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**MINISTERU GHAT-TRASPORT,
L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGHLIJET
PUBBLIČI****Skema ta' ghotjiet tal-Gvern li tippromwovi
t-tagħmir ta' vetturi bil-mutur u trailers
b'apparat ghat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet**

Il-Ministeru ghat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xoghlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità ghat-Trasport f'Malta, qed iniedi skema ta' ghotja ta' flus immirata ghal persuni residenti f'Malta, kunsilli lokali, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta sabiex jincentiva t-tagħmir bl-apparati ghat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet li ġejjin:

Pannelli Fotovoltajċi approvati fuq vetturi heavy-duty u trailers biex jitnaqqsu l-konsum tal-fjuwil u l-emissjoni tad-Dijossidu tal-Karbonju (CO₂); u

Sistemi ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batterija fuq vetturi li jeliminaw l-emissjonijiet mit-tailpipe.

Din hija miżura oħra tal-baġit favur l-ambjent immirata biex tkompli tnaqqas l-emissjonijiet mit-traffiku fit-toroq.

L-ammonti tal-ghotja għandhom ivarjaw skont it-tip ta' apparat u l-kategorija tal-vettura kkonċernata, kif indikat fl-Anness I.

L-iskema meqjusa li dahlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2025 u taghlaq fil-31 ta' Diċembru 2025, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' mitt elf ewro (€100,000) ikun eżawrit.

Applikanti li għammru l-vettura tagħhom b'xi wiehed mill-apparati ghat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet eligibbli fl-2024 iżda ma bbenefikawx minn skema simili jistgħu japplikaw ukoll ghal din l-ghotja.

L-ghotjiet f'din l-iskema għandhom jiġu assenjati fuq bazi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

L-ISKEMA**1. Interpretazzjoni**

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm il-kuntest ma jehtieġx mod ieħor:

1.1. 'Applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja jew impriza stabbilita f'Malta li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-ghotja taħt din l-iskema u li tkun sid irregiſtrat ta' vettura mghammra b'wiehed mill-apparati ghat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet eligibbli.

1.2. 'Applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal ghotja taħt din l-iskema.

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**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PUBLIC WORKS****Government grant scheme to promote
the retrofitting of emission reduction devices
on motor vehicles and trailers**

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is launching a grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta, local councils, voluntary organisations, and undertakings established in Malta to incentivise the retrofit of the following emission reduction devices:

Approved Photovoltaic Panels on heavy-duty vehicles and trailers to reduce the fuel consumption and emission of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂); and

Battery electric powertrains on motor vehicles to eliminate tailpipe emissions.

This is another environment-friendly budget measure aimed at further reducing emissions from road traffic.

The grant amounts shall vary depending on the type of retrofit and vehicle category concerned, as indicated in Annex I.

The scheme is effective as of 1st of January 2025 and closes on the 31st of December 2025, or until the allocated budget of hundred thousand Euro (€100,000) is exhausted.

Applicants who installed any of the eligible emission reduction devices on their vehicles in 2024 but did not benefit from a similar scheme, may also apply for this grant.

The grants in this scheme shall be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE SCHEME**1. Interpretation**

For the purposes of the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1. 'Applicant' means the person residing in Malta, local councils, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta applying for the grant under this scheme and who is the registered owner of a vehicle retrofitted with any of the eligible emission reduction devices.

1.2. 'Application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme.

1.3. 'Ċertifikat tat-tagħmir' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat mahruġ minn persuna kompetenti wara li vettura tkun giet mgħammra b'apparat għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet.

1.4. 'Ċertifikat tar-Registrazzjoni tal-Vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni ta' vettura mahruġ minn Transport Malta li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur jew trailer hija rreġistrata u f'isem min hija rreġistrata l-vettura.

1.5. 'Għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qiegħda tingħata taht din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiziti tat-taqsima 4.

1.6. 'Impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser kwalunkwe kumpanija kummerċjali inklużi shubijiet irreġistrati f'Malta, jew persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, jew soċjetà kooperattiva.

