.5. Undertakings established in Malta or voluntary organisations that have received grants for the registration of new petrol motorcycles in 2021, 2022 and 2023 may apply for this scheme only if they received less than 5 grants in aggregate over these 3 years. The quantity of applications submitted in these cases shall be limited so that the aggregate grants received by such applicants for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 does not exceed 5 grants.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for a grant, such grant shall be paid directly to that applicant.

5.2. The grant given to the purchaser shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

5.3. A vehicle is only eligible for one grant, and if the original owner (the beneficiary) sells the vehicle on the used market after the period referred to in Section 7 elapses, the new owner of the same vehicle will not be entitled to apply for any grant related to that vehicle, in the case such a grant would still be available.

6. Validity of application

6.1. An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2. Vehicles registered on or after the 1st of January 2023 are eligible for this grant and must apply with the new application form launched with this scheme. All previous applications in the old format will not be accepted for this grant.

7. Refunding of grant

7.1. Any new category L petrol motorcycle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration. If the registered owner of a new category L petrol motorcycle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle to a third party, for any reason other than a transfer causa mortis to an heir, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta. In such cases, that is, when the vehicle is re-sold and the grant is refunded back by the original owner, the new buyer may apply for the grant scheme related to the purchase of new category L petrol motorcycles, if such a scheme is available at that time. In cases of a company disqualified within the same group of companies, such a

ta' kumpanija skwalifikata fl-istess grupp ta' kumpaniji, dak it-trasferiment tal-vettura jkun permess mingħajr il-ħtieġa li tingħata lura l-għotja.

7.2. Kull mutur ġdid tal-kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol mixtri mill-applikant taħt din l-għotja m'għandux ikun modifikat b'tali mod li l-kategorija tal-vettura tinbidel għal kategorija ġdida li għaliha l-għotjiet mhumiex disponibbli taħt din l-iskema. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' mutur ġdid tal-kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol li għalih tinħareġ għotja taħt din l-iskema jimmodifika l-vettura b'dan il-mod, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-għotja li tkun irċeviet mingħand Transport Malta. L-ebda applikazzjoni ġdida għal għotja ma tiġi aċċettata jekk dak l-istess mutur tal-kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol imbagħad ikun modifikat lura għall-kategorija oriġinali tiegħu.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Din l-iskema għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024 jew sakemm ikun eżawrit il-baġit allokat, sakemm ma tiġix modifikata jew mitmuma qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe ħin permezz ta' avviż minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi skont kif ikun meħtieġ permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi lill-iskema

Il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel xi emendi lil din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Proġetti Kapitali għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas ħażin ta' talba, l-istess Ministru jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

Anness: Ammonti ta' għotja applikabbli għax-xiri ta' Muturi tal-kategorija L li jaħdmu bil-Petrol.

Tabella 1: Ammonti ta' għotja li għandhom jitħallsu għal kull mutur tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol mixtri minn kwalunkwe applikant, soġġett għall-kriterji ta' eliġibbiltà stipulati f'dan id-dokument

transfer of the vehicle will be permitted without the need to refund the grant.

7.2. Any new category L petrol motorcycle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall not be altered in such a way that the category of the vehicle changes to a new category for which grants are not available under this scheme. If the registered owner of a category L petrol motorcycle for which a grant is issued under this scheme alters the vehicle in such a way, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta. No new grant applications will be accepted if that same category L petrol motorcycle is then altered back to its original category.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. This scheme shall remain into force until the 31st of December 2024 or until the allocated budget is exhausted, unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. Notwithstanding, Government may terminate or extend the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister responsible for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the said Minister reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry our economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

Annex: Grant amounts applicable for the purchase of category L Petrol Motorcycles.

Table 1: Grant amounts to be paid for each Category L Petrol motorcycle purchased by any applicant, subject to eligibility criteria stipulated in this document

	Tip ta' vettura	**Sottokategorija tal-Vettura**	**Ammont tal-għotja**
	Type of vehicle	***Vehicle Sub-Category***	***Grant amount***
1	- Roti motorizzati; - Mopeds b'żewġ roti; - Mopeds bi tliet roti għat-trasport tal-passiġġieri jew għal skopijiet ta' utilità; - Kwadriċikli ħfief jew kwadrimobbli.	· L1e-A · L1e-B · L2e · L6e	€1,000
1	*- Powered cycles;* *- Two-wheel mopeds;* *- Three-wheel mopeds for passenger transport or for utility purposes;* *- Light quadricycles or quadri-mobiles.*	*· L1e-A* *· L1e-B* *· L2e* *· L6e*	
2	- Mutur ta' prestazzjoni baxxa; - Mutur b'żewġ roti ta' prestazzjoni baxxa b' sidecar. - Triċiklu mħaddem b'qawwa li ma taqbiżx il-15kW.	· L3e-A1 · L4e-A1 · L5e	€1,000
2	*- Low performance motorcycle;* *- Low-performance two-wheel motorcycle with side-car.* *- Powered Tricycle with power not exceeding 15kW.*	*· L3e-A1* *· L4e-A1* *· L5e*	
3	- Mutur ta' prestazzjoni medja; - Mutur b'żewġ roti ta' prestazzjoni medja b'sidecar. - Triċiklu mħaddem b'qawwa li taqbeż il-15kW imma ma taqbiżx il-35kW.	· L3e-A2 · L4e-A2 · L5e	€750
3	*- Medium performance motorcycle;* *- Medium-performance two-wheel motorcycle with side-car;* *- Powered Tricycle with power exceeding 15kW but not exceeding 35kW.*	*· L3e-A2* *· L4e-A2* *· L5e*	

NOTA: Ir-Regolamenti *de minimis* u l-limiti massimi rispettivi għandhom japplikaw meta jingħarġu għotjiet lil **impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta** jew **organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu xi attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal- Artikolu 107 TFUE.**

NOTE: The *de minimis* Regulations and the respective thresholds shall apply when grants are issued to **undertakings established in Malta** or **voluntary organisations which carry out any economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU**.

Tabella 2: Ammonti tal-għotja għal ħlas meta vettura tiġi skreppjata flimkien ma' kwalunkwe għotja oħra għax-xiri ta' mutur ġdid tal-Kategorija L li jaħdem bil-petrol

	Kategorija tal-Vettura Skreppjata	***Ammont tal-Għotja***
1	L (Muturi)	€500
2	M1 (Karozza) jew N1 (Vann)	€1,000

Table 2: Grant amounts to be paid when a vehicle in scrapped in conjunction with any other grant for the purchase of a new Category L Petrol motorcycle.

	Category of Scrapped Vehicle	***Grant Amount***
1	L (Motorcycles)	€500
2	M1 (Car) or N1 (Van)	€1,000

NOTA: Ir-regoli *de minimis* u l-limiti massimi rispettivi tagħhom japplikaw meta jingħarġu għotjiet għall-iskreppjar lil **impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta** jew **organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu kwalunkwe attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE**.

NOTE: The *de minimis* Regulations and the respective thresholds shall apply when scrappage grants are issued to **undertakings established in Malta** or **voluntary organisations which carry out any economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU**.

Nru. 549

MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Skema ta' għotjiet tal-Gvern li tippromwovi t-tagħmir ta' vetturi bil-mutur u trailers b'apparat għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed iniedi skema ta' għotja ta' flus immirata għal persuni residenti f'Malta, kunsilli lokali, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta sabiex jinċentiva t-tagħmir bl-apparati għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet li ġejjin:

Pannelli Fotovoltajċi approvati fuq vetturi heavy-duty u trailers biex jitnaqqas il-konsum tal-fjuwil u l-emissjoni tad-Dijossidu tal-Karbonju (CO2);

Filtri tal-Partikuli tad-Diesel (DPF) u Sistemi ta' Tnaqqis Katalitiku Selettiv (SCR) fuq Vetturi Heavy-Duty li jnaqqsu l-emissjoni ta' sustanzi li jniġġsu bħall-materja partikulata (PM) u l-Ossidu tan-Nitroġenu (NOx); u

Sistemi ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batterija fuq vetturi li jeliminaw l-emissjonijiet mit-tailpipe.

Din hija miżura oħra tal-baġit favur l-ambjent immirata biex tkompli tnaqqas l-emissjonijiet mit-traffiku fit-toroq.

L-ammonti tal-għotja għandhom ivarjaw skont it-tip ta' apparat u l-kategorija tal-vettura kkonċernata, kif indikat fl-Anness I.

L-iskema meqjusa li daħlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u tagħlaq fil-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' tmenin elf ewro (€80,000) ikun eżawrit.

Applikanti li għammru il-vettura tagħhom b'xi wieħed mill-apparati għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet eliġibbli fl-2023 iżda ma bbenefikawx minn skema simili jistgħu japplikaw ukoll għal din l-għotja.

L-għotjiet f'din l-iskema għandhom jiġu assenjati fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtieġx mod ieħor:

No. 549

MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government grant scheme to promote the retrofitting of emission reduction devices on motor vehicles and trailers

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is launching a grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta, local councils, voluntary organisations, and undertakings established in Malta to incentivise the retrofit of the following emission reduction devices:

Approved Photovoltaic Panels on heavy-duty vehicles and trailers to reduce the fuel consumption and emission of Carbon Dioxide (CO2);

Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs) and Selective Catalytic Reducers (SCRs) on heavy-duty vehicles to reduce the emission of polluting substances such as particulate matter (PM) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx); and

Battery electric powertrains on motor vehicles to eliminate tailpipe emissions.

This is another environment-friendly budget measure aimed at further reducing emissions from road traffic.

The grant amounts shall vary depending on the type of retrofit and vehicle category concerned, as indicated in Annex I.

The scheme is effective as of 1st of January 2024 and closes on the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of eighty thousand Euro (€80,000) is exhausted.

Applicants who installed any of the eligible emission reduction devices on their vehicles in 2023 but did not benefit from a similar scheme, may also apply for this grant.

The grants in this scheme shall be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purposes of the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1. 'apparat tad-DPF' tfisser apparat li jaqbad fiżikament l-emissjonijiet tal-partikuli permezz ta' taħlita ta' mekkaniżmi ta' filtrazzjoni, bħal depożitu ta' diffużjoni, depożizzjoni inerzjali, jew interċettazzjoni tal-linja tal-fluss. Il-partikuli miġbura jitneħħew mill-filtru, kontinwament jew perjodikament, permezz ta' riġenerazzjoni termali;

1.2. 'applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema u li tkun sid irreġistrat ta' vettura mgħammra b'wieħed mill-apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet eliġibbli;

1.3. 'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;

1.4. 'ċertifikat tat-tagħmir' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat maħruġ minn persuna kompetenti wara li vettura tkun ġiet mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vettura;

1.5. 'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur jew trailer hija rreġistrata u f'isem min hija rreġistrata l-vettura;

1.6. 'DPF' tfisser filtru tal-partikuli tad-diesel;

1.7. 'emissjonijiet tal-NOx' tfisser emissjonijiet ta' ossidi tan-nitroġenu;

1.8. 'emissjonijiet tal-PM' tfisser emissjonijiet ta' partikuli;

1.9. 'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qiegħda tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsima 4;

1.10. 'impriżi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

1.11. 'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inklużi sħubijiet reġistrati f'Malta, persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

1.12. 'impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt taħtar jew tneħħi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

1.1. 'DPF device' means a device that physically captures particle emissions through a combination of filtration mechanisms, such as diffusional deposition, inertial deposition, or flow-line interception. Collected particulates are removed from the filter, continuously or periodically, through thermal regeneration;

1.2. 'applicant' means the person residing in Malta, local councils, volontary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta applying for the grant under this scheme and who is the registered owner of a vehicle retrofitted with any of the eligible emission reduction devices;

1.3. 'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

1.4. 'certificate of installation' means the certificate issued by a competent person after carrying out the installation of an emission reduction device on a vehicle;

1.5. 'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle or trailer and in whose name the vehicle is registered;

1.6. 'DPF' means diesel particulate filter;

1.7. 'NOx emissions' means emissions of nitrogen oxides;

1.8. 'PM emissions' means emissions of particles;

1.9. 'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section 4;

1.10. 'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

1.11. 'undertaking established in Malta' means any commercial company including partnerships registered in Malta, or a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, or a cooperative society;

1.12. 'single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni tal-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriża waħda, li tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħidha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

L-intrapriżi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) t'hawn fuq permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriża waħda.

