

APPLICATION FORM – MART MODERNISATION SCHEME

1. Applicant Details

The applicant should be the registered business name of the livestock mart.

Name of Applicant:	
CRO Number	
PSRA Licence No (copy of licence to be attached)	
Correspondence Address :	
Phone Number(s) :	

2. Details of Proposed Investment (copy of written quotation from screen supplier must be provided)

Details of Display Screen	Name of Supplier	Proposed Cost (excl VAT)

3. Is the proposed investment capable of displaying all the necessary ICBF breeding indices Yes/No (please provide written confirmation from your software provider confirming this). Applicants should liaise with the ICBF and their software suppliers to ensure their proposed screen is capable of displaying the necessary information.

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 agree to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine providing details of my application to the ICBF for the purposes of the administration of this scheme
 - (d) I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this scheme
 - (e) The company has been granted only the following de minimis aid within the past three years (details to be supplied):
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NOTE: A false or misleading statement may lead to liability to refund any aid already paid, and prosecution.

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 **Friday 10th June 2016.**

Applications should be returned by post to:

Mart Modernisation Scheme
Beef and Sheepmeat Policy 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 Beef and Sheepmeat Policy Unit at beefpolicy@agriculture.gov.ie

Please contact 01 6072880 if you need any further assistance with this form.

If you have any queries for the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation in relation to the display of the ICBF data, please contact query@icbf.com or Ph: 1850 600 900

Terms and Conditions of Mart Modernisation Scheme

STAGE 1: Application for Approval

1. The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine will provide funding for the purchase of a maximum of one new ringside display screen per livestock mart premises, which will display the relevant IBCF star ratings for beef breeding stock and EBIs for dairy stock when they are sold in livestock marts.
2. The scheme will be operated in two stages:
 - i. Applicants are firstly requested to submit an application for approval using the attached application form:
 - ii. Successful applicants will then be requested to submit a payment claim form once approval has been granted and the display screens have been purchased and installed. Payment claim forms will issue to successful applicants with their notification of approval.
3. The funding allowable under this scheme is a maximum 40% of the purchase cost (excluding VAT) of a new screen up to a maximum grant aid of €4,000. Please note that the total amount of aid available for this scheme is fixed therefore the final amount of grant aid payable per eligible application will not be determined until the total number of eligible applications are known. Funding is available for the purchase of new screens only and no grant aid will be made available for any upgrades to existing screens or for the purchase of software.
4. Livestock marts must apply for and receive approval for the purchase of such display screens prior to the purchase of any screens. **No aid shall be granted where it is found that display screens were purchased prior to written approval of an application for grant aid has issued to the applicant.**
5. Only display screens which adequately display the ICBF breeding values for beef and dairy replacement stock shall be eligible for grant aid. Written confirmation of the suitability of the screen by your software provider must be submitted with the application.
6. Only Livestock Marts that hold a current valid licence issued by the Property Services Registration Authority under the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011 shall be eligible for grant aid. A copy of a current valid licence must be submitted with the application.

7. Only one application may be submitted per livestock mart premises.
8. The aid being sought is provided under the European Commission Regulation on De Minimis Aid. Small amounts of State aid, up to 200,000 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 enterprise in any three-year period respects the 200,000 Euro ceiling. Please provide details in the attached application form of all other De Minimis aid which has been granted to your organisation within the past three years. It should be noted that a false declaration by a company resulting in the threshold of 200,000 Euro being exceeded could later give rise to the aid being recovered with interest.

Application for Approval Checklist	Y/N
Completed Application Form	
Copy of Quotation for screen	
Software Provider confirmation attached	
Copy of valid PSRA licence	

STAGE 2: Application for payment

9. Applications for payment must be accompanied by receipts for goods purchased, marked paid.
10. All receipts should be original, marked paid, on headed paper and should at least include the name, address and VAT number of the supplier/contractor (if registered). In addition, the receipt must indicate-
- The name and address of the applicant,
 - The invoice number and date, where applicable,
 - The details of purchase in an itemised form specifically referencing serial number, where applicable,
 - Actual cost of the display screen excluding VAT,
 - The total VAT paid,

- vi. The amount of discount, if any.
 - vii. In the case of receipts comprising of both goods and service (supply and fit), there must be a breakdown between the categories.
 - viii. Where the invoice/receipt is not denominated in Euro, evidence of the exchange rate used for the purposes of payment must also be provided.
11. A current valid tax clearance certificate must be submitted before payment of grant can be issued.
 12. Written confirmation from the ICBF stating that the display screen purchased adequately displays the relevant euro- star ratings for beef breeding stock and EBIs for dairy stock must accompany application for payment.
 13. The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine reserves the right to carry out post payment inspections to ensure the terms and conditions of the scheme have been complied with in full and the livestock mart shall provide any assistance required by the Department to do so.
 14. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine reserves to right to refuse/recoup all grant aid in the where the terms and conditions of this scheme are not complied with in full.
 15. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine may at any time lay down further conditions under this scheme
 16. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine reserves the right to alter from time to time the procedures to be followed in the operation of this scheme

Application for Payment Checklist	Y/N
Completed Payment Claim Form	
Copy of valid Tax Clearance Certificate	
Receipts for payments claimed	
ICBF confirmation attached	