1.7. 'Impriża waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriża kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriża waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriża oħra.

b) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt tahtar jew tneħhi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra.

c) intrapriża waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża oħra skont kuntratt li tkun dahlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni tal-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha.

d) intrapriża waħda, li tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża oħra, tikkontrolla waħidha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

L-intraprizi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) t'hawn fuq permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriża waħda.

1.8. 'Kunsill Lokali' tfisser Gvern Lokali kif imfisser fl-Att dwar il-Gvern Lokali (Kap. 363).

1.9. 'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin.

1.10. 'Organizzazzjoni Volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (Kap. 492).

1.11. 'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati' tfisser apparat li jittrasforma l-enerġija tad-dawl f'elettriku, li huwa ddisinjat speċifikament biex jiġi installat fuq vetturi heavy-duty, u li

1.3. 'Certificate of installation' means the certificate issued by a competent person after carrying out the installation of an emission reduction device on a vehicle.

1.4. 'Vehicle Registration Certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle or trailer and in whose name the vehicle is registered.

1.5. 'Grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section 4.

1.6. 'Undertaking established in Malta' means any commercial company including partnerships registered in Malta, or a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, or a cooperative society.

1.7. 'Single undertaking' means, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise.

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise.

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association.

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

1.8. 'Local Council' means a Local Government as defined in the Local Government Act (Cap. 363).

1.9. 'Malta' means the islands of Malta.

1.10. 'Voluntary Organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492).

1.11. 'Approved Photovoltaic Panels' means a device that transforms light energy into electricity, which is specifically designed to be installed on heavy-duty vehicles, and which

huwa approvat għal dan il-għan minn Transport Malta skont it-Taqsima 3(i).

1.12. 'Persuna Kompetenti' tfisser il-persuna li hija impjegata jew ingaġġata minn installatur approvat, u li hija approvata biex tinstalla apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vetturi mill-manifattur tal-istess apparat.

1.13. 'Persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu mahruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti tal-Identità ohra (Kap 258) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra mahruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà u x-Xogħol.

1.14. 'Prodotti agrikoli' tfisser il-prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (KE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill.

1.15. 'Prodotti tas-Sajd u tal-Akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013.

1.16. 'Produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser l-operazzjonijiet kollha relatati mas-sajd, it-trobbija jew il-kultivazzjoni ta' organiżmi akkwatiċi, kif ukoll attivitajiet f'azjenda agrikola jew abbord meħtieġa għall-preparazzjoni tal-ewwel bejgħ ta' prodott tal-annimali jew tal-hxejjex, inkluż it-tqattigh, l-iffilittjar jew l-iffriżar, u l-ewwel bejgħ lil rivenditori jew lil proċessuri.

1.17. 'Sid Reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna li f'isimha vettura tkun giet irreġistrata minn Transport Malta.

1.18. 'Sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji' tfisser l-assemblaġġ ta' komponenti li jimbutta vettura 'l quddiem billi jiġbed l-enerġija elettrika mill-batteriji u jittrażmettiha lill-mutur/i elettriku/i, li mbagħad jittrażmetti enerġija rotazzjonali lir-roti fuq l-art.

1.19. 'Trailer' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija O3 jew O4;

1.20. 'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita bl-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499).

1.21. 'Vettura bil-mutur' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija L jew M1 jew M2 jew M3 jew N1 jew N2 jew N3 jew SP1.

1.22. 'Vettura bil-mutur ICE' tfisser vettura bil-mutur li hija mħaddma minn magna tal-kombustjoni interna.

1.23. 'Vettura heavy-duty' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M2 jew M3 jew N2 jew N3.

is approved for this purpose by Transport Malta pursuant to Section 3(i).

1.12. 'Competent Person' means the person who is employed or engaged by an approved installer, and who is approved to install emission reduction devices on vehicles by the manufacturer of the same devices.

1.13. 'Person residing in Malta' means a person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit, or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, and Employment.

1.14. 'Agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products falling within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

1.15. 'Fishery and Aquaculture Products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013.