1.13. 'Kunsill Lokali' tfisser Gvern Lokali kif imfisser fl-Att dwar il-Gvern Lokali (Kap. 363 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.14. 'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;

1.15. 'organizzazzjoni volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (KAP 492 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.16. 'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati' tfisser apparat li jittrasforma l-enerġija tad-dawl f'elettriku, li huwa ddisinjat speċifikament biex jiġi installat fuq vetturi heavy-duty, u li huwa approvat għal dan il-għan minn Transport Malta skont is-Sezzjoni 3(i);

1.17. 'persuna kompetenti' tfisser il-persuna li hija impjegata jew ingaġġata minn installatur approvat, u li hija approvata biex tinstalla apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vetturi mill-manifattur tal-istess apparat;

1.18. 'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti tal-Identità oħra (KAP. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà, ir-Riformi u l-Ugwaljanza;

1.19. 'prodotti agrikoli' tfisser il-prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (KE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill (ĠU L 354, 28,12,2013, p. 1);

1.20. 'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

1.21. 'SCR' tfisser tnaqqis katalitiku selettiv;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

1.13. 'Local Council' means a Local Government as defined in the Local Government Act (Cap. 363 of the Laws of Malta);

1.14. 'Malta' means the islands of Malta;

1.15. 'voluntary organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (CAP 492 of the Laws of Malta);

1.16. 'approved photovoltaic panels' means a device that transforms light energy into electricity, which is specifically designed to be installed on heavy-duty vehicles, and which is approved for this purpose by Transport Malta pursuant to Section 3(i);

1.17. 'competent person' means the person who is employed or engaged by an approved installer, and who is approved to install emission reduction devices on vehicles by the manufacturer of the same devices;

1.18. 'person residing in Malta' means a person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (CAP 258 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality;

1.19. 'agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products falling within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1);

1.20. 'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

1.21. 'SCR' means selective catalytic reduction;

1.22. 'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna li f'isimha vettura jew trailer tkun ġiet irreġistrata minn Transport Malta;

1.23. 'Sistema tal-SCR' tfisser sistema li tnaqqas il-livell ta' ossidu tan-nitroġenu fil-gass tal-egżost mill-magna permezz ta' elementi ta' katalizzatur u aġent li jnaqqas. Fil-proċess, aġent li jnaqqas soluzzjoni ta' ilma tal-urea huwa miżjud mal-fluss tal-gass tal-egżost. L-ilma fis-soluzzjoni tal-urea jiġi evaporat hekk kif is-soluzzjoni tiġi injettata fil-gass tal-egżost sħun. It-temperatura għolja tinduċi wkoll dekompożizzjoni termali tal-urea ((NH2)2CO) f'ammonja (NH3) u dijossidu tal-karbonju (CO2). L-emissjonijiet tal-NOx tal-gass tal-egżost huma mbagħad mibdula f'nitroġenu molekulari (N2) u ilma (H2O), hekk kif jirreaġixxu mal-ammonja f'wiċċ katalitiku;

1.24. 'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji' tfisser l-assemblaġġ ta' komponenti li jimbuttaw vettura 'l quddiem billi jiġbed l-enerġija elettrika mill-batteriji u jittrażmettiha lill-mutur/i elettriku/ċi, li mbagħad jittrażmetti enerġija rotazzjonali lir-roti fuq l-art;

1.25. 'trailer' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija O3 jew O4;

1.26. 'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita bl-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (KAP 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.27. 'vettura bil-mutur' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija L jew M1 jew M2 jew M3 jew N1 jew N2 jew N3 jew SP1;

1.28. 'vettura bil-mutur ICE' tfisser vettura bil-mutur li hija mħaddma minn magna tal-kombustjoni interna;

1.29. 'vettura heavy-duty' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M2 jew M3 jew N2 jew N3;

1.30. 'vettura tal-Kategorija L' tfisser vettura b'żewġ jew tliet roti jew kwadriċikli li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 168/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill tal-15 ta' Jannar 2013 dwar l-approvazzjoni u s-sorveljanza tas-suq ta' vetturi b'żewġ jew tliet roti u kwadriċikli, kif emendati.

1.31. 'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri, li tinkludi mhux aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq;

1.32. 'vettura tal-Kategorija M2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx il-ħames (5) tunnellati;

1.33. 'vettura tal-Kategorija M3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn ħames (5) tunnellati;

1.22. 'registered owner' means the person in whose name a motor vehicle or trailer is registered by Transport Malta;

1.23. 'SCR system' means a system that reduces the level of nitrogen oxide in the exhaust gas from the engine by means of catalyst elements and a reducing agent. In the process a reducing agent of a urea water solution is added to the exhaust gas stream. The water in the urea solution is evaporated as the solution is injected into the hot exhaust gas. The high temperature also induces thermal decomposition of the urea ((NH2)2CO) into ammonia (NH3) and carbon dioxide (CO2). Exhaust gas NOx emissions are thereafter transformed into molecular nitrogen (N2) and water (H2O), as they react with the ammonia at a catalytic surface;

1.24. 'battery electric powertrain' means the assembly of components that pushes a vehicle forward by extracting electrical power from the batteries and transmitting it to the electrical motor/s, which in turn transmits rotational energy to the wheels on the ground;

1.25. 'trailer' means a category O3 or O4 vehicle;

1.26. 'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (CAP. 499 of the Laws of Malta);

1.27. 'motor vehicle' means a Category L or M1 or M2 or M3 or N1 or N2 or N3 or SP1 vehicle;

1.28. 'ICE motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle that is powered by an internal combustion engine;

1.29. 'heavy-duty vehicle' means a Category M2 or M3 or N2 or N3 vehicle;

1.30. 'Category L vehicle' means a two- or three-wheel vehicle or quadricycles falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles, as amended.

1.31. 'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat;

1.32. 'Category M2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat, and having a maximum mass not exceeding five (5) tonnes;

1.33. 'Category M3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat, and having a maximum mass exceeding five (5) tonnes;

1.34. 'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5);

1.35. 'vettura tal-Kategorija N2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx is-seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5);

1.36. 'vettura tal-Kategorija N3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5);

1.37. 'vettura tal-Kategorija O3' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż it-3.5 tunnellati iżda li ma taqbiżx l-10 tunnellati;

1.38. 'vettura tal-Kategorija O4' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż l-10 tunnellati;

1.39. 'vettura tal-Kategorija SP1' tfisser vettura bi skop speċjali tal-Kategorija N3 li għandha karatteristiċi tekniċi speċifiċi li jippermettulha twettaq funzjoni li teħtieġ arranġamenti jew tagħmir speċjali.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema għall-għotja finanzjarja għat-tagħmir ta' apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vettura bil-mutur u trailers tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta.

2.2. L-iskema tippermetti taħlita ta' tagħmir ta' appart li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq l-istess vettura jew vetturi differenti tal-istess applikant.

2.3. Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi bi skop speċjali, il-kundizzjonijiet applikabbli għandhom jikkorrispondu għal dawk applikabbli għall-vetturi tal-Kategorija N b'massa massima permissibbli simili għal dik tal-vettura bi skop speċjali kkonċernata.

2.4. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irreġistrat ta' vettura heavy-duty jew trailer li:

(i) Fil-każ ta' vettura heavy-duty, tkun irreġistrata ma', u liċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

(ii) Fil-każ ta' trailer, ikun irreġistrat ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-installazzjoni u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

1.34. 'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes;

1.35. 'Category N2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes, and with a surface area of at least;

1.36. 'Category N3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

1.37. 'Category O3 vehicle' means a trailer or semi-trailer with a maximum mass exceeding 3,5 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes;

1.38. 'Category O4 vehicle' means a trailer or semi-trailer with a maximum mass exceeding 10 tonnes;

1.39. 'Category SP1 vehicle' means a special purpose vehicle of Category N3 having specific technical features that enable it to perform a function that requires special arrangements or equipment.

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme for a financial grant for the installation of emission reduction devices on motor vehicles and trailers applies to any person residing in Malta, local council, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta.

2.2. The scheme allows a mix and match of installation of emission reduction devices on the same or different vehicles owned by the same applicant.

2.3. In the case of applications concerning special purpose vehicles, the applicable conditions shall correspond to those applicable to the Category N vehicles with similar maximum permissible mass to that of the special purpose vehicle concerned.

2.4. Grant for the installation of Approved Photovoltaic Panels

The applicant must be the registered owner of a heavy-duty vehicle or trailer which:

(i) In the case of a heavy-duty vehicle, is registered with, and licensed by, Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of installation and on the date of submission of application for the grant;

(ii) In the case of a trailer, is registered with Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of installation and on the date of submission of application for the grant;

(iii) Tkun ġiet mgħammra b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati; u

(iv) Tkun ġiet mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti.

2.5. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistemi tal-SCR

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irreġistrat ta' vettura heavy-duty li:

(i) Tkun irreġistrata ma', u liċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

(ii) Tkun ġiet mgħammra b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea;

(iii) Tkun ġiet mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti; u

(iv) Kellha l-emissjonijiet mit-tailpipe tal-PM u NOx imnaqqsa b'mod sostanzjali bħala riżultat tat-tagħmir bl-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR.

2.6. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irreġistrat ta' vettura bil-mutur li:

(i) Tkun irreġistrata ma', u liċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

(ii) Tkun ġiet mgħammra b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batterija skont kif approvat minn Transport Malta; u

(iii) Tkun ġie mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti.

2.7. Regolamenti dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet imressqa minn impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, l-għajnuna tingħata skont wieħed mir-Regolamenti *de minimis* li ġejjin:

(a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif emendat

(iii) Has been equipped with approved photovoltaic panels; and

(iv) Had the installation carried out by a competent person.

2.5. Grant for the installation of DPF devices and SCR systems

The applicant must be the registered owner of a havy-duty vehicle which:

(i) Is registered with, and licensed by, Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of retrofitting and on the date of submission of application for the grant;

(ii) Has been retrofitted with a DPF device and an SCR system approved by a type-approval authority of any European Union Member State;

(iii) Has been retrofitted by a competent person; and

(iv) Had its PM and NOx tailpipe emissions substantially reduced as a result of the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system.

2.6. Grant for the installation of an Approved Battery Electric Powertrain

The applicant must be the registered owner of a motor vehicle which:

(i) Is registered with, and licensed by, Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of retrofitting and on the date of submission of application for the grant;

(ii) Has been retrofitted with a battery electric powertrain as approved by Transport Malta;

(iii) Has the retrofitting by a competent person.

2.7. State Aid Regulations

In the case of applications submitted by undertakings established in Malta and volontary organisations carrying out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, assistance will be provided in line with one of the following de minimis Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), amended by Commission Regulation

bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 51I, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali tal-għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu tal-applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 51I, 22.2.2019) and by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/ 2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu tal-applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/ 2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali tal-għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu tal-applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali tal-għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti de minimis huma kif ġej:

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed the thresholds established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation outlined above. The applicable de minimis thresholds are as follows:

(a) Għal impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali tal-għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(b) Għal impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali tal-għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(c) Għall-impriżi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali tal-għajnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbeż it-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament de minimis inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbli. Kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-impriża waħda matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar l-għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża waħda relatata mal-impriża applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1. Applikazzjonijiet għall-approvazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi

3.1.1. Impriża li tixtieq tibda toffri s-servizz ta' installazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers għandha tippreżenta talba bil-miktub lil Transport Malta f'dan ir-rigward, flimkien mal-informazzjoni li ġejja:

(a) Il-mudell jew mudelli ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi u kwalunkwe tagħmir relatat li l-impriża għandha l-ħsieb li tibda tinstalla;

(b) Dokumentazzjoni teknika pprovduta mill-manifattur tal-pannelli li turi kif dawn il-pannelli u t-tagħmir kollu relatat jistgħu jiġu installati b'mod sikur fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers u kif dik l-installazzjoni tista' tnaqqas il-konsum tal-fjuwil u l-impatt ambjentali tal-vetturi kkonċernati;

(c) Istruzzjonijiet ta' installazzjoni pprovduti mill-manifattur tal-pannelli;

(b) For undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of de minimis aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the *de minimis* rule including that received from or applied for with any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years as applicable. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding *de minimis* aid received and/or applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. Applications for approval of photovoltaic panels

3.1.1. An undertaking wishing to start offerring the service of installation of photovoltaic panels on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers shall present a written request to Transport Malta in this regard, along with the following information:

(a) The model or models of photovoltaic panels and any related equipment that the undertaking intends to start installing;

(b) Technical documentation provided by the manufacturer of the panels proving how these panels and all related equipment can be installed safely on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers and how such installation can reduce the fuel consumption and environmental impact of the vehicles concerned;

(c) Installation instructions provided by the manufacturer of the panels;

(d) Id-dettalji tal-persuna jew persuni kompetenti li l-impriża biħsiebha timpjega jew tingaġġa għall-installazzjoni ta' dawn il-pannelli, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal kull tali persuna maħruġa mill-manifattur tal-pannelli fotovoltajċi.

