

## **Bovine EID Tag Subsidy Scheme Terms and Conditions**

1. The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine will subsidise the cost of new white EID tag sets at a rate of €1 per tag for the first 100 tags purchased within the lifetime of the scheme.
2. Farmers do not need to make an application to join the scheme, they will be auto enrolled into the scheme and eligible for a payment once they purchase new white EID tag sets within the lifetime of the scheme.
3. In line with the bovine tag threshold introduced by DAFM in July 2020 farmers should only order annually the number of new tag sets required commensurate to the number of breeding females in the herd.
4. There will be no minimum payment threshold and payments to each herd will be capped at €100 over the lifetime of the scheme.
5. Payments will be made to the owner of the herd at the time the payment is processed as per paragraph 7.
6. The scheme will operate over 3 years (2022 to 2024 inclusive).
7. Timeframe and payments
  - Payments in 2022 will be calculated on the number of new white EID tag sets purchased from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 31 October 2022. Payment will take place in November 2022.
  - Payments in 2023 will be calculated on the number of new white EID tag sets purchased from 1st November 2022 to 31 October 2023. Payment will take place in November 2023.
  - Payments in 2024 will be calculated on the number of new white EID tag sets purchased from 1st November 2023 to 31 October 2024. Payment will take place in November 2024.
8. This scheme is funded via the agriculture de minimis scheme. To receive payment, all applicants to an agriculture de minimis scheme must comply with the EU State aid rules applicable to enterprises engaged in primary agricultural production under Commission Regulations 1408/2013 and (EC) No. 2019/316.
9. In accordance with the agriculture de minimis Regulations, the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000. The threshold limits apply on a rolling three-year basis i.e. the current fiscal year and two previous fiscal years e.g. 2022, 2021 and 2020. Please note that payments under this scheme will undergo an Agriculture DeMinimis Threshold check. If the threshold limit of an applicant is exceeded by the granting of new aid, none of the new aid will be paid.
10. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine may at any time lay down further conditions under this scheme.
11. All payments will issue in full compliance with the relevant public financial rules and procedures.