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MINISTERU GĦALL-AGRIKOLTURA, IS-SAJD U DRITTIJIET TAL-ANNIMALI

Skema għall-Manutenzjoni ta' Dgħajsa Tradizzjonali (2024)

L-GĦAN ta' din l-iskema huwa li tipprovdi appoġġ finanzjarju lis-sidien tal-bastimenti fir-rigward tal-manutenzjoni tal-bastimenti li jaqgħu taħt l-iSkema għall-Manutenzjoni ta' Dgħajsa Tradizzjonali.

Permezz ta' din l-iskema, sidien ta' bastimenti tas-sajd mibnija esklussivament minn injam li huma rreġistrati fil-kategoriji professjonali (MFA/MFB), u li nbnew fl-2007 jew qabel, għandhom ikunu eliġibbli għal appoġġ finanzjarju biex jgħinu fil-manutenzjoni ta' dawn il-bastimenti u l-preservazzjoni tal-valur kulturali tagħhom. L-appoġġ finanzjarju għandu jkun limitat skont id-daqs tal-bastiment/i. In-nefqa eliġibbli tista' tintalab biss mal-preżentazzjoni ta' rċevuti fiskali u/jew fatturi validi.

1. Definizzjonijiet

F'din l-iskema, sakemm il-kuntest ma jitlobx mod ieħor:

"Ministru" tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli għall-Agrikoltura, is-Sajd, u d-Drittijiet tal-Annimali.

"Direttur" tfisser id-Direttur responsabbli għas-Sajd u l-Akkwakultura.

"Sid/sidien" tfisser il-persuna/i fiżika/fiżiċi jew ġuridika/i li taħtha/hom hija rreġistrata/i s-sjieda ta' bastiment tas-sajd.

"Applikant" għandha l-istess tifsira bħal "sid".

2. Min hu eliġibbli għal din l-għajnuna?

Bastiment/i rreġistrati MFA u/jew MFB biss għandhom jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli.

Il-bastiment/i li jaqgħu taħt l-iSkema għall-Manutenzjoni ta' Dgħajsa Tradizzjonali u li huma rreġistrati bħala tali mad-DFA biss għandhom jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli.

Din il-miżura se tiġi implimentata skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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'

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Traditional Boat Maintenance Scheme (2024)

THE aim of this scheme is to provide financial support to vessel owners in relation to the maintenance of vessels which fall under the Traditional Boat Maintenance Scheme.

Through this scheme, owners of fishing vessels constructed exclusively of wood which are registered in the professional categories (MFA/MFB), and which were constructed in 2007 or before, shall be eligible for financial support to assist in the maintenance of these vessels and the preservation of their cultural value. Financial support shall be capped according to the size of the vessel/s. Eligible expenditure can only be claimed upon presentation of valid fiscal receipts and/or invoices.

1. Definitions

In this scheme, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal Rights.

"Director" means the Director responsible for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

"Owner/s" means the natural or legal person/s under whom the ownership of a fishing vessel is registered.

"Applicant" carries the same meaning as "owner".

2. Who is eligible for such assistance?

Only MFA and/or MFB registered vessel/s shall be considered as being eligible.

Only vessel/s falling under the Traditional Boat Maintenance Scheme and registered as such with the DFA shall be considered as being eligible.

This measure will be implemented in line with the provisions of 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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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

applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414, 9.12.2020, p. 15), u kif emendat ulterjorment 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, p.8) 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 tiegħu u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023). Id-DFA għandu jitlob dikjarazzjoni ffirmata mill-impriża kkonċernata dwar kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis oħra riċevuta matul is-sentejn fiskali preċedenti u s-sena fiskali attwali. L-applikazzjonijiet ma għandhomx jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli sakemm ma jiġux issodisfati d-dispożizzjonijiet regolatorji ta' hawn fuq.

3. Kif persuna takkwista d-dritt għal din l-għajnuna?

Is-sidien tal-bastimenti eliġibbli għandhom jimlew formola tal-applikazzjoni biex jirreġistraw formalment l-interess tagħhom f'din l-iskema. Id-dikjarazzjonijiet u d-dokumentazzjoni kollha għandhom jiġu pprovduti skont l-istruzzjonijiet ipprovduti fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni.

Applikanti interessati huma mħeġġa jimlew il-formola tal-applikazzjoni bid-dokumentazzjoni meħtieġa u mbagħad jirritornawha bl-idejn lid-Dipartiment tas-Sajd u l-Akkwakultura sa mhux aktar tard mit-03/12/2024, sakemm ma jiġix notifikat mod ieħor mid-DFA.