3.1.2. Transport Malta għandha tipproċessa dawn it-talbiet u, fejn applikabbli, toħroġ ċertifikat ta' approvazzjoni lill-applikant għall-installazzjoni tal-pannelli fotovoltajċi proposti fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers. Transport Malta tirriżerva d-dritt li tillimita tali approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

3.2. Applikazzjonijiet għall-għotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati

3.2.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat tal-vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 072 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.2.2. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandhom jiġu ppreżentati magħha d-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tal-installazzjoni maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

(b) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura (il-logbook).

3.3. Applikazzjonijiet għall-għotja għat-tagħmir b'Apparat tad-DPF u Sistemi tal-SCR

3.3.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat tal-vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra b'apparat tad-DPF u b'sistema tal-SCR billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 052 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.3.2. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandhom jiġu ppreżentati magħha d-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) kopji taċ-ċertifikati tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip għall-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR li ġew installati, maħruġin minn Awtorità tal-Approvazzjoni tat-Tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea f'isem il-manifatturi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR;

(b) Kopja tal-istruzzjonijiet tal-installazzjoni ppubblikati mill-manifatturi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR;

(c) Dikjarazzjonijiet mill-manifatturi rispettivi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR li jirrikonoxxu lill-persuna li jkun għammar il-vettura bħala persuna kompetenti;

(d) The details of the competent person or persons that the undertaking intends to employ or engage for the installation of these panels, along with written approval for each such person issued by the manufacturer of the photovoltaic panels.

3.1.2. Transport Malta shall process such requests and, where applicable, issue the applicant with an approval certificate for the installation of the proposed photovoltaic panels on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers. Transport Malta reserves the right to limit such approval to specific categories or models of vehicles.

3.2. Applications for grants for the installation of approved Photovoltaic Panels

3.2.1. An application for a grant for the installation of approved Photovoltaic Panels shall be made by the registered owner of the vehicle on which the approved photovoltaic panels have been installed by submitting application form VEH 072 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.2.2. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, and countersigned and stamped by the competent person, and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) A copy of the certificate of installation issued by the competent person;

(b) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

3.3. Applications for grants for the installation of DPF devices and SCR systems

3.3.1. An application for a grant for the installation of a DPF device and SCR system shall be made by the registered owner of the motor vehicle on which the DPF device and SCR system have been installed by submitting application form VEH 052 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.3.2. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, and countersigned and stamped by the competent person, and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) Copies of the type approval certificates for the installed DPF device and SCR system issued by a Type-Approval Authority of any European Union Member State on behalf of the manufacturers of the DPF device and the SCR system;

(b) A copy of the installation instructions published by the manufacturers of the DPF device and the SCR system;

(c) Declarations by the respective manufacturers of the DPF device and SCR System recognising the person who retrofitted the vehicle as a competent person;

(d) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

(e) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura (il-logbook).

(f) Riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-vettura maħruġ qabel l-installazzjoni tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR (test tal-emissjonijiet ta' qabel l-installazzjoni);

(g) Riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-vettura maħruġ wara l-installazzjoni tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR (test tal-emissjonijiet ta' wara l-installazzjoni);

3.3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet jiġu aċċettati biss jekk il-valuri tal-emissjonijiet tal-PM u tal-NOx fit-test tal-emissjonijiet ta' wara l-installazzjoni jkunu t-tnejn inqas mill-valuri tal-emissjonijiet tal-PM u tal-NOx fit-test tal-emissjonijiet ta' qabel l-installazzjoni b'mill-inqas 25%.

3.4. Applikazzjonijiet għall-għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

3.4.1. Persuna jew impriża li tixtieq tinstalla sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq vettura bil-mutur għandha tippreżenta lil Transport Malta proposta teknika dettaljata mħejjija u ffirmata minn inġinier mekkaniku bil-warrant u inġinier elettriku bil-warrant, liema proposta għandha tinkludi l-informazzjoni li ġejja:

(a) dettalji sħaħ tal-vettura u s-sistema ta' propulsjoni oriġinali ICE;

(b) dettalji sħaħ tal-mutur, batterija, katina ta' trazzjoni elettrika u s-sistema ta' vultaġġ għoli konnessa galvanikament, u kwalunkwe komponenti relatati u/jew konnessi;

(c) dettalji sħaħ tal-metodoloġija tal-installazzjoni skont ir-regoli rilevanti tal-UE u/jew tal-UNECE, u appoġġjati fost oħrajn minn ċirkwiti, dijagrammi, u ritratti kif meħtieġ;

(d) dettalji sħaħ u prova ta' kompetenza teknika u kompetenza tal-persuna kompetenti, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal tali persuna maħruġa mill-inġinier mekkaniku bil-warrant u l-inġinier elettriku bil-warrant li ffirmaw il-proposta teknika.

Transport Malta għandha tevalwa l-proposta teknika sottomessa u twieġeb lill-applikant bl-approvazzjoni jew rifjut jew talba għal kjarifika u/jew aktar informazzjoni tagħha. Transport Malta tirriżerva d-dritt li tillimita kwalunkwe approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

(d) A copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

(e) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

(f) a VRT emissions test result issued before the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system (pre-installation emissions test);

(g) a VRT emissions test result issued after the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system (post-installation emissions test);

3.3.3. Applications will be accepted only if the PM and NOx emission values in the post-installation emissions test are both lower than the PM and NOx emission values in the pre-installation emissions test by at least 25%.

3.4. Applications for grants for the installation of a Battery Electric Powertrain

3.4.1. A person or an undertaking wishing to retrofit a battery electric powertrain on a motor vehicle shall present Transport Malta with a detailed technical proposal prepared and signed by a warranted mechanical engineer and a warranted electrical engineer, which shall include the following information:

(a) full details of the vehicle and the original ICE powertrain;

(b) full details of the motor, battery, electric traction chain and galvanically connected high-voltage rail, and any related and/or connected components;

(c) full details of the installation methodology in accordance with the relevant EU and/or UNECE regulations, and supported amongst others by circuitry, diagrams, and photos as necessary;

(d) full details and proof of technical expertise and competence of the competent person, along with written approval for such person issued by the warranted mechanical engineer and the warranted electric engineer who signed the technical proposal.

Transport Malta shall evaluate the submitted technical proposal and revert to the applicant with its approval or rejection or request for clarification and/or further information. Transport Malta reserves the right to limit any approval to specific categories or models of vehicles.

3.4.2. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji approvat skont il-klawsola 3.4.1 għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat tal-vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra bis-sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 078 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.4.3. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandhom jiġu ppreżentati magħha d-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) Kopja tal-approvazzjoni maħruġa minn Transport Malta għat-tagħmir ta' sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq il-vettura bil-mutur;

(b) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ, iffirmat u ttimbrat mill-persuna kompetenti u l-inġiniera mekkaniċi u elettriċi bil-warrant li pproponew ir-retrofitting;

(c) Ċertifikat tat-test tal-VRT maħruġ fi żmien tletin (30) jum mid-data tat-tagħmir tas-sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq il-vettura bil-mutur;

(d) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura (logbook);

3.5. Applikazzjonijiet sottomessi minn Impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji li jwettqu Attività Ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artiklu 107 TFUE

L-applikazzjonijiet kollha sottomessi minn Impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jinkludu wkoll il-formola tad-Dikjarazzjoni tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat VEH 71, iffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

3.6. Sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema

L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fuq:

(a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212; jew

(b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija LJA2021; jew

(c) Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet Għawdex, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

3.4.2. An application for a grant for the installation of a battery electric powertrains as approved in clause 3.4.1 shall be made by the registered owner of a motor vehicle on which such battery electric powertrain has been retrofitted by submitted application form VEH 078 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.4.3. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, and countersigned and stamped by the competent person, and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) A copy of the approval issued by Transport Malta for the retrofitting of a battery electric powertrain on the motor vehicle;

(b) A copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued, signed and stamped by the competent person and the warranted mechanical and electrical engineers who proposed the retrofitting;

(c) A VRT test certificate issued within thirty (30) days from the date of retrofitting of the battery electric powertrain on the motor vehicle;

(d) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook).

3.5. Applications submitted by Undertakings established in Malta or Volontary Organisations carrying out an Economic Activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

All applications submitted by Undertakings established in Malta or Volontary Organisations carrying out an econimic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU shall include also the State Aid Declaration form VEH 71, signed by applicant and counter signed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3.6. Submission of applications under this scheme

Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

(a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;

(b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija LJA2021; or

(c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate , St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eliġibbiltà

4.1. Biex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura:

(a) għandha tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fid-data li fiha ssir l-installazzjoni u fid-data tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

(b) għandha tkun mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet eliġibbli installat minn persuna kompetenti.

4.3. Transport Malta tirriżerva d-dritt li tispezzjona vetturi wara li jkunu ġew mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet, u qabel l-approvazzjoni tal-għotja relatata. Dawn l-ispezzjonijiet għandhom jiffukaw fuq is-sigurtà tal-installazzjoni u l-impatt tagħha fuq is-sigurtà u l-funzjoni ġenerali tal-vettura kkonċernata.

4.4. Applikant ikun intitolat għal massimu ta':

(a) għaxar (10) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vetturi b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati; u

(b) żewġ (2) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vetturi b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR; u

(c) għotja waħda (1) taħt din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vettura b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji.

5. Ħlas tal-Għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, l-għotja titħallas direttament lill-applikant.

5.2. L-għotja li tingħata lil sid irreġistrat ta' vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet m'għandhiex tkun stmata bħala dħul għal skopijiet ta' taxxa fuq id-dħul.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

4.2. To qualify, the vehicle:

(a) shall be registered in the applicant's name on the date of installation and date of submission of application for the grant;

(b) shall be equipped with an eligible emission reduction device installed by a competent person.

4.3. Transport Malta reserves the right to inspect vehicles following the installation of emission reduction devices, and prior to the approval of the related grant. Such inspection shall focus on the safety of the installation and its impact on the overall safety and function of the concerned vehicle.

4.4. An applicant shall be entitled for a maximum of:

(a) ten (10) grants under this scheme for the retrofit of approved photovoltaic panels; and

(b) two (2) grants under this scheme for the retrofit of DPF devices and SCR systems; and

(c) one (1) grant under this scheme for the retrofit of a battery electric powertrain.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, the grant shall be paid directly to the applicant.

5.2. The grant given to the registered owner of a vehicle on which an emission reduction device has been installed shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

6. Validity of application

6.1. An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2. The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Rifużjoni tal-għotja jekk it-tagħmir jitneħħa jew jiġi diżattivat

Sid irreġistrat ta' vettura li fuqha tkun inħarġet għotja taħt din l-iskema għandu jkun obbligat li jirrifondi din l-għotja lill-Awtorità jekk, f'perjodu ta' sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tat-tagħmir tal-apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet:

(a) is-sid jagħmel talba lil Transport Malta biex jitneħħew il-pannelli fotovoltajċi; jew

(b) ikun ippruvat li dan l-apparat jew ikun tneħħa, jew ikun ġie diżattivat bi kwalunkwe mod, jew ma kienx qed jintuża kif xieraq.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema għandhom jiġu aċċettati sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024 jew sal-eżawriment tal-fondi bbaġitjati, sakemm ma jiġux modifikati jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe ħin billi jagħti avviż minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif jitqies meħtieġ mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi jista' jagħmel kull emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas ħażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

Anness I

1. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati

L-ammont tal-għotja għall-installazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati għandu jkun ugwali għal 15% tal-ispejjeż tal-investiment meħtieġa, iżda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taħt:

7. Refund of grant if the retrofitting is removed or disabled

The registered owner of a vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme shall be obliged to refund such grant to the Authority if, within a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the installation of an emissions reduction device,:

a) the owner makes a request to Transport Malta to have the device removed; or

b) it is proven that the device was either removed, or disabled in any way, or was not being used appropriately.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. Applications under this scheme shall be accepted until the 31st of December 2024 or until the exhaustion of budgeted funds, unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. Notwithstanding, Government may terminate or extend the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works may make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

Annex I

1. Grant for the retrofitting of approved Photovoltaic Panels

The grant amount for the installation of approved photovoltaic panels shall be equal to 15% of the investment costs required, but not exceeding the limits shown in table below:

Kategorija tal-Vettura	Ammont Massimu tal-Għotja
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Trakkijiet żgħar O3 –Trailers żgħar	€450
M3 – Xarabanks u kowċis N3 – Trakkijiet O4 – Trailers	€900

Tabella I.1 – Ammont massimu tal-għotja għat-tagħmir b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati

Vehicle Category	Maximum Grant Amount
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Small Trucks O3 – Small Trailers	€450
M3 – Buses and Coaches N3 – Trucks O4 – Trailers	€900

Table I.1 – Maximum grant amounts for the retrofitting of approved Photovoltaic panels.

2. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR

Għandha titħallas għotja ta' għaxart elef ewro (€10,000) lis-sidien reġistrati ta' vetturi bil-mutur heavy-duty li jiġu mgħammra bl-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR.

2. Grant for the retrofitting of DPFs and SCRs

A grant of ten thousand Euro (€10,000) will be paid to the registered owners of heavy-duty motor vehicles which are retrofitted with a DPF device and an SCR system.

3. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

L-ammont tal-għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji għandu jkun ugwali għal 80% tal-ispejjeż tal-investiment meħtieġa, iżda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taħt:

Kategorija tal-Vettura	Ammont Massimu tal-Għotja
L – Muturi, mopeds, triċikli u kwadriċikli	€5,000
M1 – Karozzi N1 – Vannijiet	€20,000
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Trakkijiet żgħar	€40,000
M3 – Kowċis u xarabanks N3 – Trakkijiet	€80,000

Tabella I.2 – Ammont massimu tal-għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji.

3. Grant for the retrofitting of approved battery electric powertrains

The grant amount for the retrofitting of battery electric powertrains shall be equal to 80% of the investment costs required, but not exceeding the limits shown in table below:

Vehicle Category	Maximum Grant Amount
L – Motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles and quadricycles	€5,000
M1 – Cars N1 – Vans	€20,000
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Small Trucks	€40,000
M3 – Coaches and buses N3 – Trucks	€80,000

Table I.2 – Maximum grant amounts for the retrofitting of battery electric powertrains.

Nru. 550

MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Skema tal-Gvern biex tippromwovi l-użu tal-LPG fil-vetturi

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed iniedi skema ta' għotja ta' flus biex tippromwovi l-użu tal-LPG fil-vetturi. Din hija miżura oħra favur l-ambjent maħsuba biex ikomplu jonqsu l-emissjonijiet mit-traffiku fit-toroq.

Soġġetta għall-kundizzjonijiet ta' hawn taħt, se jitħallsu l-ammonti tal-għotja li ġejjin:

€400 meta vettura li taħdem bil-petrol tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG jew bil-petrol;

€900 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjament;

€1,000 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M2 jew N2 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjament;

€1,500 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M3 jew N3 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjament.

L-iskema tidħol fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u tagħlaq fil-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' sittin elf ewro (€60,000) jiġi eżawrit.

Persuni li mmodifikaw il-vettura tagħhom sabiex topera bl-LPG skont ir-rekwiżiti stipulati f'dan id-dokument matul is-snin li għaddew u ma rċevewx għotja mill-iskemi li kienu applikabbli fil-passat, xorta jistgħu japplikaw għall-għotja. L-ammonti tal-għotjiet maħruġa jkunu dawk definiti fl-Avviż 482 għal vetturi li jaħdmu bid-diesel u fl-Avviż 479 għal vetturi li jaħdmu bil-petrol, kif maħruġa fid-9 ta' April 2021.

L-għotjiet taħt din l-iskema għandhom jingħataw fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm ir-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx teħtieġ xort'oħra:

No. 550

MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government scheme to promote LPG as fuel for vehicles

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is launching another grant scheme to promote the use of LPG as fuel for vehicles. This is another environment friendly budget measure aimed at reducing further emissions from road transport.

Subject to the below conditions, the following grant amounts shall be issued:

€400 when a petrol-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate on LPG or petrol;

€900 when a diesel-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;

€1,000 when a diesel-powered Category M2 or N2 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;

€1,500 when a diesel-powered Category M3 or N3 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously.

The scheme came into effect as of the 1st of January 2024 and closes on the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of sixty thousand Euro (€60,000) is exhausted.

Persons who have modified their vehicle to operate using LPG in compliance with the requirements set out in this document during the past years and have not received a grant from the applicable grant schemes in the past, may still apply for the grant. The amount of the grants awarded will be those defined in Notice 482 for diesel-powered vehicles and Notice 479 for petrol-powered vehicles dated 9th April 2021.

The grants in this scheme shall be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purposes of the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema u li, filwaqt li tkun persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta, ikollha l-vettura rreġistrata f'isimha;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;

'ċertifikat tat-tagħmir' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat maħruġ minn persuna kompetenti wara t-tagħmir ta' vettura bil-mutur b'sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG;

'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur hija rreġistrata u f'isem min il-vettura hija rreġistrata;

'emissjoni ta' duħħan' tfisser l-emissjonijiet viżibbli minn magna tat-tqabbid bil-kompressjoni (diesel);

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qiegħda tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsima 4;

'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

'impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-iskopijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt taħtar jew tneħħi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

c) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni fil-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriża waħda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħedha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

L-intrapriżi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriża waħda.

'impriżi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

'applicant' means the person applying for a grant under this scheme and who, apart from being a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta, has the vehicle registered in his/her name;

'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

'certificate of retrofitting' means the certificate issued by a competent person after the retrofitting of a motor vehicle with an LPG feeding system;

'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle and in whose name the vehicle is registered;

'smoke emissions' means the visible emission from a compression-ignition (diesel) engine;

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section 4;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society;

'Single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

'LPG' tfisser gass taż-żejt likwifikat bi speċifikazzjonijiet skont MSA EN 589 użat għall-propulsjoni ta' vetturi bil-mutur;

'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;

'persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

'persuna kompetenti' tfisser:

Fil-każ ta' sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG mgħammra fuq vettura li taħdem bil-petrol, il-persuna li hija approvata mir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma biex twettaq xogħol, superviżjoni u ċertifikazzjoni relatati mal-użu tal-LPG f'vetturi bil-mutur;

Fil-każ ta' sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG mgħammra fuq vettura li taħdem bid-diesel, il-persuna rikonoxxuta bħala tali mill-manifattur tat-tagħmir approvat.

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

'prodotti agrikoli' tfisser il-prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill (ĠU L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1);

'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

'ir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma' tfisser ir-regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma responsabbli għas-servizzi relatati mal-enerġija u l-ilma u sabiex jipprovdi dwar affarijiet anċillari għal dan jew konnessi ma' dan;

'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna li f'isimha vettura tkun ġiet irreġistrata minn Transport Malta;

'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG' tfisser sistema li tinkludi tagħmir, tankijiet, software u kwalunkwe komponent ieħor maħsub biex jaħżen, jipprovdi, ikejjel u b'xi mod ieħor jimmaniġġja l-LPG f'vettura bil-mutur;

'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita bl-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499);

'valur tal-emissjonijiet ta' duħħan' jirreferi għall-kejl tad-duħħan maħruġ minn magna tat-tqabbid bil-kompressjoni

'LPG' means liquefied petroleum gas with specifications according to MSA EN 589 used for the propulsion of motor vehicles;

'Malta' means the islands of Malta;

'person' means a natural person;

'competent person' means:

in case of LPG Feeding systems installed on petrol powered vehicles, the person who is approved by the Regulator for Energy and Water Services to carry out work, supervision and certification related to the use of LPG on motor vehicles;

in case of LPG Feeding systems installed on diesel powered vehicles, the person recognised by the manufacturer of the type approved retrofit kit;

'person residing in Malta' means a natural person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

'agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 354 28.12.2013, p.1);

'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

'Regulator for Energy and Water Services' means the Regulator responsible for services relating to energy and water, and to make provision with respect to matters ancillary thereto and connected therewith;

'registered owner' means the person in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by Transport Malta;

'LPG feeding system' means a system including equipment, tanks, software and any other component intended to store, feed, meter and in any other way handle LPG within a motor vehicle;

'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499);

'smoke emissions value' refers to the measurement of smoke emitted by a compression-ignition (diesel) engine (also

(diesel) (imsejjaħ ukoll bħala 'l-valur K') permezz ta' miter tal-opaċità użat fi stazzjon awtorizzat għat-testijiet ta' affidabilità stradali skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Testijiet biex Jiċċertifikaw li Vetturi bil-Mutur huma Tajba għat-Triq (L.S. 65.15);

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri u li tista' ġġorr mhux iktar minn tmien (8) passiġġieri apparti s-sewwieq;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx ħames (5) tunnellati;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn ħames (5) tunnellati;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha piż massimu permissibbli li ma jaqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5 tunnellati);

'vettura tal-Kategorija N2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5 tunnellati);

'vettura tal-Kategorija N3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5 tunnellati);

'vettura bil-mutur' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M1, N1, M2, N2, M3 jew N3.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema tapplika għal persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta.

2.2. Regoli dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotja taħt din l-iskema minn impriżi, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wieħed mir-Regolamenti *de minimis* li ġejjin:

(a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif amendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar

referred-to as the 'K value') by means of an opacity meter used within an authorized vehicle roadworthiness testing station in terms of the Motor Vehicle Roadworthiness Test Regulations (S.L.65.15);

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the transport of persons, and which may carry no more than eight (8) passengers in addition to the driver;

'Category M2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass not exceeding five (5) tonnes;

'Category M3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass exceeding five (5) tonnes;

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

'Category N2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes but not exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

'Category N3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

'motor vehicle' means a Category M1, N1, M2, N2, M3 or N3 vehicle.

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme applies to a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta.

2.2. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings assistance will be provided in line with one of the following de minimis Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de

il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 51I, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/ 2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti *de minimis* huma kif ġej:

(a) Għal impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(b) Għal impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ 51 I/1, 22.2.2019) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed the thresholds established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation outlined above. The applicable *de minimis* thresholds are as follows:

a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

b) For undertakings/voluntary active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(c) Għall-impriżi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat mogħtija taħt ir-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom minn kwalunkwe entità għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin skont liema regolament *de Minimis* ikun jgħodd. Kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika l-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża waħda relatata mal-impriża applikanti, u kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom mill-impriża waħda matul il-perjodu applikabbli ta' tliet snin skont ir-Regolament *de minimis* applikabbli. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

2.3. L-applikant irid ikun is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura bil-mutur li:

(a) hija rreġistrata ma', u lliċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

(b) ġiet immodifikata biex taħdem bl-LPG minn persuna kompetenti; u

(c) fil-każ ta' vettura li taħdem bil-petrol:

tkun ġiet mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tikkonforma mar-rekwiżiti ta' UN ECE 67 jew UN ECE 115 u ġiet approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip awtorizzata skont ir-Regolament (UE) 2018/858, u li tippermetti lill-vettura taħdem bl-użu tal-petrol jew LPG;

(d) fil-każ ta' vettura li taħdem bid-diesel:

i. tkun ġiet mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-użu fuq il-kategorija tal-vettura kkonċernata, u li tippermetti li l-magna tal-vettura taħdem b'diesel u LPG fl-istess ħin biż-żewġ fjuwils jitkejlu separatament;

ii. għandha miter viżibbli li jippermetti lill-uffiċjali ta' Transport Malta, jew lid-delegati tagħhom, jikkonfermaw li l-vettura qed titħaddem b'mod regolari bl-użu ta' fjuwil gassuż;

c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of *de minimis* aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure granted under the *de minimis* Regulation including that received and/or applied for from any entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years established according to the applicable *de minimis* Regulation. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking, and any *de minimis* aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year period established according to the applicable *de minimis* Regulation. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

2.3. The applicant must be the registered owner of a motor vehicle which:

(a) is registered with and licensed by Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of retrofitting and on the date of application for the grant,

(b) has been retrofitted to operate with LPG by a competent person, and

(c) In the case of a petrol-powered vehicle:

has been equipped with an LPG feeding system that complies with the requirements of UN ECE 67 or UN ECE 115 and has been approved by an approving authority as the kind authorized in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/858, and that allows the vehicle to operate using petrol or LPG;

(d) In the case of a diesel-powered vehicle:

i. has been retrofitted with an LPG feeding system approved by a type-approval authority of any European Union Member State for use on the category of the vehicle concerned, and allowing the vehicle's engine to operate with diesel and LPG simultaneously with both fuels being metered separately;

ii. has a visible meter allowing Transport Malta officers, or their delegates, to confirm that the vehicle is being regularly run using gaseous fuel;

iii. kellha l-valur tal-emissjoni tad-duħħan tagħha mnaqqas b'mill-inqas ħamsa u għoxrin fil-mija (25%) bħala riżultat tat-tagħmir tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti li għandhom jiġu ppreżentati

(a) Applikazzjoni għal għotja taħt din l-iskema għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat wara li l-vettura bil-mutur tiġi mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG minn persuna kompetenti. Formola tal-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ppreżentata għal kull vettura li tiġi mgħammra. Is-sid reġistrat tal-vettura għandu jippreżenta l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH060 u għandu jinkludi kull informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti mitluba fl-istess formola u skont din l-iskema.