1.16. 'Primary production of fishery and aquaculture products' means all operations relating to the fishing, rearing or cultivation of aquatic organisms, as well as on-farm or on-board activities necessary for preparing an animal or plant for the first sale, including cutting, filleting or freezing, and the first sale to resellers or processors.

1.17. 'Registered Owner' means the person in whose name a motor vehicle or trailer is registered by Transport Malta.

1.18. 'Battery Electric Powertrain' means the assembly of components that pushes a vehicle forward by extracting electrical power from the batteries and transmitting it to the electrical motor/s, which in turn transmits rotational energy to the wheels on the ground.

1.19. 'Trailer' means a category O3 or O4 vehicle.

1.20. 'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499).

1.21. 'Motor Vehicle' means a Category L or M1 or M2 or M3 or N1 or N2 or N3 or SP1 vehicle.

1.22. 'ICE Motor Vehicle' means a motor vehicle that is powered by an internal combustion engine.

1.23. 'Heavy-duty vehicle' means a Category M2 or M3 or N2 or N3 vehicle.

1.24. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija L' tfisser vettura b'żewġ jew tliet roti jew kwadriċikli li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 168/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill tal-15 ta' Jannar, 2013 dwar l-approvazzjoni u s-sorveljanza tas-suq ta' vetturi b'żewġ jew tliet roti u kwadriċikli, kif emendati.

1.25. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' passiġġieri, li tinkludi mhux aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq.

1.26. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija M2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx il-hames (5) tonnelli.

1.27. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija M3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn hames (5) tonnelli.

1.28. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx it-tliet tonnelli u nofs (3.5).

1.29. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija N2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx is-seba' tonnelli u nofs (7.5).

1.30. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija N3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn tnax-il (12) tonnelli.

1.31. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija O3' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż it-3.5 tonnelli iżda li ma taqbiżx l-10 tonnelli.

1.32. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija O4' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż l-10 tonnelli.

1.33. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija SP1' tfisser vettura bi skop speċjali tal-Kategorija N3 li għandha karatteristiċi tekniċi speċifiċi li jippermettulha twettaq funzjoni li teħtieġ arrangamenti jew tagħmir speċjali.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema għall-ghotja finanzjarja għat-tagħmir ta' apparati għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet fuq vettura bil-mutur u trailers tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew imprima stabbilita f'Malta.

2.2. L-iskema tippermetti taħlita ta' tagħmir ta' apparat fuq l-istess vettura jew vetturi differenti tal-istess applikant.

1.24. 'Category L vehicle' means a two- or three-wheel vehicle or quadricycles falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 January, 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles, as amended.

1.25. 'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat.

1.26. 'Category M2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass not exceeding five (5) tonnes.

1.27. 'Category M3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass exceeding five (5) tonnes.

1.28. 'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

1.29. 'Category N2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes, and with a surface area of at least.

1.30. 'Category N3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes.

1.31. 'Category O3 vehicle' means a trailer or semi-trailer with a maximum mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes.

1.32. 'Category O4 vehicle' means a trailer or semi-trailer with a maximum mass exceeding 10 tonnes.

1.33. 'Category SP1 vehicle' means a special purpose vehicle of Category N3 having specific technical features that enable it to perform a function that requires special arrangements or equipment.

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme for a financial grant for the installation of emission reduction devices on motor vehicles and trailers applies to any person residing in Malta, local council, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta.

2.2. The scheme allows a mix and match of retrofitting on the same or different vehicles owned by the same applicant.

2.3. Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet li jikkoncernaw vetturi bi skop speċjali, il-kundizzjonijiet applikabbli għandhom jikkorrispondu għal dawk applikabbli għall-vetturi tal-Kategorija N b'massa massima permissibbli simili għal dik tal-vettura bi skop speċjali kkonċernata.

2.4. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltaċi Approvati

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irregiŋtrat ta' vettura heavy-duty jew trailer li:

(i) Fil-każ ta' vettura heavy-duty, tkun irregiŋtrata ma', u lliċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja.

(ii) Fil-każ ta' trailer, ikun irregiŋtrat ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-installazzjoni u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja.