L-applikanti eliġibbli kollha għandhom jiġu nnotifikati permezz ta' ittra uffiċjali.

Il-pagamenti għandhom jiġu pproċessati f'lott wieħed, wara s-sottomissjoni ta' rċevuti fiskali u/jew fatturi validi dettaljati b'ritratt tax-xogħol ta' manutenzjoni li jkun sar fuq il-bastiment jew ritratt tal-materjali mixtrija relatati mar-restawr tal-bastiment.

Wara l-ivvettjar tal-irċevuti, l-applikanti kollha jirċievu l-ammonti sottomessi fil-kont bankarju personali tagħhom.

4. Kif jiġi kkalkulat l-appoġġ

L-allokazzjoni finanzjarja massima għandha tiġi kkalkulata fuq it-tul tal-bastiment irreġistrat f'metri skont il-kategoriji ta' tul definiti minn qabel, b'kull waħda minnhom ikollha valur finanzjarju korrispondenti.

and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414, 9.12.2020, p. 15), and as further amended 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, p.8) 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). The DFA shall request for a signed declaration from the undertaking concerned about any other de minimis aid received during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year. Applications shall not be considered as eligible unless the above regulatory provisions are met.

3. How does a Person Acquire the Right for this Assistance?

Eligible vessel owners should fill in an Application Form to formally register their interest in this scheme. All declarations and documentation should be provided as per instructions provided in the Application Form.

Interested applicants are encouraged to fill in the Application Form with the necessary documentation and then return it by hand to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture by not later than the 03/12/2024, unless otherwise notified by the DFA.

All eligible applicants shall be notified via an official letter.

Payments shall be processed in a single batch, following the submission of itemised valid fiscal receipts and/or invoices with a photo of the maintenance work done on the vessel or a photo of the materials purchased related to the restoration of the vessel.

Following the vetting of receipts, all applicants will receive their submitted amounts in their personal bank account.

4. How support is calculated

The maximum financial allocation shall be calculated on the registered vessel's length in meters as per below pre-defined length categories, each having a corresponding financial value.

Fl-ebda ċirkostanza ma għandu l-valur tal-appoġġ massimu riċevut jaqbeż il-valur stipulat. Il-valur totali tal-għajnuna pprovduta għandu jkun limitat għal dan il-limitu predefinit.

	Tul tal-bastiment f'metri				
Kategorija	Minimu	Massimu	Spiża massima tal-materjal (€)	Spiża massima tax-xogħol (€)	Appoġġ massimu totali (€)
1	0	5.99	890	400	1,290
2	6.00	8.00	1,290	510	1,800
3	8.01	∞	1,780	730	2,510

Barra minn hekk, biex bastiment ikun eliġibbli għall-għajnuna, jeħtieġ li jkun ġie rreġistrat ammont ta' bejgħ kumulattiv medju minimu ta' EUR1,164.69 matul l-2021, l-2022 u l-2023.

Wara l-aħħar sottomissjoni ta' riċevuti u/jew fatturi, l-applikanti eliġibbli ma jkunu intitolati bl-ebda mod għal xi bilanċ pendenti mhux mitlub.

Is-sid/sidien tal-bastiment fil-pussess ta' aktar minn bastiment eliġibbli wieħed għandu/għandhom ikun/ikunu intitolat/a li japplika/japplikaw għal bastimenti multipli, liema appoġġ finanzjarju mbagħad għandu jiġi kkalkulat skont l-istess prinċipji kif stipulat fl-iskeda ta' hawn fuq, skont il-kategorija applikabbli.

L-għotja tista' tintuża biss għal darba (għal kull bastiment), mill-applikant (is-sid primarju rreġistrat) li huwa s-sid tal-bastiment/i.

Id-DFA tirriżerva d-dritt li tirrevedi l-valur massimu eliġibbli totali ta' appoġġ jekk meħtieġ.

5. Fiex tikkonsisti din l-għajnuna?

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In under no circumstance shall the value of maximum support received exceed the stipulated value. The total value of aid provided shall be capped to this pre-defined limit.

