

# NOTICE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES RELATED TO EXPORT MARKETING AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE (EMIA) INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION AND SECTOR SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SSAS) EMERGING EXPORTER GROUP INCENTIVES

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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Notice serves to provide guidance on current and future applications for incentive funding in order to safeguard the personal health and potential financial risks to applicants and the Department. It is targeted at all prospective and already approved applicants for the EMIA Individual participation (EMIA IP) incentive and the Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) incentive managed by the Department.
- 1.2 It responds to the recent cancellation of many export events and the global spread and containment measures for the Covid-19 virus and the official notices on travel restrictions and bans and the national lockdown issued by National Government and the Presidency.

## 2. PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES

- 2.1 The following pre-cautionary measures will be implemented until further notice:

<b>Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) for emerging exporters</b>	
<b>Applications</b>	1. No new applications will be accepted due to the Covid-19 national lockdown announced by the President. This will be reviewed subject to further announcements on the Covid-19 national lockdown by the Presidency.
<b>Claims</b>	2. The event co-ordinator/applicant confirming in writing to the Department on the day of submitting any service provider invoices for an already approved event that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. All applicants that were approved, have confirmed their participation.</li><li>b. That all applicants have been fully briefed and equipped with relevant health precautions prior, during and after the event.</li></ul> 3. The co-ordinator confirming with all relevant authorities including the World Health Organisation (WHO) alerts, in addition to written confirmations not older than 1 day from the following entities at the time of submitting any claim, that there is no financial risk for proceeding with the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Relevant Embassy/High Commission;</li><li>b. Event organiser, freight forwarder, accommodation provider and airline, also confirming their cancellation fee terms and conditions.</li></ul>



<b>Export Marketing and Investment Assistance Individual participation incentives (EMIA IP) for individual exporters</b>	
<b>Applications</b>	4. No new applications will be accepted due to the Covid-19 national lockdown announced by the President. This will be reviewed subject to further announcements on the Covid-19 national lockdown by the Presidency.
<b>General</b>	<p>5. Please note that the Department will not be held responsible for any costs or consequential losses incurred, due to postponement and or cancellation of approved events, due to the Covid-19 virus.</p> <p>6. All applicants and claimants for the above two sets of incentives, are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consult alerts published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) at <a href="https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports">https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports</a>, and host country disease control agencies and Embassies, at all times.</li> </ul>

- 2.2 Please note that this notice may be amended at any time subject to prevailing health or geo political risks and will be made available on the Department’s website under “EMIA incentives”.
- 2.3 Queries and clarifications can be directed to the various contacts listed on the Department’s website for the relevant incentives.