(iii) Tkun giet mġhammra b'pannelli fotovoltaċi approvati; u

(iv) Tkun gie mġhammra minn persuna kompetenti.

2.5. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji approvata.

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irregiŋtrat ta' vettura bil-mutur li:

(i) Tkun irregiŋtrata ma', u lliċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja.

(ii) Tkun giet mġhammra b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batterija skont kif approvat minn Transport Malta; u

(iii) Tkun giet mġhammra minn persuna kompetenti.

2.6. Regolamenti dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' impriżi eliġibbli u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wieħed mir-Regolamenti de minimis li ġejjin:

a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura

2.3. In the case of applications concerning special purpose vehicles, the applicable conditions shall correspond to those applicable to the Category N vehicles with similar maximum permissible mass to that of the special purpose vehicle concerned.

2.4. Grant for the installation of Approved Photovoltaic Panels

The applicant must be the registered owner of a heavy-duty vehicle or trailer which:

(i) In the case of a heavy-duty vehicle, is registered with, and licensed by, Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of installation and on the date of submission of application for the grant.

(ii) In the case of a trailer, is registered with Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of installation and on the date of submission of application for the grant.

(iii) Has been equipped with approved photovoltaic panels; and

(iv) Had the installation carried out by a competent person.

2.5. Grant for the installation of an Approved Battery Electric Powertrain.

The applicant must be the registered owner of a motor vehicle which:

(i) Is registered with, and licensed by, Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of retrofitting and on the date of submission of application for the grant.

(ii) Has been retrofitted with a battery electric powertrain as approved by Transport Malta.

(iii) Has the retrofitting by a competent person.

2.6. State Aid Regulations

In the case of eligible undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, assistance will be provided in line with one of the following de minimis Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 511, 22.2.2019),

(ĠU L 511, 22.2.2019), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-ghajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' ghajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2024/3118 tal-10 ta' Diċembru 2024 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-ghajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L, 2024/3118, 13.12.2024);

b) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal ghajnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-ghajnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali tal-ghajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

c) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal ghajnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' ghajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti de minimis applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti de minimis huma kif ġej:

(a) Għal imprizi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali tal-ghajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€50,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

(b) Għal imprizi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura,

by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/3118 of 10 December 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L, 2024/3118, 13.12.2024);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of fishery and aquaculture products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) No 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed the thresholds established in the applicable de minimis Regulation outlined above. The applicable de minimis thresholds are as follows:

(a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €50,000 over any period of three fiscal.

(b) For undertakings active in the in the primary production of fishery and aquaculture products, the total amount of de

l-ammont totali tal-ghajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali.

(c) Għall-imprizi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali tal-ghajjnuna de minimis m'għandux jaqbeż it-€300,000 għal kull impriza waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-ghajjnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' ghajjnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' ghajjnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament de minimis inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbli. Kwalunkwe ghajjnuna de minimis riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imghax, mill-impriza li tirċievi l-ghajjnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jibagħtu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni de minimis iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe ghajjnuna de minimis riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-impriza unika matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar ghajjnuna de minimis riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-imprizi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriza waħda relatata mal-impriza applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1. Applikazzjonijiet għall-approvazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi

3.1.1. Impriza li tixtieq tibda toffri s-servizz ta' installazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers għandha tippreżenta talba bil-miktub lil Transport Malta f'dan ir-rigward, flimkien mal-informazzjoni li ġejja:

(a) Il-mudell jew mudelli ta' pannelli fotovoltajċi u kwalunkwe tagħmir relatat li l-impriza għandha l-hsieb li tibda tinstalla.

(b) Dokumentazzjoni teknika pprovduta mill-manifattur tal-pannelli li turi kif dawn il-pannelli u t-tagħmir kollu relatat jistgħu jiġu installati b'mod sigur fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers u kif din l-installazzjoni tista' tnaqqas il-konsum tal-fjuwil u l-impatt ambjentali tal-vetturi kkonċernati.

(c) Istruzzjonijiet ta' installazzjoni pprovduti mill-manifattur tal-pannelli.