	Vessel Length in Metres				
Category	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum Material cost (€)	Maximum Labour cost (€)	Total Maximum Support (€)
1	0	5.99	890	400	1,290
2	6.00	8.00	1,290	510	1,800
3	8.01	∞	1,780	730	2,510

Furthermore, for a vessel to be eligible for aid, a minimum average cumulative sales amount of EUR1,164.69 needs to have been registered during 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Following the last submission of receipts and/or invoices, eligible applicants shall not be entitled in any manner for any pending unclaimed balance.

Vessel owner/s in possession of more than one eligible vessel shall be entitled to apply for multiple vessels, which financial support shall then be calculated following the same principles as stipulated in the above schedule, depending on the applicable category.

The Grant can only be availed of/applied for once (per vessel), by the applicant (registered primary owner) owning the vessel/s.

The DFA reserves the right to revise the total Eligible Maximum support value if required.

5. What does such assistance consist of?

This measure will be implemented in line with the provisions of 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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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, 9.12.2020, p. 15), and as further amended by

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, p.8) 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 tiegħu u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023). Id-DFA għandu jitlob dikjarazzjoni ffirmata mill-impriża kkonċernata dwar kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis oħra riċevuta matul is-sentejn fiskali preċedenti u s-sena fiskali attwali. L-applikazzjonijiet ma għandhomx jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli sakemm ma jiġux issodisfati d-dispożizzjonijiet regolatorji ta' hawn fuq.

In-nefqa li ġejja jew nefqa simili biss għandha titqies bħala eliġibbli:

Żebgħa dekorattiva, protettiva u antifouling (jew simili);
Injam solidu, laminat, folji tal-plywood (jew simili);

Imsiemer, boltijiet, rivets u viti tar-ram (jew simili);
Kolla, epossi, siġillanti u siment tar-reżina (caulking) (jew simili);
Żejt tal-magna;
Ilma għall-magna;
Filters tal-magna;
Tank tal-fjuwil;
Partijiet tal-magni tal-baħar;
Wiring tal-elettriku;
Blokki tal-Fuse tal-Baħar;
Switches tal-baħar;
Bozoz; u
Fittings tad-dawl tal-bastiment adattati għall-baħar.

In-nefqiet li ġejjin jew nefqiet simili għandhaom titqies bħala mhux eliġibbli:

Tagħmir (jew simili); u
Għodod elettriċi jew manwali (jew simili).

Id-DFA tirriżerva d-dritt li tiddetermina kemm huma eliġibbli l-irċevuti sottomessi u/jew il-fatturi/in-nefqa mitluba, skont il-parametri stipulati hawn fuq.

L-infiq kollu eliġibbli għandu jkun soġġett għall-iskrutinju, l-interpretazzjoni u l-aċċettazzjoni tad-DFA. Deċiżjoni dwar in-nefqa stabbilita bħala eliġibbli jew mhux eliġibbli mid-Dipartiment għandha titqies bħala finali.

6. Kif għandu jitħallas?

Il-ħlas se jiġi pproċessat u mħallas fil-kont bankarju tal-applikant.

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, p.8) 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). The DFA shall request for a signed declaration from the undertaking concerned about any other de minimis aid received during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year. Applications shall not be considered as eligible unless the above regulatory provisions are met.

Only the following or similar expenditure shall be considered as being eligible:

Decorative, protective and antifouling paint (or similar);
Solid, laminated, plywood wood sheets and planks (or similar);
Copper nails, bolts, rivets and screws (or similar);
Glues, epoxy, sealant and caulking (or similar);

Engine oil;
Water for engine;
Engine filters;
Fuel tank;
Marine Engine parts;
Electrical wiring;
Marine Fuse blocks;
Marine Switches;
Bulbs; and
Vessel light marine fittings

The following or similar expenditure shall be considered as being non eligible:

Equipment (or similar); and
Power tools and hand tools (or similar)

The DFA reserves the right to determine the eligibility of submitted receipts and/or invoices/claimed expenditure, as per parameters stipulated above.

All expenditure eligibility shall be subject to the scrutiny, interpretation, and acceptance of the DFA. A decision on expenditure determined as being eligible or non-eligible by the Department shall be deemed as final.

6. How shall it be paid?

The payment will be processed and paid via the applicants' bank account.

Sid/sidien ta' bastimenti rreġistrati li jibbenefikaw minn din l-iskema ma jistgħux jiddekummissjonaw il-bastiment tagħhom għal perjodu ta' 5 snin wara d-data tal-aċċettazzjoni tal-appoġġ sakemm l-appoġġ riċevut ma jingħatax lura kompletament lid-Dipartiment tas-Sajd u l-Akkwakultura mill-applikant/sidien li jibbenefikaw minn din l-iskema. Jekk matul il-perjodu ta' 5 snin id-dgħajsa tinbiegħ jew tiġi trasferita, l-applikant/is-sid oriġinali għandu jibqa' legalment responsabbli mill-azzjonijiet imġarrba.