(b) Il-formoli tal-applikazzjoni jistgħu jitniżżlu mis-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta jew jinġabru mill-uffiċċji ta' Transport Malta f'Raħal Ġdid, Ħal Lija jew Għawdex.

(c) Applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi li jaħdmu bil-petrol għandhom ikunu ffirmati u ttimbrati mill-persuna kompetenti u għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati bid-dokumenti u l-pagament li ġejjin:

i. kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

ii. iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni oriġinali tal-vettura (il-logbook);

iii. ħlas amministrattiv ta' għaxar ewro (€10), pagabbli lil Transport Malta, għall-ħruġ ta' ċertifikat ġdid tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura;

iv. Formola tad-diskrepanza mill-VRT.

(d) Applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi li jaħdmu bid-diesel għandhom ikunu ffirmati u ttimbrati mill-persuna kompetenti u għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati bid-dokumenti u l-pagament li ġejjin:

i. Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tal-approvazzjoni tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tkun ġiet installata maħruġ minn Awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea f'isem il-manifattur tal-istess sistema;

ii. Kopja tal-istruzzjonijiet għall-kalibrazzjoni u installazzjoni ppubblikati mill-manifattur tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG;

iii. fil-każ meta ċ-ċertifikat tal-approvazzjoni msemmi hawn fuq ma jkunx japplika għall-użu tal-LPG, dikjarazzjoni mill-manifattur li s-sistemi li jkunu se jinbiegħu fis-suq Malti se jkunu addattati biex jaħdmu bl-LPG;

iii. had its smoke emission value reduced by at least twenty five percent (25%) because of the retrofitting of the LPG feeding system.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

(a) An application for a grant under this scheme shall be made by the registered owner of a vehicle following the retrofitting of an LPG feeding system on that vehicle by a competent person. One application form shall be submitted for each retrofitted vehicle. The registered owner shall submit the application form VEH060 and shall include all the information, details and documents as required in the said form and in terms of this scheme.

(b) Application forms may be downloaded from Transport Malta's website or collected from Transport Malta's offices in Paola, Lija, or Gozo.

(c) Applications concerning petrol-powered vehicles shall be signed and stamped by the competent person and shall be accompanied by the following documents and payment:

i. a copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

ii. the original vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

iii. an administrative fee of ten Euro (€10), payable to Transport Malta, for the issue of a new registration certificate;

iv. VRT discrepancy form.

(d) Applications concerning diesel-powered vehicles shall be signed and stamped by the competent person and shall be accompanied by the following documents and payment:

i. a copy of the approval certificate for the retrofitted feeding system issued by a Type-Approval Authority of any European Union Member State on behalf of the manufacturer of the same system;

ii. A copy of the calibration and installation instructions published by the manufacturer of the LPG feeding system;

iii. in the case where the above-mentioned approval certificate does not apply for the use of LPG, a declaration from the manufacturer of the systems stating that the systems to be sold on the Maltese market will be adapted to operate with LPG;

iv. dikjarazzjoni mill-manifattur tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tirrikonoxxi lill-persuna li jkun għammar il-vettura bħala persuna kompetenti;

v. kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

vi. iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni oriġinali tal-vettura (il-logbook);

vii. riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-VRT maħruġ meta l-vettura mmodifikata taħdem bid-diesel biss (Riżultat Diesel Biss);

viii. riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-VRT maħruġ meta l-vettura mmodifikata taħdem b'żewġ fjuwils (Riżultat-Dual-Fuel);

ix. ħlas amministrattiv ta' għaxar ewro (€10), pagabbli lil Transport Malta, għall-ħruġ ta' ċertifikat ġdid tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura.

(e) Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu ppreżentati mill-applikant bejn is-07.30 ta' filgħodu u s-1.00 ta' wara nofsinhar, matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol, jew jintbagħtu bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fil-:

i. Livell 1, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid, PLA1211; jew

ii. Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija, LJA2021; jew

iii. Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet Għawdex, Pjazza San Franġisk, ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

4. Eliġibbiltà

4.1 Biex ikun eliġibbli, l-applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

4.2 Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura bil-mutur:

(a) għandha tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fid-data li fiha ssir l-installazzjoni u fid-data tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja; u

(b) għandha tkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

4.3 Applikanti jkunu intitolati għal massimu ta' għaxar (10) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema.

5. Ħlas tal-għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, dik l-għotja għandha titħallas direttament lil dak l-applikant.

iv. A declaration by the manufacturer of the LPG Feeding System recognising the person who retrofitted the vehicle as a competent person;

v. a copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

vi. the original vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

vii. a VRT emissions test result issued when the retrofitted vehicle is running on Diesel only (Diesel-Only Result);

viii. a VRT emissions test result issued when the retrofitted vehicle is running on Dual-Fuel mode (Dual-Fuel Result);

ix. an administrative fee of ten Euro (€10), payable to Transport Malta, for the issue of a new vehicle registration certificate.

(e) Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 07:30 and 13:00 or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

i. Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola, PLA1212;

ii. Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija, LJA2021; or

iii. Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St.Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

4.2. To qualify, the motor vehicle:

(a) shall be registered in the applicant's name on the date of conversion and the date of application for the grant; and

(b) shall conform with Section 2.

4.3. Applicants shall be entitled for up to ten (10) grants under this scheme.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, such grant shall be paid directly to that applicant.

5.2. Il-ħlas għandu jiġi affettwat biss jekk l-applikant ma kienx jilħaq il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolament *de minimis* kif speċifikat fit-taqsima 2.2.

5.3. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu sostnuti b'evidenza li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżmum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u ma tkunx akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm tiġi pprovduta l-informazzjoni nieqsa. Transport Malta għandha tikteb lill-applikant billi tavżah bl-informazzjoni meħtieġa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew skorretta.

7. Rifużjoni tal-għotja jekk it-tagħmir jitneħħa jew jiġi diżattivat

7.1. Persuna jew impriża li tirċievi għotja taħt din l-iskema tkun obbligata li tagħti lura din l-għotja lil Transport Malta jekk f'perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-approvazzjoni tal-għotja:

(a) Is-sid ta' vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG jagħmel talba lil Transport Malta biex titneħħa s-sistema; jew

(b) Ikun ippruvat li din is-sistema kienet imneħħija, imbagħbsa, jew diżattivata b'xi mod.

7.2. Barra minn hekk, fil-każ ta' vetturi li jaħdmu bid-diesel biss, dan l-obbligu ta' rifużjoni għandu japplika wkoll jekk:

(a) ikun ippruvat li din is-sistema ma kinitx qed tintuża kif xieraq kif muri mill-apparat tal-kejl tas-sistema; jew

(b) jirriżulta li l-apparat tal-kejl tas-sistema tneħħa jew ġie mbagħbas; jew

(c) l-istiker tas-sigurtà tkun tneħħiet.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Din l-iskema għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, sakemm ma tkunx modifikata jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Din l-iskema ta' għotja għandha titqies bħala mitmuma meta jintuża l-baġit

5.2. Payment shall be affected only if the applicant would not have reached the limits established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation as specified in section 2.2.

5.3. Applications shall be supported by evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

6. Validity of application

6.1 An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed until the missing information is provided. Transport Malta shall write to the applicant advising him of the information required.

6.2 The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refund of grant if the retrofitting is removed or disabled

7.1. A person or undertaking who receives a grant under this scheme shall be obliged to refund such grant to Transport Malta if within a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the grant's approval:

(a) the owner of a vehicle on which an LPG feeding system had been retrofitted makes a request to Transport Malta to have the system removed; or

(b) It is proven that this system was either removed, tampered with, or disabled in any way.

7.2. Moreover, in the case of diesel-powered vehicles only, this refund obligation shall also apply if:

(a) it is proven that this system was not being used appropriately as evidenced from the system's metering device; or

(b) it results that the system's metering device has been removed or tampered with; or

(c) the security sticker has been removed.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. This scheme shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2024 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. This grant scheme shall be considered as terminated when the respective budget is used.

rispettiv. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm l-iskema fi kwalunkwe ħin billi jagħti avviż minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif meqjus neċessarju mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Meta tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas ħażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

11. Persuni kompetenti

11.1. Lista aġġornata tal-persuni li huma approvati mir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma biex iwettqu xogħol, superviżjoni u ċertifikazzjoni relatati mal-użu tal-LPG f'vetturi bil-mutur tista' tinstab fuq is-sit elettroniku tar-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma kif ġej:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

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MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Għotjiet mill-Gvern għax-xiri ta' Vetturi Aċċessibbli għas-Siġġijiet tar-Roti biex jintużaw għat-Trasport ta' Passiġġieri b'Kiri jew b'Kumpens

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed joffri inċentiv f'forma ta' għotja finanzjarja għal-liċenzjar ta' vetturi ġodda aċċessibbli għas-siġġijiet tar-roti sabiex ikun

Notwithstanding, Government may terminate the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the said Minister reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to the State Aid declaration. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

11. Competent persons

11.1. An updated list of the persons who are approved by the Regulator for Energy and Water Services to carry out work, supervision and certification related to the use of LPG on motor vehicles may be obtained from the website of the Regulator for Energy and Water Services:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

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No. 551

MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government Grant on the purchase of Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles to be used for the Transport of Passengers for Hire or Reward

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is offering an incentive in the form of a financial grant for the licensing of new wheelchair-accessible vehicles to offer any

offrut wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument, sabiex persuni li jagħmlu użu minn siġġijiet tar-roti jkollhom aċċess faċli u mingħajr bżonn ta' għajnuna għal dawn is-servizzi ta' trasport.

Permezz ta' din l-iskema persuni li għandhom liċenzja biex joffru wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument jistgħu jirċievu għotja li tammonta għal għaxart elef ewro (€10,000) meta jilliċenzjaw vettura ġdida li tkun aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti biex tintuża taħt dawn il-liċenzji u fl-istess ħin ineħħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura oħra fil-kategorija M1 jew N1, li jkollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha u li tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni.

L-iskema hija meqjusa li daħlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u ser tkun implimentata fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. L-iskema tibqa' miftuħa sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, jew sakemm jiġi eżawrit il-baġit allokat għaliha li jammonta għal mija u ħamsin elf ewro (€150,000).

Il-kundizzjonijiet ta' din l-iskema huma bla preġudizzju għall-ħtiġijiet stipulati fir-regolamenti tas-servizzi tat-trasport imsemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument u dawn il-ħtiġijiet għandhom japplikaw dejjem sakemm ma jkun speċifikat mod ieħor.

Sidien li rreġistraw vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġijiet tar-roti biex joffru wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument fl-2023 u li ma bbenefikawx mill-iskema rispettiva ta' dik is-sena jew ta' xi sena preċedenti jistgħu japplikaw għal din l-iskema.

L-Iskema

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtieġx mod ieħor:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriża li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema u li, apparti li tkun residenti jew stabbilita f'Malta, ikollha liċenzja biex topera wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;

'Awtorità' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita taħt id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qiegħda tingħata taħt din l-iskema lix-xerrej ta' vettura aċċessibbli għas- siġġu tar-roti sabiex tkun liċenzjata biex toffri wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

of the services listed in Section 2 of this document, so that persons who make use of wheelchairs may have easy and unaided access to these transport services.

Through this scheme persons who hold a licence to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document may receive a grant amounting to ten thousand Euro (€10,000) when licensing a new vehicle which is wheelchair-accessible to be used under that licences, and at the same time de-register another M1, or N1 category vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from its year of manufacture and which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of deregistration.

The scheme is deemed to have come into effect on the 1st of January 2024 and shall be implemented on a first come first served basis. The scheme shall remain open until the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of one hundred and fifty thousand Euro (€150,000) is exhausted.

The conditions of this scheme are without prejudice to the requirements stipulated in the regulations for the transport services listed Section 2 of this document; and such requirements shall always apply unless otherwise specified.

Owners who registered a wheelchair accessible vehicle to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 in 2023 but did not benefit from the respective grant scheme for that year or any previous year may still apply for this scheme.

The Scheme

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person or undertaking applying for the grant under this scheme and who, apart from residing or being established in Malta, holds a licence to operate any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

'Authority' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499 of the Laws of Malta);

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to the purchaser of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle to be licensed to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fondazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

'impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt li taħtar jew li tneħħi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

ċ) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni tal-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriża waħda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħidha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

L-intrapriżi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmijin fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriża waħda.