(d) Id-dettalji tal-persuna jew persuni kompetenti li l-impriza biħsiebha timpjega jew tingaġġa għall-installazzjoni ta' dawn il-pannelli, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal kull tali persuna maħruġa mill-manifattur tal-pannelli fotovoltajċi.

minimis aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years.

(c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of de minimis aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the de minimis rule including that received from or applied for with any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years as applicable. Any de minimis aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed de minimis declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding de minimis aid received and/or applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. Applications for approval of photovoltaic panels.

3.1.1. An undertaking wishing to start offering the service of installation of photovoltaic panels on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers shall present a written request to Transport Malta in this regard, along with the following information:

(a) The model or models of photovoltaic panels and any related equipment that the undertaking intends to start installing.

(b) Technical documentation provided by the manufacturer of the panels proving how these panels and all related equipment can be installed safely on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers and how such installation can reduce the fuel consumption and environmental impact of the vehicles concerned.

(c) Installation instructions provided by the manufacturer of the panels.

(d) The details of the competent person or persons that the undertaking intends to employ or engage for the installation of these panels, along with written approval for each such person issued by the manufacturer of the photovoltaic panels.

3.1.2. Transport Malta għandha ttipproċessa dawn it-talbiet u, fejn applikabbli, tohroġ ċertifikat ta' approvazzjoni lill-applikant għall-installazzjoni tal-pannelli fotovoltajċi proposti fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers. Transport Malta tirrizerva d-dritt li tillimita din l-approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

3.2. Applikazzjonijiet għall-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati.

3.2.1. Applikazzjoni għal ghotja għat-tagħmir b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati għandha ssir mis-sid registrat tal-vettura li tkun għet mghammra b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 072 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.2.2. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandhom jiġu ppreżentati magħha d-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tal-installazzjoni mahruġ mill-persuna kompetenti.

(b) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura (il-logbook).

3.3. Applikazzjonijiet għall-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

3.3.1. Persuna jew impriza li tixtieq tinstalla sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq vettura bil-mutur għandha tippreżenta lil Transport Malta proposta teknika dettaljata mhejjija u ffirmata minn inġinier mekkaniku bil-warrant u inġinier elettriku bil-warrant, u fil-proposta għandha tingħata l-informazzjoni li ġejja:

(a) dettalji shah tal-vettura u s-sistema ta' propulsjoni originali ICE.

(b) dettalji shah tal-mutur, batterija, katina ta' trazzjoni elettrika u s-sistema ta' vultaġġ għoli konnessa galvanikament, u kwalunkwe komponenti relatati u/jew konnessi.

(c) dettalji shah tal-metodoloġija tal-installazzjoni skont ir-regoli rilevanti tal-UE u/jew tal-UNECE, u appoġġjati fost oħrajn minn ċirkwiti, dijagrammi, u ritratti kif meħtieġ.

(d) dettalji shah u prova ta' kompetenza teknika u kompetenza tal-persuna kompetenti, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal dik il-persuna mahruġa mill-inġinier mekkaniku bil-warrant u l-inġinier elettriku bil-warrant li ffirmaw il-proposta teknika.

Transport Malta għandha tevalwa l-proposta teknika sottomessa u twieġeb lill-applikant bl-approvazzjoni jew rifjut jew talba għal kjarifika u/jew aktar informazzjoni tagħha. Transport Malta tirrizerva d-dritt li tillimita kwalunkwe approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

3.1.2. Transport Malta shall process such requests and, where applicable, issue the applicant with an approval certificate for the installation of the proposed photovoltaic panels on heavy-duty vehicles and/or trailers. Transport Malta reserves the right to limit such approval to specific categories or models of vehicles.

3.2. Applications for grants for the installation of approved Photovoltaic Panels.

3.2.1. An application for a grant for the installation of approved Photovoltaic Panels shall be made by the registered owner of the vehicle on which the approved photovoltaic panels have been installed by submitting application form VEH 072 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.2.2. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, and countersigned and stamped by the competent person, and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) A copy of the certificate of installation issued by the competent person.

(b) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook).