7. Kull meta tingħata informazzjoni falza jew fin-nuqqas ta' konformita' mad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-iskema

Kwalunkwe dikjarazzjoni falza għandha tiġi definita bħala reat kriminali. L-applikant għandu jinżamm personalment responsabbli li jrodd lura kull flejjes li jirċievi jekk il-pagamenti jkunu diġa ġew ipproċessati. Wieħed ikun ukoll awtomatikament skwalifikat mill-iskema. Din il-klawsola m'għandhiex terminu applikabbli u għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ b'mod indefinit.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

Din hija skema ġdida li qed titnieda fis-sena 2024. Ser jkollha perjodu ta' ġimgħatejn biex l-applikazzjonijiet jiġu sottomessi lid-Dipartiment għas-Sajd u l-Akwakultura. Il-perjodu għall-irċevuti u/jew l-irċevuti eliġibbli huwa ta' 13-il xahar. Perjodu ieħor ta' ġimgħatejn se jippermetti lill-applikanti jissottomettu l-irċevuti u/jew il-fatturi tagħhom.

L-irċevuti u/jew il-fatturi għandhom jitqiesu bħala validi biss jekk id-data tan-nefqa mġarrba/irċevuta/fattura taqa' bejn il-perjodu 29/11/2023 u 31/12/2024.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għandu jagħmel l-emendi meħtieġa għal din l-iskema billi jippubblika l-imsemmija emendi fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

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MINISTERU GĦALL-AGRIKOLTURA, IS-SAJD U DRITTIJIET TAL-ANNIMALI

Skema ta' Inċentivi għas-Sajd Sostenibbli (2024)

L-GĦAN ta' din l-iskema huwa li tinkoraġġixxi u tħeġġeġ lis-sidien tal-bastimenti biex jixtru u jinvestu f'tagħmir tas-sajd sostenibbli. L-oġġettiv primarju ta' din l-inizjattiva huwa li jitnaqqsu l-effetti ambjentali negattivi li jirriżultaw minn attivitajiet tas-sajd, filwaqt li tiġi promossa l-protezzjoni tal-ħabitati tas-sajd.

Registered vessel owner/s benefitting from this scheme cannot decommission their vessel for a period of 5 years following the date of acceptance of support unless support received is entirely refunded back to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture by the applicant/owners benefitting from this scheme. If during the 5-year period the boat is sold or transferred, the original applicant/owner shall remain legally responsible of actions incurred.

7. Whenever false information is given or failure to conform to the provisions of the scheme

Any false declaration/s shall be defined as being a criminal offence. The applicant shall be held personally liable to return any monies received if payments would have already been processed. One will also be automatically disqualified from the scheme. This clause does not have an applicable time limit and shall remain in force indefinitely.

8. Duration of the scheme

This is a new scheme which is being launched in year 2024. It will have a 2-week period for applications to be submitted to the Department for Fisheries and Aquaculture. The period for receipts and/or invoices eligibility is of 13 months. Another 2-week period will allow applicants to submit their receipts and/or invoices.

Receipts and/or invoices shall only be considered as valid if the expenditure incurred/receipt/invoice date falls between the period 29/11/2023 and 31/12/2024.

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister shall make the necessary amendments to this scheme by publishing the said amendments in the Government Gazette.

29th November, 2024

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Sustainable Fishing Incentive Scheme (2024)

THE aim of this scheme is to incentivise and encourage vessel owners to purchase and invest in sustainable fishing gear. This initiative's primary objective is to reduce the adverse environmental effects resulting from fishing activities, while also promoting the protection of fishing habitats.

Permezz ta' din l-iskema, is-sidien tal-bastimenti tas-sajd irreġistrati fil-kategoriji professjonali (MFA/MFB) se jkunu eliġibbli għal għajnuna finanzjarja biex jitħallsu parzjalment l-ispejjeż tat-tagħmir tas-sajd magħmul minn materjal sostenibbli. L-għajnuna finanzjarja se tkun limitata skont il-kategorija u t-tul tal-bastiment/i. L-ispejjeż eliġibbli jistgħu jintalbu biss permezz tal-preżentazzjoni ta' irċevuti fiskali validi.

