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**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**

**Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
on the Procedure for Applying for and Paying Production Aid for Milk  
(882/2005)**

Section 1 — *Scope of application*

This Decree applies to the payment of production aid for milk under the Act on National Aid for Agriculture and Horticulture (1559/2001) in cases where the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry pays production aid for milk to producers on the basis of the quantity of milk delivered to a dairy or sold directly to consumers.

Section 2 — *Definitions*

In this Decree:

- 1) *milk sold directly to consumers* means the ‘direct sale’ referred to in Article 5(g) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector, hereinafter the Council Regulation;
- 2) *dairy milk* means the ‘delivery’ referred to in Article 5(f) of the Council Regulation;
- 3) the *production period* is the 12-month period beginning on 1 April of the relevant year; and
- 4) the *quota register* is the information system administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry which contains current data on the quantities of milk produced by producers and the reference quantities of milk which they control.

Section 3 — *Applying for production aid for milk*

- (1) Production aid for milk is applied for by lodging a notification of participation confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, form no. 282, to the municipal rural business authority. Production aid for the production year may be paid if the notification of participation has been lodged no later than 31 March in the following year. However, a producer does not need to lodge a notification of participation in order to receive production aid for milk for the year 2005.
- (2) The notification of participation must be lodged with the municipal rural business authority of the municipality in which the centre of the production operations of the farm in question is located. If the farm has no definite centre, the application must be lodged with the municipal rural business authority of the municipality within which the majority of the farm’s arable area is located.
- (3) The municipal rural business authority confirms the applicant’s participation by delivering a copy of the notification of participation to the applicant.

Section 4 — *Paying production aid for milk*

- (1) Production aid for milk shall be paid to applicants who fulfil the eligibility criteria for the aid.
- (2) The payments are determined according to the number of litres of milk produced, both dairy milk and milk sold directly to consumers.
- (3) Production aid for dairy milk is paid on the basis of monthly production data submitted by the dairy up to the maximum of the reference quantity of dairy milk held by the applicant in the production period in question.
- (4) Production aid for milk sold directly to consumers is paid to the applicant up to the maximum of the confirmed direct sale reference quantity. Payment of the production

aid requires that the producer has lodged an application for production aid for milk sold directly to consumers, form no. 512007\_05, to an Employment and Economic Development Centre or to the Provincial Government of Åland for the previous production period no later than 14 May.

#### Section 5 — *Dairies*

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry maintains a list of dairies approved into the payment system for production aid for milk. The dairies undertake, by submitting form no. 421, to submit to the quota register monthly reports on production data concerning the quantities of milk produced by producers and the fat content of the milk no later than on the 10th day of the following month.

#### Section 6 — *Payment procedure for production aid*

- (1) The production aid for dairy milk is paid on a monthly basis into a bank account specified by the producer. The producer will be given a monthly report on payment and on the number of litres of milk received from the producer.
- (2) The production aid for milk sold directly to consumers is paid on application into a bank account specified by the producer on a monthly basis or an annual basis. The producer will be given a report on payment and the number of litres of milk reported by the producer.

#### Section 7 — *Decision to pay production aid*

The municipal rural business authority gives a decision on production aid for milk to be paid on the previous year each year after the end of the production period.

#### Section 8 — *Appealing an aid decision*

The municipal rural business authority must append appeal instructions to the decision to pay production aid. Provisions on appeal are laid down in the Act on the Procedure to Be Followed in Managing Tasks in Support of Rural Business (1336/1992).

#### Section 9 — *Entry into force and transitional provision*

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 16 November 2005. However, section 4 and sections 6 through 8 apply as of 1 January 2006.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken before its entry into force.