POLICY NOTE

THE PRIVATE STORAGE AID SCHEME (PIGMEAT) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2021

SSI 2021/492

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by made by the Scottish Ministers under Articles 18 and 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets, Article 4(2) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products.

Purpose of the Instrument

To amend the Private Storage Aid Scheme (Pigmeat) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 allowing the inclusion of Loins as a cut that can go into the private Storage Aid

To amend the closing date of the scheme from 28 February to 31 March 2022

This instrument will increase the effectiveness of the scheme and give greater assistance to the industry.

Policy Objectives

The Scottish Ministers are putting this amendment in place to provide further aid to the sector, as well as ensuring that the scheme is working to full effect.

If this change was not made at this time, there would potentially be an economic loss to the sector. This change will mitigate any losses associated with specific cuts which were not included in the original scheme.

Consultation

A consultation as such has not taken place due to the urgency of this legislation. However we have and continue to discuss and engage with the sector on the issues they are facing on a regular basis, and it is our understanding that this will be a welcome move by the Scottish Government.

Impact Assessments

Full impact assessment have not been prepared for this instrument because of the time lines involved with making and laying the legislation. The impact on stakeholders will be to extend the scope of the scheme, use of which is not compulsory. The impact on stakeholders is expected to be positive.

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