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2. Min hu eliġibbli għal din l-għajnuna?

Bastiment/i rreġistrati MFA u/jew MFB biss għandhom jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli.

Din il-miżura se tiġi implimentata skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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, 9.12.2020, p. 15), u kif emendat ulterjorment 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, p.8) 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 tiegħu u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023). Id-DFA għandu jitlob dikjarazzjoni ffirmata mill-impriża kkonċernata dwar kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis oħra riċevuta matul is-sentejn

Through this scheme, owners of fishing vessels registered in the professional categories (MFA/MFB), shall be eligible for financial support to partially reimburse the cost of purchased fishing gear manufactured from sustainable material. Financial support shall be capped according to the category and length of the vessel/s. Eligible expenditure can only be claimed upon presentation of valid fiscal receipts and/or invoices.

1. Definitions

In this scheme, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal Rights.

"Director" means the Director responsible for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

"Owner/s" means the natural or legal person/s under whom the ownership of a fishing vessel is registered.

"Applicant" carries the same meaning as "owner".

2. Who is eligible for such assistance?

Only MFA and/or MFB registered vessel/s shall be considered as being eligible.

This measure will be implemented in line with the provisions of 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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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, 9.12.2020, p. 15), and as further amended 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, p.8) 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). The DFA shall request for a signed declaration from the undertaking concerned about any other de minimis aid received during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year.

fiskali preċedenti u s-sena fiskali attwali. L-applikazzjonijiet ma għandhomx jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli sakemm ma jiġux issodisfati d-dispożizzjonijiet regolatorji ta' hawn fuq.

3. Kif persuna takkwista d-dritt għal din l-għajnuna?

Is-sidien tal-bastimenti eliġibbli għandhom jimlew formola tal-applikazzjoni biex jirreġistraw formalment l-interess tagħhom f'din l-iskema. Id-dikjarazzjonijiet u d-dokumentazzjoni kollha għandhom jiġu pprovduti skont l-istruzzjonijiet ipprovduti fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni.

Applikanti interessati huma mħeġġa jimlew il-formola tal-applikazzjoni bid-dokumentazzjoni meħtieġa u mbagħad jirritornawha bl-idejn lid-Dipartiment tas-Sajd u l-Akkwakultura sa mhux aktar tard mit-03/12/2024, sakemm ma jiġix notifikat mod ieħor mid-DFA.

L-applikanti eliġibbli kollha għandhom jiġu nnotifikati permezz ta' ittra uffiċjali.

Il-pagamenti għandhom jiġu pproċessati f'lott wieħed, wara s-sottomissjoni ta' rċevuti fiskali u/jew fatturi validi dettaljati b'ritratt tax-xogħol ta' manutenzjoni li jkun sar fuq il-bastiment jew ritratt tal-materjali mixtrija relatati mar-restawr tal-bastiment.

Wara l-ivvettjar tal-irċevuti, l-applikanti kollha jirċievu l-ammonti sottomessi fil-kont bankarju personali tagħhom.

4. Kif jiġi kkalkulat l-appoġġ

L-allokazzjoni finanzjarja massima għandha tiġi kkalkulata fuq it-tul tal-bastiment irreġistrat f'metri skont il-kategoriji ta' tul definiti minn qabel, b'kull waħda minnhom ikollha valur finanzjarju korrispondenti.

Fl-ebda ċirkostanza ma għandu l-valur tal-appoġġ massimu riċevut jaqbeż il-valur stipulat. Il-valur totali tal-għajnuna pprovduta għandu jkun limitat għal dan il-limitu predefinit.

Applications shall not be considered as eligible unless the above regulatory provisions are met.

3. How does a Person Acquire the Right for this Assistance?

Eligible vessel owners should fill in an Application Form to formally register their interest in this scheme. All declarations and documentation should be provided as per instructions provided in the Application Form.

Interested applicants are encouraged to fill in the Application Form with the necessary documentation and then return it by hand to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture by not later than the 03/12/2024, unless otherwise notified by the DFA.

All eligible applicants shall be notified via an official letter.

Payments shall be processed in a single batch, following the submission of itemised valid fiscal receipts and/or invoices with a photo of purchased products as evidence.

Following the vetting of receipts, all applicants will receive their submitted amounts in their personal bank account.

