

Nru. 549**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 għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet**

Il-Ministeru għat-Transport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Transport f'Malta, qed iniedi skema ta' ghotja ta' flus immirata għal persuni residenti f'Malta, kunsilli lokali, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u impriži stabbiliti f'Malta sabiex jinċentiva t-tagħmir bl-apparati għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet li ġejjin:

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

Filtri tal-Partikuli tad-Diesel (DPF) u Sistemi ta' Tnaqqis Katalitiku Selettiv (SCR) fuq Vetturi Heavy-Duty li jnaqqsu l-emissjoni ta' sustanzi li jniġġsu bħall-materja partikulata (PM) u l-Ossidu tan-Nitroġenu (NO_x); 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 daħlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u tagħlaq fil-31 ta' Dicembru 2024, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' tmenin elf ewro (€80,000) ikun eżawrit.

Applikanti li għammru il-vettura tagħhom b'xi wiehed mill-apparati għat-tnaqqis tal-emissjonijiet eliġibbli fl-2023 iżda ma bbenefikawx minn skema simili jistgħu japplikaw ukoll għal din l-ghotja.

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

L-ISKEMA**1. Interpretazzjoni**

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

No. 549**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);

Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs) and Selective Catalytic Reducers (SCRs) on heavy-duty vehicles to reduce the emission of polluting substances such as particulate matter (PM) and Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x); 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 2024 and closes on the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of eighty thousand Euro (€80,000) is exhausted.

Applicants who installed any of the eligible emission reduction devices on their vehicles in 2023 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. 'apparat tad-DPF' tfisser apparat li jaqbad fizikament l-emissjonijiet tal-partikuli permezz ta' taħlita ta' mekkaniżmi ta' filtrazzjoni, bħal depożitu ta' diffużjoni, depożizzjoni inerzjali, jew interċettazzjoni tal-linja tal-fluss. Il-partikuli miġbura jitneħħew mill-filtru, kontinwament jew perjodikament, permezz ta' riġenerazzjoni termali;

1.2. 'applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja jew impriża stabbilita f'Malta li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-ghotja taħt din l-iskema u li tkun sid irregiŕtrat ta' vettura mgħammra b'wieħed mill-apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet eliġibbli;

1.3. 'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal ghotja taħt din l-iskema;

1.4. 'ċertifikat tat-tagħmir' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat maħruġ minn persuna kompetenti wara li vettura tkun giet mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vettura;

1.5. 'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur jew trailer hija rreġistrata u f'isem min hija rreġistrata l-vettura;

1.6. 'DPF' tfisser filtru tal-partikuli tad-diesel;

1.7. 'emissjonijiet tal-NOx' tfisser emissjonijiet ta' ossidi tan-nitroġenu;

1.8. 'emissjonijiet tal-PM' tfisser emissjonijiet ta' partikuli;

1.9. 'ghotja' tfisser l-ghotja li qiegħda tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-reqwiżiti tat-taqsimu 4;

1.10. 'impriża fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser impriża attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

1.11. 'impriża stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inklużi shubijiet regiŕtrati f'Malta, persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

1.12. '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 taħtar jew tneħħi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

1.1. 'DPF device' means a device that physically captures particle emissions through a combination of filtration mechanisms, such as diffusional deposition, inertial deposition, or flow-line interception. Collected particulates are removed from the filter, continuously or periodically, through thermal regeneration;

1.2. '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;

1.3. 'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

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

1.5. '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;

1.6. 'DPF' means diesel particulate filter;

1.7. 'NOx emissions' means emissions of nitrogen oxides;

1.8. 'PM emissions' means emissions of particles;

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

1.10. 'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

1.11. '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;

1.12. 'single undertaking' includes, 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) 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 dispozizzjoni 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 intrapriża waħda.

1.13. 'Kunsill Lokali' tfisser Gvern Lokali kif imfisser fl-Att dwar il-Gvern Lokali (Kap. 363 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.14. 'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;

1.15. 'organizzazzjoni volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (KAP 492 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.16. 'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati' tfisser apparat li jitransforma l-enerġija tad-dawl f'elektriku, li huwa ddisinjat speċifikament biex jiġi installat fuq vetturi heavy-duty, u li huwa approvat għal dan il-għan minn Transport Malta skont is-Sezzjoni 3(i);

1.17. '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;

1.18. 'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti tal-Identità oħra (KAP. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà, ir-Riformi u l-Ugwaljanza;

1.19. '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 (ĠU L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1);

1.20. 'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

1.21. 'SCR' tfisser tnaqqis katalitiku selettiv;

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.

