24th February 2016

Dear Herdowner,

The Minister for Agriculture Food & the Marine Simon Coveney T.D. recently announced the mechanism for the distribution of a €1m direct aid package for pig farmers in Ireland. This support payment originates from a package of measures proposed by the EU Commission in response to the market volatility experienced by pig farmers in 2015. The Government decided to match the EU funding for the sector thus providing for a €1m package.

The proposal is that the Department will issue a flat rate payment of approximately €3,000 to each herd owner with a minimum level of supply of 200 pigs produced in 2015. This will ensure that the payment is directed to those farmers most affected by the price volatility, thus meeting the requirements of the EU Regulations providing the funding.

The following criteria will apply:

* Applicants must have had a minimum level of 200 pigs produced in 2015. These may be pigs sent to slaughter, exported or sold commercially from a breeding herd.
* With the exception of the following plants, all applications must be accompanied by supporting documentation i.e. copies of remittances / sales dockets / receipts: Rosderra Edenderry & Roscrea, Dawn Pork & Bacon, Finn Meats, Ballon Meats, Stauntons, Green Pasture, McCarrens and Cunniffes.
* Applicants must have returned their 2015 Annual Pig Census returns.
* One payment will issue per herd owner, irrespective of the number of herds owned and one payment will issue per herd number. If a herd has multiple owners, please list them on the form attached.
* If you are not already registered for payments with the Department, please complete one of the two CCS (Corporate Customer System) Customer Registration forms which have been enclosed for this purpose i.e. for the registration of individuals or company accounts and return to the address below. If you have any queries regarding bank account details these should be should directed to our Accounts Branch on lo-call 1890 200 508 or (049) 4368252.

If you are eligible to apply for aid:

1) Complete the enclosed application form.

2) Ensure that your 2015 Pig Census returns have been submitted to the Department’s Pig ID section.

3) Ensure that the Department has the correct bank details to process payment to your bank account. All CCS forms should be returned to Meat Policy Division per below.

4) Return your application form and any supporting documentation required to the address below marked ‘EU Aid Applications’ by **9th March 2016**.

If you have any queries, you can phone us on (01) 6072832 or email [MeatPolicyPPE@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:MeatPolicyPPE@agriculture.gov.ie)

Pigmeat, Poultry and Eggs Unit,

Meat and Milk Policy Division, 3C,

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin, DO2 WK12

**APPLICATION FORM - DIRECT AID PACKAGE FOR PIG FARMERS**

1. Applicant Details

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

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| Herd Number(s) : |  |
| Name of Applicant(s) : |  |
| Correspondence Address : |  |
| Phone Number(s) : |  |

1. Eligibility Criteria
2. Confirm a minimum supply of 200 pigs in 2015:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. If pigs were slaughtered, please indicate which plant(s):

🞎 Ballon Meats 🞎 Finn Meats 🞎 Rosderra Edenderry

🞎 Cunniffes 🞎 Green Pasture 🞎 Rosderra Roscrea

🞎 Dawn Pork & Bacon 🞎 McCarrens 🞎 Stauntons

🞎 \*Other – please state: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. \*If pigs were supplied e.g. to a finishing / fattening herd, please indicate details here:

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1. \*If pigs were exported, please indicate details here:

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\*If pigs were slaughtered at a plant other than those 9 listed above, supplied commercially or exported, please supply supporting documentation in respect of your application i.e. copies of remittances / sales dockets / receipts for 200 pigs.

1. [[1]](#footnote-1)National Pig Census 2015 return submitted to DAFM: Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Note: All questions must be answered, declaration completed, signed and dated or otherwise the application will be deemed incomplete.**

Closing date for receipt of Applications is **Wednesday 9th March 2016.**

Applications should be returned by post to:

EU Aid Applications, Pigmeat Poultry & Eggs Unit,

Meat & Milk Policy Division, 3 Centre,

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,

Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin, DO2 WK12

Or by email to the Pigmeat, Poultry and Eggs Unit at [MeatPolicyPPE@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:MeatPolicyPPE@agriculture.gov.ie)





1. ### If you have any queries regarding your Pig Census returns please contact our National Pig Helpline on 076-1064402, by email [PigID@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto: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.

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