4. How support is calculated

The maximum financial allocation shall be calculated on the registered vessel's category and length in meters as per below pre-defined criteria, each having a corresponding financial value.

In under no circumstance shall the value of maximum support received exceed the stipulated value. The total value of aid provided shall be capped to this pre-defined limit.

MFA	**Tul tal-bastiment f'metri**		
Kategorija	**MIN**	**MAX**	**Appoġġ massimu totali għal kull bastiment eliġibbli - (€) eskluż il-VAT**
1	0.00	5.99	250
2	6.00	8.00	300
3	8.01	∞	350

MFA	**Vessel Length in Metres**		
Category	**MIN**	**MAX**	**Maximum Support per eligible Vessel - (€) Excluding VAT**
1	0.00	5.99	250
2	6.00	8.00	300
3	8.01	∞	350

MFB	Tul tal-bastiment f'metri		
Kategorija	MIN	MAX	Appoġġ massimu totali għal kull bastiment eliġibbli - (€) eskluż il-VAT
1	0.00	5.99	125
2	6.00	8.00	150
3	8.01	∞	175

MFB	Vessel Length in Metres		
Category	MIN	MAX	Maximum Support per eligible Vessel - (€) Excluding VAT
1	0.00	5.99	125
2	6.00	8.00	150
3	8.01	∞	175

	A	B	A x B
Deskrizzjoni tal-oġġett	Il-Valur tal-Għajnuna għal kull unità (Eskluż il-VAT)	L-Ammont tat-talba	It-Total tal-Għajnuna
Ħabel tal-qanneb jew kwalunkwe tip ta' ħabel ieħor bi proprjetajiet degradabbli	0mm sa 12mm - €1.17 kull metru		
	> 12.01mm - €4.71 kull metru		
Nases magħmulin minn materjal ambjentalment sostenibbli	€30 kull nassa		
Rix bijodegradabbli	€4.10 kull rixa		
Piżijiet mhux tossiċi tas-sajd	€30.90 kull kilo		
Pariti tas-sajd b'nisġa ta' 33mm jew aktar	€0.20 kull metru kwadru		
Snanar Tondi (Circle Hooks)	€0.55 kull sunnara		
Pinger	€500 kull unità		
Total tal-Għajnuna:			

	A	B	A x B
Description of item	Aid Value per unit (Exc VAT)	Quantity to be claimed	Total Aid
Hemp rope or any other rope with degradable properties	0mm to 12mm - €1.17 per meter		
	> 12.01mm - €4.71 per meter		
Fishing pots made out of environmentally sustainable material	€30 per pot		
Biodegradable fishing lures	€4.10 per lure		
Non-toxic fishing weights (not made out of lead)	€30.90 per kilo		
Fishing trammel nets with thicker braiding from 33mm upwards	€0.20 per meter squared		
Circle hooks	€0.55 per hook		
Pingers	€500 per unit		
Total Aid:			

Barra minn hekk, sabiex bastiment ikun eliġibbli għall-għajnuna, għandu jkun irreġistrat ammont kumulattiv ta' bejgħ medju minimu ta' €1,164.69 matul is-snin 2021, 2022 u 2023.

Wara l-aħħar sottomissjoni ta' irċevuti u/jew fatturi, l-applikanti eliġibbli ma jkunux intitolati b'ebda mod għal xi bilanċ pendenti mhux mitlub.

Sid/sidien tal-bastimenti li jkunu fil-pussess ta' aktar minn bastiment wieħed eliġibbli jkunu intitolati li japplikaw għal diversi bastimenti, u l-għajnuna finanzjarja tiġi kkalkulata skont l-istess prinċipji stipulati fil-iskeda ta' hawn fuq, skont il-kategorija applikabbli.

Il-Għotja tista' tintalab/u tiġi applikata darba biss (kull bastiment) mill-applikant (sid primarju reġistrat) li għandu l-pussess tal-bastiment/i.

Id-DFA jirriżerva d-dritt li jirrevedi l-valur massimu totali tal-għajnuna eliġibbli skond kif ikun meħtieġ.

5. Fiex tikkonsisti din l-għajnuna?

Din il-miżura se tiġi implimentata skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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, 9.12.2020, p. 15), u kif emendat ulterjorment 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, p.8) 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 tiegħu u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023). Id-DFA għandu jitlob dikjarazzjoni ffirmata mill-impriża kkonċernata dwar kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis oħra riċevuta matul is-sentejn fiskali preċedenti u s-sena fiskali attwali. L-applikazzjonijiet ma għandhomx jitqiesu bħala eliġibbli sakemm ma jiġux issodisfati d-dispożizzjonijiet regolatorji ta' hawn fuq.