3.3. Applications for grants for the installation of a Battery Electric Powertrain

3.3.1. A person or an undertaking wishing to retrofit a battery electric powertrain on a motor vehicle shall present Transport Malta with a detailed technical proposal prepared and signed by a warranted mechanical engineer and a warranted electrical engineer, which shall include the following information:

(a) full details of the vehicle and the original ICE powertrain.

(b) full details of the motor, battery, electric traction chain and galvanically connected high-voltage rail, and any related and/or connected components.

(c) full details of the installation methodology in accordance with the relevant EU and/or UNECE regulations, and supported amongst others by circuitry, diagrams, and photos as necessary.

(d) full details and proof of technical expertise and competence of the competent person, along with written approval for such person issued by the warranted mechanical engineer and the warranted electric engineer who signed the technical proposal.

Transport Malta shall evaluate the submitted technical proposal and revert to the applicant with its approval or rejection or request for clarification and/or further information. Transport Malta reserves the right to limit any approval to specific categories or models of vehicles.

3.3.2. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji approvat skont il-klawsola 3.3.1 għandha ssir mis-sid registrat tal-vettura li tkun għet mghammra bis-sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 048 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.3.3. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandha jkollha magħha d-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) Kopja tal-approvazzjoni maħruġa minn Transport Malta għat-tagħmir ta' sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq il-vettura bil-mutur

(b) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ, iffirmat u ttimbrat mill-persuna kompetenti u l-inġiniera mekkaniċi u elettrici bil-warrant li pproponew it-tagħmir.

(c) Ċertifikat tat-test tal-VRT maħruġ fi żmien tletin (30) jum mid-data tat-tagħmir tas-sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji fuq il-vettura bil-mutur.

(d) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura (logbook).

3.4. Applikazzjonijiet imressqa minn Imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji li jwettqu Attività Ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE

L-applikazzjonijiet kollha mibgħuta minn Imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jinkludu wkoll il-formola tad-Dikjarazzjoni tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat VEH 71, iffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

3.5. Sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema

L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-granet tax-xogħol bejn is-07:30 u s-13:00 jew mibgħuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fuq:

(a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212; jew

(b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Hal Lija LJA2021; jew

(c) Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet Ghawdex, Pjazza San Frangisk, Ir-Rabat, Ghawdex.

4. Eligibbiltà

4.1. Biex ikun eligibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

3.3.2. An application for a grant for the installation of a battery electric powertrains as approved in clause 3.4.1 shall be made by the registered owner of a motor vehicle on which such battery electric powertrain has been retrofitted by submitted application form VEH 048 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.3.3. Applications shall be signed by the applicant, and countersigned and stamped by the competent person, and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) A copy of the approval issued by Transport Malta for the retrofitting of a battery electric powertrain on the motor vehicle.

(b) A copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued, signed and stamped by the competent person and the warranted mechanical and electrical engineers who proposed the retrofitting.

(c) A VRT test certificate issued within thirty (30) days from the date of retrofitting of the battery electric powertrain on the motor vehicle.

(d) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook).

3.4. Applications submitted by Undertakings established in Malta or Voluntary Organisations carrying out an Economic Activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

All applications submitted by Undertakings established in Malta or Voluntary Organisations carrying out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU shall also include the State Aid Declaration form VEH 71, signed by applicant and counter signed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3.5. Submission of applications under this scheme

Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 07:30 and 13:00 or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

(a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212, or

(b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Hal Lija LJA2021; or

(c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura:

(a) għandha tkun irreġistrata f'isem l-applikant fid-data li fiha ssir l-installazzjoni u fid-data tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja.

(b) għandha tkun mġhamra b'apparat għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet eligibbli installat minn persuna kompetenti.

4.3. Transport Malta tirrizerva d-dritt li tispezzjona vetturi wara li jkunu ġew mġhamra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet, u qabel l-approvazzjoni tal-ghotja relatata. Dawn l-ispezzjonijiet għandhom jiffukaw fuq is-sigurtà tal-installazzjoni u l-impatt tagħha fuq is-sigurtà u l-funzjoni generali tal-vettura kkonċernata.