'liċenzja' tfisser il-liċenzja taċ-ċirkolazzjoni li tinħareġ fuq vettura bil-mutur biex tkun tista' tinstaq fit-triq u li tkun trid tiġġedded kull sena;

'Malta' tfisser il-Gżejjer Maltin;

'persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriża li f'isimha vettura tkun ġiet irreġistrata mill-Awtorità;

'tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser it-tneħħija permanenti ta' vettura bil-mutur mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa' tiġi rreġistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f'Malta;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society;

'single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'licence' means the circulation licence issued on a motor vehicle to be driven on the road and which is to be renewed annually;

'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;

'person' means a natural person;

'person residing in Malta' means a natural person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

'registered owner' means the person or undertaking in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by the Authority;

'de-registration' means the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with the Authority for Transport in Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta;

'vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1 li tippermetti aċċess faċli u bla għajnuna lil persuni li jagħmlu użu minn siġġijiet tar-roti;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni u li tista' ġġorr mhux aktar minn tmien (8) passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li l-ogħla massa tagħha ma tkunx aktar minn tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5);

'vettura bil-mutur ġdida' tfisser vettura li qatt ma ġiet irreġistrata qabel f'ebda pajjiż;

'vettura li tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 li tneħħitilha r-reġistrazzjoni.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema tapplika għal persuni li jkunu residenti f'Malta u l-impriżi kollha stabbiliti f'Malta, jekk dik il-persuna jew impriża jkollha liċenzja biex toffri wieħed minn dawn is-servizzi:

A. Servizz ta' Taxi skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi tat-Taxi (L.S. 499.59); jew

B. Servizz ta' Trasport skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi ta' Ġarr ta' Passiġġieri b'Vetturi Żgħar u Servizzi ta' Kiri ta' Vetturi (L.S.499.68).

2.2. Minbarra l-konformità mal-klawsola 2.1, sabiex ikun eliġibbli għal din l-għotja applikant għandu jkun is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1 jew N1 li għandha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura, li tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni, u li titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni.

2.3. Regoli dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotja taħt din l-iskema minn impriżi, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna *de minimis* (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbilit fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* indikat hawn fuq. L-ammont totali tal-għajnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

'wheelchair-accessible vehicle' means an M1 category motor vehicle that allows easy and unaided access to persons who make use of wheelchairs.

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight (8) passengers in addition to the driver;

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

'new motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle which has never been registered in any country;

'de-registered vehicle' means a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which has been de-registered;

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme applies to persons residing in Malta and undertakings established in Malta, if that person or undertaking holds a licence to offer any of the following services:

A. Taxi services in accordance with the Taxi Services Regulations (S.L.499.59); or

B. Transport Services in accordance with the Light Passenger Transport Services and Vehicle Hire Services Regulations (S.L.499.68).

2.2. In addition to compliance with clause 2.1, to be eligible for this grant an applicant shall also be the registered owner of a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from the year of manufacture, which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of de-registration, and which is de-registered.

2.3. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings assistance will be provided in line with Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

In the case of an application by an undertaking, payment shall only be affected if the applicant would not have reached the maximum threshold established in the *de minimis* Regulation. The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u applikata għaliha minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbli. Kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriża waħda matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża waħda relatata mal-impriża applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur bil-warrant.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1. Wara li l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tkun ġiet irreġistrata f'Malta, l-aġent jew l-applikant għandu jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 053 f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

3.2. Il-lista t'hawn fuq hija mingħajr preġudizzju għal kwalunkwe dokumenti meħtieġa biex tkun irreġistrata l-vettura u biex tkun illiċenzjata taħt is-servizz tat-trasport applikabbli kif imsemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument.

3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fuq:

a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212; jew

b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija LJA2021; jew

c) Transport Malta, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

4. Eliġibbiltà

4.1. Sabiex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2, u mal-kundizzjonijiet u r-regolamenti kollha relatati mas-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the *de minimis* rule including that received and/or applied for from any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta over the applicable three year period. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding *de minimis* aid received and applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. After the wheelchair-accessible vehicle is registered in Malta, the applicant shall submit application form VEH 053 in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

3.2. The above list is without prejudice to any documents required to register the vehicle and to license it under the applicable transport service as listed in Section 2 of this document.

3.3. Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija LJA2021; or

c) Transport Malta, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibility

4.1 To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2, and with all conditions and regulations related to the applicable service as listed in Section 2.

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika għall-għotja, vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti għandha tkun:

a) vettura bil-mutur ġdida tal-kategorija M1 meħtieġa sabiex toffri s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2; u

b) liċenzjata biex topera s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2 sa mhux aktar tard mill-31 ta' Diċembru tal-2024; u

c) manifatturata b'tali mod sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajnuna, u tkun tista' tinġarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur; jew

d) Modifikata lokalment, hekk kif approvat mill-Unità Teknika tal-Awtorità, sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajnuna, u tkun tista' tinġarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur.

4.3. Biex tikkwalifika, vettura bil-mutur li tkun se titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni jeħtieġ:

a) ikollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data meta ssir l-applikazzjoni, bl-età tiġi kkalkulata billi titnaqqas is-sena tal-manifattura tal-vettura murija fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura mis-sena li fiha tkun ġiet sottomessa l-applikazzjoni;

b) tkun liċenzjata f'isem l-applikant fid-data meta titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, u fid-data meta tiġi rreġistrata l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu bir-roti l-ġdida, skont kif muri fiċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni jew kif ikkonfermat mill-Awtorità;

c) tkun ġiet mgħoddija ġo faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata;

d) tkun tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (L.S. 368.02) mhux qabel l-1 ta' Jannar 2023.

e) Vetturi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispożizzjonijiet tal-L.S.65.24 ma jkunux eliġibbli għal din l-iskema ta' skreppjar.

4.4. L-għotja li tingħata m'għandhiex titqies bħala dħul għall-finijiet ta' taxxa.

4.5. L-iskema se tkun limitata għal ħmistax-il (15) vettura eliġibbli fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

5. Ħlas tal-għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, dik l-għotja titħallas direttament lill-applikant.

4.2 To qualify for the grant, a wheelchair-accessible vehicle shall be:

a) a new M1 category motor vehicle required to offer the applicable service as listed in Section 2; and

b) licensed to operate the applicable services as listed in Section 2 by not later than 31st December 2024; and

c) manufactured in a way so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided, and may be transported in the vehicle safely; or

d) modified locally, as approved by the Authority's Technical Unit, so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided and may be transported in the vehicle safely.

4.3 To qualify, a motor vehicle that shall be de-registered shall:

a) have at least ten (10) years on the date of application, with the age being calculated by deducting the vehicle's year of manufacture shown on the vehicle's registration certificate from the year in which the application is submitted;

b) be licensed in the name of the applicant on the date when the vehicle is to be destructed, and on the date when the new Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle is registered, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by the Authority;

c) have been transferred to an authorised treatment facility;

d) have been de-registered in terms of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (S.L.368.02) not earlier than 1st January 2023.

e) Deregistered vehicles which had benefitted from the provisions of S.L.65.24 shall not be eligible for this scrappage scheme.

4.4 The grant given shall not be assessed as income for tax purposes.

4.5 The scheme will be limited to fifteen (15) eligible vehicles on a first-come-first-served basis.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, such grant shall be paid directly to that applicant.

5.2. Il-ħlas isir biss jekk l-applikant ma jkunx laħaq il-limiti stabbiliti mir-Regolament *de minimis* kif stabbilit f'sezzjoni 2.3.

5.3. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu sostnuti b'evidenza li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżmum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li tkun ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx imtliet b'mod sħiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex tajjeb u d-dokumenti relevanti ma jkunux inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja ma tiġix proċessata sakemm tingħata l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

7. Rifużjoni tal-għotja

7.1. Kwalunkwe vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija mill-applikant taħt din l-għotja għandha tibqa' rreġistrata f'isem l-applikant u użata biex toffri l-istess servizz kif elenkat fit-Taqsima 2 għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni.

7.2. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li fuqha tkun inħarġet għotja taħt din l-iskema jittrasferixxi l-imsemmija vettura lil terza persuna jew jilliċenzja l-vettura għall-użu privat qabel l-iskadenza tal-perjodu msemmi hawn fuq, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-għotja li rċeviet mingħand Transport Malta.

7.3. Ir-rifużjoni msemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'għandhomx ikunu meħtieġa fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

7.3.1. Meta t-trasferiment imsemmi fih ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terza persuna.

7.3.2. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taħt din l-għotja li tkun iddikjarata li ma tistax tissewwa wara inċident jew għal kwalunkwe raġuni oħra u tinbidel b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tal-istess mudell jew mudell ekwivalenti, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati għal din l-għotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti lill-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li tieħu post dik oriġinali.

7.3.3. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taħt din l-għotja li tingħata lura lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u meta l-aġent jew negozjant jaċċetta li jibdel l-imsemmija vettura

5.2. Payment shall be affected only if the applicant would not have reached the limits established in the *d minimis* Regulation as specified in section 2.3.

5.3. Applications shall be supported by evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

6. Validity of application

6.1 An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2 The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refunding of grant

7.1. Any new wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name and used to offer the same service as listed in Section 2 for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration.

7.2. If the registered owner of a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle to a third party or licences the vehicle for private use before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta.

7.3. The refund mentioned in 7.2. above shall not be required in the following circumstances:

7.3.1. When the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party.

7.3.2. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is declared to be unrepairable following an accident or for any other reason and is replaced by a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.3. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and where the agent or dealer accepts to replace the said wheelchair-accessible

aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tal-istess mudell jew ekwivalenti, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-għotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti lill-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li tieħu post dik oriġinali.

7.3.4. Meta impriża titneħħa minn ġewwa impriża waħda u l-vettura tiġi trasferita għal impriża oħra fi ħdan l-istess impriża waħda.

7.4. Meta vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taħt din l-għotja tiġi rritornata lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-aġent jew negozjant ma jibdilhiex b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti iżda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz imħallas kollu jew parti minnu għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, jew jibdilha ma' vettura mhux aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-għotja riċevuta għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti skont il-perjodu li għadda mix-xiri tal-vettura u r-ritorn tagħha lill-aġent, kif elenkat hawn taħt:

1. Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%;

2. Aktar minn 12-il xahar iżda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%;

3. Aktar minn 24 xahar iżda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25%.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

Din l-iskema tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024 sakemm ma tiġix modifikata jew mitmuma qabel permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. L-iskema tiġi mitmuma b'mod awtomatiku meta l-ammont totali ta' għotjiet approvati jilħaq il-mija u ħamsin elf ewro (€150,000).

9. Emendi lill-iskema

Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emendi lil din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

Fejn ikun hemm talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas ħażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tar-regolamenti tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

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vehicle with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.4. When an undertaking is struck off from within a single undertaking and the vehicle is transferred to another undertaking within the same single undertaking.

7.4. When a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and the agent or dealer does not replace it with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle, or replaces it with a non-wheelchair-accessible vehicle, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the vehicle and its return to the agent, as listed below:

1. Less than 12 months: 75%;

2. More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%;

3. More than 24 months but less than 36 months : 25%.

8. Duration of scheme

This scheme shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2024 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. The scheme shall be automatically terminated when the total amount of approved grants reaches the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand Euro (€150,000).

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works has the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

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MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Skema ta' Għotja, inkluża Skema tal-Iskrappjar, għax-xiri ta' Vetturi Elettriċi użati tal-Kategorija L, M1 u N1, u l-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs, għal Persuni, Kunsilli Lokali, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u Impriżi

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Transport Malta) qed jippubblika skema ta' għotja finanzjarja mmirata għal persuni residenti f'Malta, Kunsilli Lokali, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta, sabiex tkompli tippromwovi l-użu ta' vetturi elettriċi użati tal-Kategorija L, M1 u N1. Din l-iskema qed tippromwovi wkoll il-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs.

L-iskema għandha l-għan li tnaqqas l-ammont ta' vetturi bil-mutur konvenzjonali aktar qodma mit-triq u hi soġġetta għall-kundizzjonijiet stipulati f'dan id-dokument. L-għotja tappoġġja x-xiri ta' karozzi tal-passiġġieri, vetturi ħfief għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija, kwadriċikli u muturi, u l-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs.

L-għotja tinkludi skema ta' skreppjar maħsuba biex tipprovdi aktar appoġġ finanzjarju lill-applikanti li, filwaqt li jixtru u jirreġistraw vettura elettrika użata jew pedelec ġdida, ineħħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura ta' kwalunkwe kategorija li jkollha aktar minn 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha.

