



Guidelines
regarding the
Applications for the granting of
Aid for Private Storage for Pigmeat
2022

1. Introduction

The pig meat sector has been in serious difficulties for a number of months. Severe slowdown of exports to China, further spread of African swine fever to more Member States and continuing impact of COVID-19 restrictions are causing pressure on the Union market for slaughtered pigs.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created additional market disturbance and impacted severely the Union pig meat exports. As a result, there has been a sharp drop of export demand for certain pig meat products.

In order to reduce the current supply-demand imbalance, it is appropriate to grant aid for private storage for pig meat and to fix the amount of aid in advance.

2. Eligibility Criteria

In order to qualify for aid under the private storage aid scheme, the applicant shall be registered with the VAT Department.

For the product to be eligible, it should fall under one of the categories listed in Annex I.

Each application shall refer to only one of the categories of products listed in Annex I, indicating the relevant CN code within each category.

Aid for private storage will be granted only for the products that have not yet been placed in storage.

Applications shall relate to a storage period of 60, 90, 120 or 150 days.

Each application shall cover a minimum quantity of at least 10 tonnes for boned products and 15 tonnes for other products.

Applications may be submitted between 25 March 2022 and 29 April 2022 (between 07:30hrs and 15:00hrs).

3. Security

The amount of the security required for aid for private storage shall be equal to 20% of the amounts of aid set out in columns 3 to 6 of the table in Annex I.

The security shall be in the form of a bank guarantee issued by a recognised Maltese bank and will be required at contract stage following approval of quantities by the Commission.

4. Necessary Documents

- Copy of the Identity Card from both sides.
- In case of applications submitted on behalf of a company, a copy of the list of board of directors, a photocopy of their I.D. Card and organigram.
- A copy of the VAT certificate.
- Proof of leasing agreement for storage of the product (*if applicable*): Original

- invoice and a dated fiscal receipt of the transaction, as required by law.
- Photographic evidence of the pig meat in storage as requested by ARPA.

5. Promotion of Measures

For those interested in applying, these measures will be published through:

- Advert in the Government Gazette
- The Agency's website <https://agrikultura.gov.mt/en/arpa/Pages/ARPAhome.aspx>

6. Allocated Funds

In accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013, the amount of aid is to be fixed on the basis of storage costs and other relevant market elements.

As per Annex of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/470 of 23 March 2022 granting aid for private storage for pigmeat and fixing the amount of aid in advance, the amount of aid shall be fixed as indicated in Annex I of these guidelines.

Ineligible requests for assistance will be excluded. Approved beneficiaries will be eligible for funding according to the applications submitted. VAT is not eligible under this aid scheme.

In any event where the beneficiary is given undue funds, the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency may request a refund. Such notification will be made in writing and shall be effective without the need for legal proceedings.

7. Controls and Inspections

The Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency is responsible for carrying out inspections and controls on the premises related to the application. This is done in order to verify the correctness of the information provided.

The Agency reserves the right to request any additional information that may be deemed necessary for the application.

8. Irregularities

In case of any irregularities found in respect of a claim under this aid scheme, the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency may request recovery of funds in proportionate to the ineligible quantity retrieved.

9. Application

Aid applications can be collected and completed at the Front Office of the Agricultural and Rural Payments Agency located at Pitkali Markets Ta 'Qali, limits of Attard (07:30hrs to 15:00hrs) and from the Gozo Office inside the Government Experimental Farm, Triq l-Imġarr, Xewkija, Gozo (07:00hrs to 14:15hrs).

An electronic copy of the application may be requested by sending an email on arpa.mafa@gov.mt.

The application period will be open from Friday, 25 March 2022 to Friday, 29 April 2022.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The application period may be suspended by the Commission prior to the indicated deadline.

Annex I

CN Code	Product in respect of which aid is granted	Amount of aid for a storage period of (EUR/tonne)			
		60 days	90 days	120 days	150 days
Category 1 ex 0203 11 10	Half-carcasses without the forefoot, tail, kidney, thin skirt and spinal cord ⁽¹⁾ Whole carcasses of animals up to 20 kg	270	270	270	270
Category 2 ex 0203 12 11 ex 0203 12 19 ex 0203 19 11 ex 0203 19 13	Hams Shoulders Fore-ends Loins, with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	326	326	326	326
Category 3 ex 0203 19 55	Legs, shoulders, fore-ends, loins with or without the neck-end, or neck-ends separately, loins with or without the chump, boned ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	377	377	377	377
Category 4 ex 0203 19 15	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut	282	282	282	282
Category 5 ex 0203 19 55	Bellies, whole or trimmed by rectangular cut, without rind and ribs	348	348	348	348
Category 6 ex 0203 19 55	Cuts corresponding to 'middles', with or without rind or fat, boned ⁽⁶⁾	279	279	279	279
Category 7 ex 0203 10 11	Subcutaneous pig fat with or without rind ⁽⁷⁾	157	157	157	157

Notes

¹ The aid may also be granted for half-carcasses presented as Wiltshire sides, i.e. without the head, cheek, chap, feet, tail, flare fat, kidney, tenderloin, blade bone, sternum, vertebral column, pelvic bone and diaphragm.

² Loins and neck-ends may be with or without rind but the adherent layer of fat may not exceed 25 mm in depth.

³ The quantity contracted may cover any combination of the products referred to.

⁴ Loins and neck-ends may be with or without rind but the adherent layer of fat may not exceed 25 mm in depth.

⁵ The quantity contracted may cover any combination of the products referred to.

⁶ Same presentation as for products falling within CN code 0210 19 20.

⁷ Fresh fatty tissue which accumulates under the rind of the pig and adheres to it, irrespective of the part of the pig from which it comes; in case it is presented with the rind, the weight of the fatty tissue must exceed the weight of the rind.