

POLICY NOTE

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

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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, and 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 provide the pig industry with support to help alleviate the issues on farm, and to avoid any on farm culls where the pig meat cannot then be used in the food chain.

This instrument will allow the slaughter and minimal processing of pig meat to be put in the Private Storage Aid scheme and so negating the need for any on farm culls.

Policy Objectives

The Scottish Ministers are putting this emergency mechanism in place to aid the sector and to ensure that that we do not get to a stage where we are required carry out any on farms culling. This is being introduced as part of a suite of actions to assist the sector at a time of great need.

If this was not introduced at this time, there would potential be welfare issues on farms that would lead to the a cull having to be introduced in the sector, this will have the effect of mitigate any economic loss for the sector as well.

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. However, we are looking at carrying out a BRIA if necessary. The impact on stakeholders will be nothing more that assisting them if they wish to use the scheme there is no compulsory directive that this has to be done it is aimed at preserving the effect of existing regulatory regimes. The impact on stakeholders is expected to be minimal.

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