

APPLICATION FORM – PIG EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENT SCHEME

1. Applicant Details

The applicant means any undertaking, person(s) or partnerships submitting an application for this aid.

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| Name of Applicant(s) : | |
| PPSN of Applicant(s) : | |
| Herd Number(s) : Please list ALL Herd Numbers. | |
| Correspondence Address : | |
| Email Address : | |
| Phone Number(s) : | |

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply, you must have produced 200 or more pigs in the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 inclusive.

- a) Confirm 1300 or more supplied for slaughter at either a DAFM or Local Authority Plant:

YES ☐ NO ☐

If you have ticked NO, please indicate how many pigs were supplied for slaughter:

- b) Confirm number of pigs exported out of the state _____
c) Confirm number of pigs supplied e.g. to a finishing/fattening herd _____
d) Confirm Total number of pigs produced in 2021 _____

3. ¹National Pig Census 2021 return submitted to DAFM : Yes ☐ No ☐

¹ If you have any queries regarding your Pig Census returns please contact our National Pig Helpline by email PigID@agriculture.gov.ie or in writing to Pig ID Section, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston, Young's Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. W23 X3PH.

Note: In the case that the movement information supplied by you cannot be verified on Department databases we will contact you to request supporting documentation in respect of your application i.e. copies of remittances / sales dockets / receipts for the number of pigs declared above.

State Aid - De Minimis Regulations

Assistance provided under the scheme of financial assistance for the Pig Exceptional Payment (PEP) is paid in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 1408/2013 as amended by Regulation No 2019/316 (*agriculture de minimis aid*)

Eligibility to receive funding under this measure is dependent on the applicant/undertaking remaining within the €20,000 individual aid limit in the 2020-2022 fiscal years, as set out in Commission Regulation (EU) 1408/2013 and 2019/316. **Where any aid awarded exceeds this amount, no payment will issue.**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine reserves the right to carry out the relevant administrative checks required to ensure compliance in this regard.

Declaration:

The aid being sought is provided under the European Commission Regulation on Agriculture De Minimis Aid. Small amounts of State aid, up to 20,000 Euros in any three-year period to any one enterprise, are regarded as too small to significantly affect trade or competition in the common market. Such amounts are regarded as falling outside the category of State aid that is banned by the EC Treaty and can be awarded without notification to or clearance by the European Commission. A Member State is required to have a mechanism to track such aid (called 'De Minimis aid') and to ensure that the combined amount of De Minimis aid payments from all sources to one undertaking in any three-year period respects the 20,000 Euros ceiling. Please provide details of all other Agriculture De Minimis aid which has been granted to your undertaking within the past three years. It should be noted that a false declaration by an undertaking resulting in the threshold of 20,000 Euros being exceeded could later give rise to the aid being recovered with interest.

The following declaration should be signed by the applicant(s):

I wish to apply for the Pig Exceptional Payment Scheme under the De Minimis Regulation (EC) **2019/316 of 21 February 2019.**

I confirm that **the undertaking** has been granted the following de minimis aid within the past three years (details to be supplied):

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Declaration to be completed by applicant(s);

I/We declare that –

(a) All particulars given on this form are correct;

(b) In respect of any payment made to me/us under the Scheme, relevant bank/building society/ credit union account details will be provided to the Department to enable such payment to be made by electric fund transfer.

(c) I/We understand that I/We are only entitled to one payment under the Pig Exceptional Payment Scheme, irrespective of the number of units owned by I/us as individual(s) or as a company or undertaking and accept the Department's definition of a single undertaking. I/we accept responsibility for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of information provided in support of this application. I/we and accept liability for any penalties which may arise from the inadvertent or intentional provision of inaccurate or misleading information in support of this application.

NOTE: A false or misleading statement may lead to liability to refund any aid already paid, and prosecution.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Note: All questions must be answered, declaration completed, signed and dated by applicant(s) or otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete.

Closing date for receipt of Applications is **20th March 2022.**

Applications should be returned by email to:

the Pigmeat & Poultry Unit at PigScheme@agriculture.gov.ie