L-għotja hija meqjusa li daħlet fis-seħħ fl-**1 ta' Jannar 2024**, hija fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel u għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-**31 ta' Diċembru 2024** jew sakemm il-baġit allokat jiġi eżawrit.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-fini ta' din l-għotja, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtiġx mod ieħor:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, Kunsill Lokali jew Impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tapplika għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema, u li tkun ix-xerrej ta' vettura elettrika użata tal-Kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 jew pedelec, jew sid ta' rota kif definiti hawn;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni magħmula għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;

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MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government Grant Scheme, including Scrappage Scheme, for the purchase of used Electric Vehicles in Category L, M1 and N1, and the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs, for Persons, Local Councils, Voluntary Organisations and Undertakings

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) is publishing a financial grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta, Local Councils, Voluntary Organisations and undertakings established in Malta, to further promote the uptake of used electric vehicles in Category L, M1 and N1. This scheme is also promoting the conversion of bicycles into pedelecs.

The scheme aims at reducing the number of older conventional motor vehicles from the road and is subject to the conditions stipulated in this document. The grant shall support the purchase of passenger cars, light goods carrying vehicles, quadricycles and motorcycles, and the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs.

The grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a used electric vehicle or a new pedelec, deregister a vehicle of any category which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

The grant is deemed to have come into effect as of the **1st of January 2024**, is on a first come first served basis, and shall remain into force until the **31st December 2024** or until the allocated budget is exhausted.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this grant, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, Local Council or undertaking established in Malta applying for the grant under this scheme, and who is the purchaser of a used Category L or M1 or N1 electric vehicle, or the owner of a bicycle as defined here;

'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

'bejjiegħ' tfisser aġent jew negozjant kif definit taħt din l-iskema;

'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jipprovdi prova tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura bil-mutur skont l-Att dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur taħt il-liġijiet ta' Malta (KAP. 368 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata' tfisser faċilità awtorizzata biex teqred vetturi u toħroġ ċertifikati tal-qerda, f'konformità mar-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġjar ta' Skart (Vetturi fi Tmiem Żmienhom) - L.S. 549.36;

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qed tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsima 4;

'impriżi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva, li ma tkunx kontrollata direttament jew indirettament mill-Gvern ta' Malta jew iffinanzjata permezz ta' fondi pubbliċi.

'impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f' intrapriża oħra;

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt li taħtar jew li tneħħi l-maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

c) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni fil-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriża waħda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħedha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża , maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

Intrapriżi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu wkoll bħala impriża waħda.

'Kunsill Lokali' tfisser Gvern Lokali kif imfisser fl-Att dwar il-Gvern Lokali (KAP. 363 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta).

'seller' means an agent or dealer as defined under this scheme;

'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act under the Laws of Malta (CAP 368 of the Laws of Malta);

'authorised treatment facility' means a facility authorised to destroy vehicles and issue certificates of destruction, in compliance with the Waste Management (End of Life Vehicles Regulations) - S.L. 549.36;

'grant' means the grant given under this scheme to an applicant satisfying the requirements of section 4;

'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society, which is not controlled directly or indirectly by the Government of Malta or funded through public funds;

'Single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered into with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'Local Council' means a Local Government as defined in the Local Government Act (CAP 363 of the Laws of Malta).

'l-ewwel reġistrazzjoni' għandha tinkludi r-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura għall-ewwel darba f'isem persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta fejn il-vettura kkonċernata kienet reġistrata għall-ewwel darba f'Malta;

'first registration' shall include the registration of a vehicle for the first time in the name of a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta where the vehicle concerned was registered for the first time in Malta;

'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin.

'Malta' means the Maltese islands;

'negozjant' jew 'aġent' tfisser persuna jew entità awtorizzata biex timporta, tbigħ jew tixtri vetturi bil-mutur

'dealer' or 'agent' means a person or entity authorised to import, sell, or buy motor vehicles

'organizzazzjoni volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (KAP. 492 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta)

'voluntary organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (CAP. 492 of the Laws of Malta).

'pedelec' tfisser rota li taħdem bil-pedali u bl-elettriku u li l-mutur tagħha jiġi attivat immedjatament kif is-sewwieq jibda jdawwar il-pedala u jitwaqqaf hekk kif is-sewwieq ma jibqax idawwar il-pedala, u li tista' tilħaq veloċità massima ta' 25km/h;

'pedelec' means a pedal electric bicycle whose electric motor is activated as soon as the rider starts pedalling and is deactivated as soon as the rider stops pedalling, and which can reach a maximum speed of 25km/h;

'pedelec tal-merkanzija' tfisser pedelec li jista' jġorr mill-inqas 100kg ta' merkanzija minbarra s-sewwieq;

'cargo pedelec' means a pedelec which can carry at least 100kg of cargo excluding the driver;

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (KAP. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju għall-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà u x-Xogħol;

'person residing in Malta' means a person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (CAP. 258 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security and Employment;

'prodotti agrikoli' tfisser il-prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill (ĠU L 354, 28,12,2013, p. 1).

'agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 354, 21.2013, p. 1);

'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna, l-organizzazzjoni volontarja jew l-impriża li f'isimha tkun irreġistrata vettura mill-Awtorità;

'registered owner' means the person, Local Council, voluntary organisation or undertaking on whose name a vehicle is registered by the Authority;

'rota' tfisser vettura li tikkonsisti f'żewġ roti miżmuma f'qafas waħda wara l-oħra, immexxija minn pedali u misjuqa minn manubri imwaħħla mar-rota ta' quddiem.

'bicycle' means a vehicle consisting of two wheels held in a frame one behind the other, propelled by pedals and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel.

'tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser, għall-fini ta' din l-iskema, it-tneħħija permanenti ta' vettura bil-mutur mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa' tiġi reġistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f'Malta;

'de-registration' means, for the purpose of this scheme, the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with Transport Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta;

'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta mwaqqfa taħt id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (KAP. 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (CAP. 499 of the Laws of Malta);

'vettura elettrika' tfisser vettura li hija mħaddma esklussivament b'muturi elettriċi li jużaw enerġija elettrika maħżuna f'batteriji li huma ċċarġjati minn sors tal-elettriku estern;

'electric vehicle' means a vehicle which is powered exclusively by electric motors using electrical energy stored in batteries which are charged from an external electricity source;

'vettura elettrika użata' tfisser vettura elettrika li toriġina minn xi wieħed mil-pajjiżi li ġejjin, u li tpoġġiet f'ċirkolazzjoni libera f'dak il-pajjiż qabel id-dħul tagħha f'Malta:

'used electric vehicle' means an electric vehicle origination from any of the following countries, and which was put into free circulation in such country before its entry into Malta:

(a) kwalunkwe stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea;

(a) any Member State of the European Union;

(b) iċ-Channel Islands (Guernsey u Jersey),

(b) the Channel Islands (Guernsey and Jersey);

(c) l-Isle of Man;

(c) the Isle of Man;

(d) Monaco;

(d) Monaco;

(e) Andorra

(e) Andorra;

(f) San Marino; u

(f) San Marino; or

(g) L-Irlanda tan-Nord.

(g) Northern Ireland.

'vettura li tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 li tneħħitilha r-reġistrazzjoni;

'de-registered vehicle' means a Category L or M1 or N1 vehicle which has been de-registered

'vettura tal-Kategorija L' tfisser vettura b'żewġ jew tliet roti jew kwadriċikli li jaqgħu fil-kamp ta' applikazzjoni tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 168/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill tal-15 ta' Jannar 2013 dwar l-approvazzjoni u s-sorveljanza tas-suq ta' vetturi b'żewġ jew tliet roti u kwadriċikli, kif emendati.

'Category L vehicle' means a two- or three-wheel vehicle or quadricycles falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles, as amended.

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni u li tista' ġġorr mhux aktar minn tmien passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5);

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

'Unjoni Ewropea' għandha l-istess tifsira bħal dik mogħtija lilha mill-artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea (Kap. 460 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta), u tinkludi n-Norveġja, l-Iżlanda u Liechtenstein.

'European Union' has the same meaning as is assigned to it by article 2 of the European Union Act (CAP. 460), and includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;

'xerrej' tfisser persuna residenti f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tixtri l-vettura minn pajjiż ieħor jew mingħand l-aġent jew negozjant lokali, li jkollu dik il-vettura reġistrata f'ismu u li jkun l-applikant għall-għotja taħt din l-iskema.

'purchaser' means a person residing in Malta, Local Council, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta buying the vehicle from another country or from the local agent or dealer, having that vehicle registered in his name and being the applicant for the grant under this scheme.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2. Area of Applicability

2.1. L-iskema għal għotja finanzjarja għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati tal-kategoriji L jew M1 jew N1, u għall-

2.1. The scheme for a financial grant for the purchase of used electric vehicles in category L or M1 or N1, and for the

konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs, kif definit hawn fuq, tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta, Kunsill Lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta.

2.2. L-iskema tippermetti taħlita ta' xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati, konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs, u bdil ta' vetturi antiki.

2.3. L-ammont totali tal-għotja maħruġ lill-applikanti taħt din l-iskemam'għandux jaqbeż il-prezz tax-xiri tal-vettura elettrika, jew il-prezz tal-konverżjoni tar-rota għal pedelec.

2.4. L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati tal-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed tiġi reġistrata, kif muri fit-Tabella 1 tal-Anness.

2.5. Kull applikant hu eliġibbli għal massimu ta' għotja waħda għax xiri ta' vettura eletrika użata u għal għotja waħda għall-konverżjoni ta' rota għal pedelec.

2.6. L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli għal konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs għandu jkun €400.

2.7. Skema ta' Skreppjar

a) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għal għotja li tinvolvi t-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura eżistenti, l-applikant għandu jneħħi r-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura tal-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 li għandha mill-inqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura u li tkun reġistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-ġurnata tat-tneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni tagħha, u li tkun tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni fl-1 ta' Jannar 2023 jew wara.

b) L-ammonti ta' għotja applikabbli f'dan il-każ għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, kif indikat fit-Tabella 2 tal-Anness.

2.8. Regoli dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotja taħt din l-iskema minn impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wieħed mir-Regolamenti de minimis li ġejjin:

(a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar

conversion of bicycles to pedelecs, as defined above, applies to any person residing in Malta, Local Council, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta.

2.2. The scheme allows a mix and match of purchase of used electric vehicles, the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs, and the replacement of old vehicles.

2.3. The total grant amount issued to applicants under this scheme shall not exceed the purchase price of the used electric vehicle, or the price for the conversion of the bicycle to a pedelec.

2.4. The grant amounts applicable for the purchase of used electric vehicles in category L or M1 or N1 shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being registered, as shown in Table 1 of the Annex.

2.5. Every applicant is eligible to a maximum of one grant for the purchase of a used electric vehicle and one grant for the conversion of a bicycle to a pedelec.

2.6. The grant amount applicable for the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs shall be €400.

2.7. Scrappage Scheme

a) In the case of a grant application involving the deregistration of an existing vehicle, the applicant shall deregister a category L or M1 or N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture and which is registered on the applicant's name on the day of registration of the used electric vehicle subject to the grant application, on the date of its destruction, and which was destructed on the 1st of January 2023 or after.

b) The grant amounts applicable in this case shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being deregistered, as indicated in Table 2 of the Annex.

2.8. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU assistance will be provided in line with one of the following *de minimis* Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de

il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 51I, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/ 2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/ 2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/ 2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-għajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti de minimis applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti de minimis huma kif ġej:

(a) Għal impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(b) Għal impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ 51 I/1, 22.2.2019) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed the thresholds established in the respective *de minimis* Regulations as follows:

a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

b) For undertakings/voluntary active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(c) Għall-impriżi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbli. Kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni de minimis iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-impriża unika matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar għajnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża unika relatata mal-impriża applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għax-xiri ta' vettura elettrika użata tal-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 għandha ssir jew mill-aġent/negozjant/fornitur jew mix-xerrej, billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH077 flimkien ma' kwalunkwe informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti meħtieġa fiha. Ix-xerrej tal-vettura għandu jitqies bħala l-applikant aħħari skont din l-iskema.