4.4. Applikant ikun intitolat għal massimu ta':

(a) għaxar (10) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vetturi b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati; u

(b) ghotja wahda (1) taħt din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vettura b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji.

5. Hlas tal-Ghotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-ghotja, l-ghotja tithallas direttament lill-applikant.

5.2. L-ghotja li tingħata lil sid irreġistrat ta' vettura li tkun ġiet mġhamra b'apparat għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet m'għandhiex tkun stmata bħala dħul għal skopijiet ta' taxxa fuq id-dħul.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u jkollha magħha d-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inklużi, it-talba għall-ghotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirrizultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

7. Rifuzjoni tal-ghotja jekk it-tagħmir jitneħħa jew jiġi diżattivat.

Sid irreġistrat ta' vettura li fuqha tkun inharget ghotja taħt din l-iskema għandu jkun obligat li jirrifondi din l-ghotja lill-Awtorità jekk, f'perjodu ta' sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tat-tagħmir tal-apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet:

(a) is-sid jagħmel talba lil Transport Malta biex jitneħħew il-pannelli fotovoltajċi; jew

4.2. To qualify, the vehicle:

(a) shall be registered in the applicant's name on the date of installation and date of submission of application for the grant.

(b) shall be equipped with an eligible emission reduction device installed by a competent person.

4.3. Transport Malta reserves the right to inspect vehicles following the installation of emission reduction devices, and prior to the approval of the related grant. Such inspection shall focus on the safety of the installation and its impact on the overall safety and function of the concerned vehicle.

4.4. An applicant shall be entitled for a maximum of:

(a) ten (10) grants under this scheme for the retrofit of approved photovoltaic panels; and

(b) one (1) grant under this scheme for the retrofit of a battery electric powertrain.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, the grant shall be paid directly to the applicant.

5.2. The grant given to the registered owner of a vehicle on which an emission reduction device has been installed shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

6. Validity of application

6.1. An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.

6.2. The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refund of grant if the retrofitting is removed or disabled.

The registered owner of a vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme shall be obliged to refund such grant to the Authority if, within a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the installation of an emissions reduction device:

a) the owner makes a request to Transport Malta to have the device removed; or

(b) ikun ippruvat li dan l-apparat jew ikun tneħħa, jew ikun ġie diżattivat bi kwalunkwe mod, jew ma kienx qed jintuża kif xieraq.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema għandhom jiġu aċċettati sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2025 jew sal-eżawriment tal-fondi bbaġitjati, sakemm ma jiġux modifikati jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jagħti avviż minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif jitqies meħtieġ mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

8.3. L-applikazzjonijiet li jaslu fi żmien l-iskadenza stipulata f'8.1 jistgħu jiġu pproċessati, approvati u mħallsa sal-31 ta' Diċembru, 2026.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi jista' jagħmel kull emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

Fejn ikun hemm talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hlas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajjuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

11. Talbiet għal reviżjoni tad-deċiżjonijiet tal-Awtorità

11.1. Meta applikant jiġi infurmat li applikazzjoni għal għotja giet irrifjutata jew ma jaqbilx mal-ammont tal-għotja assenjata għal applikazzjoni partikolari, l-applikant għandu jkollu d-dritt li jitlob reviżjoni tad-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità dwar l-applikazzjoni kkonċernata.

11.2. Biex jeżerċita dan id-dritt, l-applikant għandu jippreżenta talba fi żmien 30 jum minn meta jirċievi d-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità, kemm jekk din tasal permezz ta' ittra jew ta' email. Talba bħal din għandha tintbagħat, bil-posta jew bl-email lill-uffiċċju tal-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Awtorità, jew lil uffiċċju ieħor skont kif delegat mill-Kap Eżekuttiv, u għandha tinkludi spjegazzjoni għaliex l-applikant ma jaqbilx mad-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità, flimkien ma' kwalunkwe dokument ta' sostenn applikabbli.

b) it is proven that the device was either removed, or disabled in any way, or was not being used appropriately.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. Applications under this scheme shall be accepted until the 31st of December 2025 or until the exhaustion of budgeted funds, unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. Notwithstanding, Government may terminate or extend the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

8.3. Applications received within the deadline stipulated in 8.1 may be processed, approved, and paid out until 31st December, 2026.