L-applikant ikollu l-possibbiltà li japplika għal rimbors parzjali tal-ispejjeż tat-tagħmir tas-sajd ambjentali favur l-ambjent. L-ispejjeż eliġibbli għandhom jaqgħu taħt

Furthermore, for a vessel to be eligible for aid, a minimum average cumulative sales amount of EUR1,164.69 needs to have been registered during 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Following the last submission of receipts and/or invoices, eligible applicants shall not be entitled in any manner for any pending unclaimed balance.

Vessel owner/s in possession of more than one eligible vessel shall be entitled to apply for multiple vessels, which financial support shall then be calculated following the same principles as stipulated in the above schedule, depending on the applicable category.

The Grant can only be availed of/applied for once (per vessel), by the applicant (registered primary owner) owning the vessel/s.

The DFA reserves the right to revise the total Eligible Maximum support value if required.

5. What does such assistance consist of?

This measure will be implemented in line with the provisions of 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, 28.6.2014, p. 45) 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, 9.12.2020, p. 15), and as further amended 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, p.8) 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). The DFA shall request for a signed declaration from the undertaking concerned about any other de minimis aid received during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year. Applications shall not be considered as eligible unless the above regulatory provisions are met.

The applicant will be able to apply for partial reimbursement of the costs of environmentally friendly fishing gear. Eligible expenditure shall fall under one of

waħda mill-kategoriji hawn taħt. Għandhom jittieħdu in konsiderazzjoni għal-finanzjament biss il-varjanti ta' hawn taħt:

Ħabel tal-qanneb jew kwalunkwe ħabel ieħor bi proprjetajiet degradabbli (il-ħabel ma jistax ikun magħmul minn PP, PE, PC, Nylon jew xi tip ieħor ta' plastik mhux bijodegradabbli);

Nases tas-sajd magħmulin minn materjal ambjentalment sostenibbli (ma jistgħux ikunu magħmulin minn xi materjal imsemmi hawn fuq, inkluż ukoll wire tal-metall);

Rix tas-sajd bijodegradabbli (ma jistgħux ikunu magħmulin minn xi materjal imsemmi hawn fuq , inkluż b'xi komponenti taċ-ċomb);

Piżijiet tas-sajd mhux tossiċi (mhux magħmulin miċ-ċomb);

Pariti tas-sajd b'nisġiet ta' 33mm jew aktar;

Snanar tondi (circle hooks); u

Pingers

Għall-ħtiġijiet ta' din l-iskema, id-definizzjoni ta' tagħmir tas-sajd sostenibbli tinkorpora materjali li huma meqjusa bħala bijodegradabbli u li għandhom jimminimizzaw b'mod dirett jew indirett l-impatt negattiv fuq l-ambjent.

Id-DFA jirriżerva d-dritt li jiddetermina l-eliġibbiltà tal-irċevuti u/jew fatturi/spejjeż mitluba, skont il-parametri stipulati hawn fuq.

L-eliġibbiltà ta' kull spejjeż se tkun suġġetta għas-skrutinju, interpretazzjoni, u aċċettazzjoni tad-DFA. Deċiżjoni fuq spejjeż li jiġu determinati bħala eliġibbli jew mhux eliġibbli mid-Dipartiment se tiġi meqjusa bħala finali.

6. Kif għandu jitħallas?

Il-ħlas se jiġi pproċessat u mħallas fil-kont bankarju tal-applikant.

7. Kull meta tingħata informazzjoni falza jew finnuqqas ta' konformita' mad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-iskema

Kwalunkwe dikjarazzjoni falza għandha tiġi definita bħala reat kriminali. L-applikant għandu jinżamm personalment responsabbli li jrodd lura kull flejjes li jirċievi jekk il-pagamenti jkunu diġa ġew ipproċessati. Wieħed ikun ukoll awtomatikament skwalifikat mill-iskema. Din il-klawsola m'għandhiex terminu applikabbli u għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ b'mod indefinit.

the below categories. Only the below variants shall be considered for financing:

Hemp rope or any other rope with degradable properties (rope cannot be made out of PP, PE, PC, Nylon or any variant of non biodegradable plastic);

Fishing pots made out of environmentally sustainable material (cannot be made from any materials mentioned above, including also metal wire);

Biodegradable fishing lures (cannot be made from any materials mentioned above, including any lead components);

Non-toxic fishing weights (not made out of lead);

Fishing trammel nets with thicker braiding from 33mm upwards;

Circle hooks; and

Pingers

For the purposes of this scheme, the definition of sustainable fishing gear incorporates materials which are deemed as being biodegradable and which shall directly or indirectly minimise the adverse impacts on the environment.