3.2. Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għall-iskema tal-iskreppjar, ċertifikat tal-qerda maħruġ minn faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata li jiċċertifika li l-vettura li tkun qed titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni tkun ġiet meqruda fil-faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata;

3.3. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għall-konverżjoni ta' rota għal pedelec għandha ssir jew mill-aġent/negozjant/fornitur jew mix-xerrej billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH077 flimkien ma' kwalunkwe informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti meħtieġa fiha. Is-sid tar-rota għandu jitqies bħala l-applikant aħħari f'termini ta' din l-iskema. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati minn rapport maħruġ, iffirmat u ttimbrat minn inġinier bil-warrant li jiċċertifika li r-rota kkonvertita tikkonforma mal-Istandard EN 15194:2017, jew ekwivalenti.

c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of de minimis aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure granted under the *de minimis* Regulation including that received and/or applied for from any entity other than Transport Malta over period of three years as applicable. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding *de minimis* aid received and applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. An application for a grant for the purchase of used electric vehicles in category L or M1 or N1 shall be made by submitting the electronic application form VEH 077 along with any information, details and documents required therein. The purchaser of the vehicle shall be considered as the ultimate applicant in terms of this scheme.

3.2. In the case of an application for the scrappage scheme, a destruction certificate issued by an approved destruction facility certifying that the vehicle which is being scrapped has been destructed in an approved destruction facility;

3.3. An application for a grant for the conversion of a bicycle to a pedelec shall be made either by the agent/dealer/supplier or by the purchaser by submitting paper application form VEH 077B along with any information, details and documents required therein. The owner of the bicycle shall be considered as the ultimate applicant in terms of this scheme. Applications shall be accompanied by a report issued, signed, and stamped by a warranted engineer certifying that the converted bicycle complies with EN Standard 15194:2017, or equivalent.

3.4. L-applikazzjonijiet b'mod elettroniku taħt din l-iskema, fejn ikun applikabbli, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi permezz tal-e-form aċċessibbli mill-paġna tal-informazzjoni dwar din l-iskema fit-taqsima tat-Trasport fuq l-Art tas-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta;

3.5. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta f'wieħed mill-indirizzi ta' hawn taħt:

a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija LJA2021; jew

c) Transport Malta, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

3.6. Negozjant liċenzjat/negozjant interim jew aġent tal-karozzi li jixtri xi waħda minn dawn il-vetturi għal skopijiet ta' showroom u bejgħ għandu l-għażla li japplika għall-għotja iżda meta jerġa' jbigħ dik il-vettura, ix-xerrej ma jkunx jista' jerġa' japplika għall-għotja.

4. Eliġibbiltà

4.1. Biex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jikkonforma mat-Taqsima 2.

a) Biex tikkwalifika għall-għotjiet, il-vettura elettrika użata fil-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 li tkun qed tiġi rreġistrata m'għandhiex tkun ġiet irreġistrata f'Malta qabel l-1 ta' Jannar 2023;

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika għall-iskema ta' skreppjar, il-vettura bil-mutur li trid tiġi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni jeħtieġ li:

a) Ikollha mill-inqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, l-età tal-vettura tiġi ddeterminata bħala s-sena kalendarja fid-data tal-applikazzjoni mingħajr is-sena tal-manifattura kif iċċertifikata fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura;

b) tkun reġistrata u ggaraxxjata jew liċenzjata ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, kif muri fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura jew kif ikkonfermat minn Transport Malta;

c) tkun ġiet imneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni mhux qabel l-1 ta' Jannar 2023;

3.4. Electronic applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant through the e-form accessible from the information page about this scheme in the Land Transport section of Transport Malta's website (www.transport.gov.mt/land-199);

3.5. Paper applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija LJA2021; or

c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

3.6. A licensed dealer/interim dealer or car agent purchasing any of these vehicles for showroom and sales purposes has the option to apply for the grant himself but on re-selling such vehicle, the buyer cannot re-apply for the grant.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

a) To qualify for the grants, the used electric vehicle in category L or M1 or N1 being registered shall not have been registered in Malta before the 1st of January 2023;

4.2. To qualify for the scrappage scheme, the motor vehicle to be de-registered shall:

a) be at least ten (10) years old on the date of application, the age of the vehicle being determined as the calendar year on the date of application less the year of manufacture as certified on the vehicle's registration certificate;

b) be registered and garaged or licensed with Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of deregistration, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by Transport Malta;

c) have been de-registered not before 1st January 2023;

d) ladarba titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, tiġi meqruda skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (L.S.368.02). Għandu jiġi pprovdut iċ-ċertifikat tal-qerda;

e) Vetturi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispożizzjonijiet tal-L.S.65.24 ma jkunux eliġibbli għal din l-iskema ta' skreppjar.

4.3. Biex tikkwalifika għall-iskema għall-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs, ir-rota kkonvertita għandha tikkonforma mal-Istandard EN 15194:2017, jew standard ekwivalenti. Fejn jiġi kkwotat standard ekwivalenti, l-applikant għandu juri jew jipprova tali ekwivalenza għas-sodisfazzjon tal-Awtorità.

5. Ħlas tal-Għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, l-għotja għandha titħallas direttament lill-applikant.

5.2. L-għotja mogħtija lix-xerrej ma għandhiex tiġi evalwata bħala dħul għall-finijiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dħul.

5.3. Vettura hija eliġibbli għal għotja waħda biss, u jekk is-sid oriġinali (il-benefiċjarju) jbigħ il-vettura fis-suq tal-vetturi użati wara li jgħaddi l-perjodu msemmi fit-Taqsima 7, is-sid il-ġdid tal-istess vettura jew pedelec ma jkunx intitolat li japplika għal xi għotja relatata ma' dik il-vettura, fil-każ li dik l-għotja tkun għadha disponibbli.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

7. Rifużjoni tal-għotja

7.1. Kwalunkwe vettura elettrika jew pedelec tal-Kategorija L, M jew N użata mixtrija mill-applikant taħt din l-għotja għandha tibqa' reġistrata f'isem l-applikant għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni.

7.2. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura elettrika jew pedelec użata li fuqha tkun inħarġet għotja taħt din l-iskema jittrasferixxi l-imsemmija vettura qabel ma jiskadi l-perjodu

d) once de-registered, be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (S.L.368.02). Destruction certificate shall be provided;

e) Deregistered vehicles which had benefitted from the provisions of S.L.65.24 shall not be eligible for this scrappage scheme.

4.3. To qualify for the scheme for the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs, the converted bicycle shall comply with EN Standard 15194:2017, or an equivalent standard. Where an equivalent standard is quoted, the applicant shall demonstrate or prove such equivalence to the Authority's satisfaction.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, the grant shall be paid directly to the applicant.

5.2. The grant given to the purchaser shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

5.3. A vehicle is only eligible for one grant, and if the original owner (the beneficiary) sells the vehicle on the used market after the period referred to in Section 7 elapses, the new owner of the same vehicle will not be entitled to apply for any grant related to that vehicle, in the case such a grant would still be available.

6. Validity of application

6.1. An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2. The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refunding of grant

7.1. Any used Category L, M or N electric vehicle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration.

7.2. If the registered owner of a used electric vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle before the expiry of the above-mentioned

msemmi hawn fuq, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-għotja li tkun irċeviet mingħand Transport Malta.

7.3. Ir-rifużjoni msemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'għandhiex tkun meħtieġa meta t-trasferiment imsemmi hemmhekk ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terz jew trasferiment inter vivos favur il-miżżewġin, axxendenti, u kollaterali diretti.

7.4. Meta vettura elettrika mixtrija taħt din l-għotja tiġi rritornata lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-aġent jew negozjant ma jibdilhiex b'vettura elettrika ġdida iżda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz kollu jew parzjali mħallas għall-vettura elettrika ġdida, jew jibdilha ma' vettura mgħammra b'magna ta' kombustjoni interna, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-għotja riċevuta għall-vettura elettrika ġdida skont il-perjodu li għadda mix-xiri tal-vettura u r-ritorn tagħha lill-aġent, kif elenkat hawn taħt:

a) Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%;

b) Aktar minn 12-il xahar iżda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%;

c) Aktar minn 24 xahar iżda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25%.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. L-għotjiet għar-reġistrazzjoni ta' Vetturi Elettriċi Użati, elenkati fit-Tabella 1 tal-Anness A, għandhom jibqgħu fis-seħħ kif ġej sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024. Il-fondi bbaġitjati għal din l-iskema jammontaw għal ħames mitt elf Ewro (€500,000).

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif jitqies meħtieġ mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Proġetti Kapitali permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi lill-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1 Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Proġetti Kapitali għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas żbaljat ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

period, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta.

7.3. The refund mentioned in 7.2. above shall not be required when the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party or transfer inter vivos in favour of spouses, ascendants, and direct collaterals.

7.4. When a used electric vehicle purchased under this grant is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and the agent or dealer does not replace it with a used electric vehicle but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the used electric vehicle, or replaces it with a vehicle equipped with an Internal Combustion Engine, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the new electric vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the vehicle and its return to the agent, as listed below:

a) Less than 12 months: 75%;

b) More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%;

c) More than 24 months but less than 36 months: 25%.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. The grants for the registration of Used Electric Vehicles, listed in Table 1 of Annex A, shall remain into force as follows until the 31st of December 2024. The budgeted funds for this scheme amount to five hundred thousand Euro (€500,000).

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister responsible for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry our economic activity, especially with respect to the State Aid declaration. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

Anness: Ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati tal-kategorija L, jew M1 jew N1.

Tabella 1: Ammonti tal-għotja li għandhom jitħallsu għal kull vettura elettrika użata fil-kategorija L u M1 u N1 mixtrija, soġġetti għall-kriterji ta' eliġibblità stipulati f'dan id-dokument.

	Kategorija tal-vettura użata	Aktar minn ġurnata, U Mhux aktar minn 3 xhur	Aktar minn 3 xhur, U Mhux aktar minn 6 xhur	Aktar minn 6 xhur, U Mhux aktar minn 36 xahar
1	**L**	€1,000	€750	€400
2	**M1 or N1**	€8,000	€6,000	€3,000

Tabella 2: Ammonti tal-għotja li għandhom jitħallsu meta vettura tiġi skreppjata flimkien ma' kwalunkwe għotja oħra għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati fil-kategorija L, M1 u N1.

	Kategorija tal-Vettura Skreppjata	***Post tar-Reġistrazzjoni tal-Vettura Skreppjata***	
		Malta	***Għawdex****
1	L	€500	€500
2	M1 jew N1	€1,000	€2,000

*****Il-vettura trid tkun ġiet reġistrata f'Għawdex qabel il-11 ta' Ottubru, 2021.

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ATT DWAR IL-ĦADDIEMA D-DEHEB U L-ĦADDIEMA L-FIDDA (ARĠENTIERA) (KAP. 46)

IL-KUMMISSARJU tat-Taxxi Interni jgħarraf illi, fid-data li tidher hawn taħt, il-prezz tad-deheb u l-fidda li fuqu huma bbażati l-valutazzjonijiet magħmulin mill-Konslu għall-Ħaddiema d-Deheb u l-Ħaddiema l-Fidda ġie ffissat għall-finijiet tal-artikolu 14 tal-imsemmi Att kif ġej:

Data *Date*	Deheb Pur Gramma *Pure Gold* *Grams*	Fidda Pura Gramma *Pure Silver* *Grams*
26.4.2024	€69.659	€0.815

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Annex: Grant amounts applicable for the purchase of used electric vehicles in category L or M1 or N1.

Table 1: Grant amounts to be paid for each used electric vehicle in category L, M1 and N1 purchased, subject to eligibility criteria stipulated in this document.

	Category of Used Vehicle	Older than 1 day, AND Not older than 3months	Older than 3 months, AND Not older than 6 months	Older than 6 months, AND Not older than 36 months
1	**L**	€1,000	€750	€400
2	**M1 or N1**	€8,000	€6,000	€3,000

Table 2: Grant amounts to be paid when a vehicle in scrapped in conjunction with any other grant for the purchase of a used electric vehicles in category L, M1 and N1.

	Category of Scrapped Vehicle	**Place of Registration of Scrapped Vehicle**	
		Malta	***Gozo****
1	L	€500	€500
2	M1 or N1	€1,000	€2,000

*****Vehicle must have been registered in Gozo prior to the 11th of October, 2021.

26th April, 2024

No. 553

GOLDSMITHS AND SILVERSMITHS ACT (CAP. 46)

THE Commissioner of Inland Revenue notifies that, on the date shown hereunder, the price of gold and silver on which valuations made by the Consul for Goldsmiths and Silversmiths are based has been fixed for the purposes of article 14 of the said Act as follows:

Data *Date*	Deheb Pur Gramma *Pure Gold* *Grams*	Fidda Pura Gramma *Pure Silver* *Grams*
26.4.2024	€69.659	€0.815

26th April, 2024