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works may make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

11. Requests for revision of Authority's decisions

11.1. Where an applicant is informed that an application for a grant is refused or does not agree with the grant amount assigned for a given application, the applicant shall have the right to request a revision of the Authority's decision concerning the application concerned.

11.2. To exercise such right, the applicant shall present a request within 30 days from receipt of the Authority's decision, whether this is received via letter or email. Such request shall be sent, by mail or by email to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, or to another office as delegates by the Chief Executive Officer and shall include an explanation of why the applicant does not agree with the Authority's decision, along with any applicable supporting documents.

11.3. Il-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Awtorità għandu jahtar bord intern magħmul minn tal-anqas tliet (3) persuni li mhumiex involuti fl-ipproċessar tal-applikazzjonijiet għall-ghotja. Dan il-bord għandu jirrevedi t-talba tal-applikant, id-deċiżjoni oriġinali tal-Awtorità, l-applikazzjoni oriġinali u kwalunkwe dokument u informazzjoni rilevanti oħra u għandu jiddeċiedi jekk id-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità għandhiex tinzamm jew tinbidel. Il-bord għandu jippreżenta d-deċiżjonijiet tiegħu lill-Kap Eżekuttiv, jew lill-uffiċċju ddelegat mill-Kap Eżekuttiv, li mbagħad għandu jikkomunika d-deċiżjoni finali lill-applikant.

Annex I

1. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltaġċi Approvati

L-ammont tal-ghotja għall-installazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltaġċi approvati għandu jkun ugwali għal 80% tal-ispejjeż tal-investiment meħtieġa, iżda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taht:

Kategorija tal-Vettura	Ammont Massimu tal-Ghotja
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Trakkijiet żgħar O3 – Trailers żgħar	€500
M3 – Xarabanks u kowċis N3 – Trakkijiet O4 – Trailers	€1000

Tabella I.1 – Ammont massimu tal-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'pannelli fotovoltaġċi approvati

2. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

L-ammont tal-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji għandu jkun ugwali għal 80% tal-ispejjeż tal-investiment meħtieġa, iżda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taht:

Kategorija tal-Vettura	Ammont Massimu tal-Ghotja
L – Muturi, mopeds, triċikli u kwadriċikli.	€5,000
M1 – Karozzi N1 – Vannijiet	€20,000
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Trakkijiet żgħar	€40,000
M3 – Kowċis u xarabanks N3 – Trakkijiet	€80,000

Tabella I.2 – Ammont massimu tal-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji

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11.3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall appoint an internal board composed of at least three (3) persons who are not involved in the processing of the grant applications. This board shall review the applicant's request, the original decision of the Authority, the original application and any other relevant documents and information and shall decide whether the Authority's decision shall be withheld or changed. The board shall present its decisions to the Chief Executive Officer, or to the office delegated by the Chief Executive Officer, who shall then communicate the final decision to the applicant.

Annex I

1. Grant for the retrofitting of approved Photovoltaic Panels

The grant amount for the installation of approved photovoltaic panels shall be equal to 80% of the investment costs required, but not exceeding the limits shown in table below:

Vehicle Category	Maximum Grant Amount
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Small Trucks O3 – Small Trailers	€500
M3 – Buses and Coaches N3 – Trucks O4 – Trailers	€1,000

Table I.1 – Maximum grant amounts for the retrofitting of approved Photovoltaic panels.

2. Grant for the retrofitting of approved Battery Electric Powertrains

The grant amount for the retrofitting of battery electric powertrains shall be equal to 80% of the investment costs required, but not exceeding the limits shown in table below:

Vehicle Category	Maximum Grant Amount
L – Motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles and quadricycles.	€5,000
M1 – Cars N1 – Vans	€20,000
M2 – Minibuses N2 – Small Trucks	€40,000
M3 – Coaches and buses N3 – Trucks	€80,000

Table I.2 – Maximum grant amounts for the retrofitting of battery electric powertrains.

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