The DFA reserves the right to determine the eligibility of submitted receipts and/or invoices/claimed expenditure, as per parameters stipulated above.

All expenditure eligibility shall be subject to the scrutiny, interpretation, and acceptance of the DFA. A decision on expenditure determined as being eligible or non-eligible by the Department shall be deemed as final.

6. How shall it be paid?

The payment will be processed and paid via the applicants' bank account.

7. Whenever false information is given or failure to conform to the provisions of the scheme

Any false declaration/s shall be defined as being a criminal offence. The applicant shall be held personally liable to return any monies received if payments would have already been processed. One will also be automatically disqualified from the scheme. This clause does not have an applicable time limit and shall remain in force indefinitely.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

Din hija skema ġdida li qed titnieda fis-sena 2024. Ser jkollha perjodu ta' ġimgħatejn biex l-applikazzjonijiet jiġu sottomessi lid-Dipartiment għas-Sajd u l-Akwakultura. Il-perjodu għall-irċevuti u/jew l-irċevuti eliġibbli huwa ta' 18-il xahar. Perjodu ieħor ta' ġimgħatejn se jippermetti lill-applikanti jissottomettu l-irċevuti u/jew il-fatturi tagħhom.

L-irċevuti u/jew il-fatturi għandhom jitqiesu bħala validi biss jekk id-data tan-nefqa mġarrba/irċevuta/fattura taqa' bejn il-perjodu 01/01/2024 u 30/06/2025.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għandu jagħmel l-emendi meħtieġa għal din l-iskema billi jippubblika l-imsemmija emendi fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

Id-19 ta' Novembru, 2024

8. Duration of the scheme

This is a new scheme which is being launched in year 2024. It will have a 2-week period for applications to be submitted to the Department for Fisheries and Aquaculture. The period for receipts and/or invoices eligibility is of 18 months. Another 2-week period will allow applicants to submit their receipts and/or invoices.

Receipts and/or invoices shall only be considered as valid if the expenditure incurred/receipt/invoice date falls between the period 01/01/2024 and 30/06/2025.

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister shall make the necessary amendments to this scheme by publishing the said amendments in the Government Gazette.

29th November, 2024

Nru. 1682

ATT DWAR L-AMMINISTRAZZJONI TAT-TAXXA (KAP. 372)

Avviż skont l-Artikolu 29

SKONT id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-artikolu 29(1) tal-Att Dwar l-Amministrazzjoni tat-Taxxa, il-Kummissarju tat-Taxxa u d-Dwana hawn jinnotifika lill-persuni msemmijin hawn isfel permezz ta' avviż li ġie maħruġ mill-Amministrazzjoni tat-Taxxa u d-Dwana. Għalhekk huwa fl-interess tagħhom li jmorru fis-Sezzjoni tal-Ġbir li tinsab fi Blokk 5, Uffiċċju tal-Kummissarju tat-Taxxa u d-Dwana, Il-Furjana, fi żmien ħamest ijiem minn dan l-avviż sabiex jiġbru l-imsemmijin avviżi.

Id-29 ta' Novembru, 2024

No. 1682

INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT ACT (CAP. 372)

Notice in terms of Article 29

IN terms of the proviso to article 29(1) of the Income Tax Management Act, the Commissioner for Tax and Customs hereby notifies the persons listed hereunder by a notice that has been issued by the Malta Tax and Customs Administration. Thus, it is in their own interest to call at the Collection Section at Block 5, Office of the Commissioner for Tax and Customs, Floriana, within five days of this notice to collect the mentioned notices.

29th November, 2024

Kunjom *Surname*	Isem *Name*	Referenza *Reference*
Abdel Rahman Mohamed	Abouelhamd	18095A
Abdela Seid	Bilal	113085A
Aboul-Ezz	Firas	23481A
Abubakar Nuhu	Mohammed Barak	51443A
Abubaker Amadou	Muftah	43903A
Ageli	Farag	459700L
Aiacoboaie	Adrian	117807A
Aibueku	Denis	60429A