1.13. 'Local Council' means a Local Government as defined in the Local Government Act (Cap. 363 of the Laws of Malta);

1.14. 'Malta' means the islands of Malta;

1.15. 'voluntary organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (CAP 492 of the Laws of Malta);

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

1.17. '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;

1.18. '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 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality;

1.19. '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 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1);

1.20. 'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

1.21. 'SCR' means selective catalytic reduction;

1.22. 'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna li f'isimha vettura jew trailer tkun giet irreġistrata minn Transport Malta;

1.23. 'Sistema tal-SCR' tfisser sistema li tnaqqas il-livell ta' ossidu tan-nitroġenu fil-gass tal-egżost mill-magna permezz ta' elementi ta' katalizzatur u aġent li jnaqqas. Fil-proċess, aġent li jnaqqas soluzzjoni ta' ilma tal-urea huwa miżjud mal-fluss tal-gass tal-egżost. L-ilma fis-soluzzjoni tal-urea jiġi evaporat hekk kif is-soluzzjoni tiġi injettata fil-gass tal-egżost shun. It-temperatura għolja tinduċi wkoll dekompożizzjoni termali tal-urea ((NH₂)₂CO) f'ammonja (NH₃) u diossidu tal-karbonju (CO₂). L-emissjonijiet tal-NO_x tal-gass tal-egżost huma mbagħad mibdula f'nitroġenu molekulari (N₂) u ilma (H₂O), hekk kif jirreagixxu mal-ammonja f'wiċċ katalitiku;

1.24. '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/ċi, li mbagħad jittrażmetti enerġija rotazzjonali lir-roti fuq l-art;

1.25. 'trailer' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija O3 jew O4;

1.26. 'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita bl-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (KAP 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

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

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

1.29. 'vettura heavy-duty' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M2 jew M3 jew N2 jew N3;

1.30. '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.

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

1.32. 'vettura tal-Kategorija M2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-garr tal-persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx il-ħames (5) tunnelli;

1.33. 'vettura tal-Kategorija M3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-garr tal-persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra dak tas-sewwieq, u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn ħames (5) tunnelli;

1.22. 'registered owner' means the person in whose name a motor vehicle or trailer is registered by Transport Malta;

1.23. 'SCR system' means a system that reduces the level of nitrogen oxide in the exhaust gas from the engine by means of catalyst elements and a reducing agent. In the process a reducing agent of a urea water solution is added to the exhaust gas stream. The water in the urea solution is evaporated as the solution is injected into the hot exhaust gas. The high temperature also induces thermal decomposition of the urea ((NH₂)₂CO) into ammonia (NH₃) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Exhaust gas NO_x emissions are thereafter transformed into molecular nitrogen (N₂) and water (H₂O), as they react with the ammonia at a catalytic surface;

1.24. '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;

1.25. 'trailer' means a category O3 or O4 vehicle;

1.26. 'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (CAP. 499 of the Laws of Malta);

1.27. 'motor vehicle' means a Category L or M1 or M2 or M3 or N1 or N2 or N3 or SP1 vehicle;

1.28. 'ICE motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle that is powered by an internal combustion engine;

1.29. 'heavy-duty vehicle' means a Category M2 or M3 or N2 or N3 vehicle;

1.30. '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.

1.31. '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;

1.32. '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;

1.33. '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;

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

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

1.36. 'vettura tal-Kategorija N3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn seba' tunnelli u nofs (7.5);

1.37. 'vettura tal-Kategorija O3' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż it-3.5 tunnelli iżda li ma taqbiżx l-10 tunnelli;

1.38. 'vettura tal-Kategorija O4' tfisser karru jew semi-karru b'massa massima li taqbeż l-10 tunnelli;

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

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema għall-ghotja finanzjarja għat-tagħmir ta' apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet fuq vettura bil-mutur u trailers tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta, kunsill lokali, organizzazzjoni volontarja, jew impriza stabbilita f'Malta.

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

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 kkoncernata.

2.4. Għotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltajċi Approvati

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

(i) Fil-każ ta' vettura heavy-duty, tkun irreġistrata 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 irreġistrat ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-installazzjoni u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja;

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

1.35. '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;

1.36. '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;

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

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

1.39. '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 installation of emission reduction devices on the same or different vehicles owned by the same applicant.

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) Tkun giet mgħammra b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati; u

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

(iv) Tkun giet mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti.

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

2.5. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistemi tal-SCR

2.5. Grant for the installation of DPF devices and SCR systems

L-applikant irid ikun is-sid irregistrat ta' vettura heavy-duty li:

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

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

(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) Tkun giet mgħammra b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea;

(ii) Has been retrofitted with a DPF device and an SCR system approved by a type-approval authority of any European Union Member State;

(iii) Tkun giet mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti; u

(iii) Has been retrofitted by a competent person; and

(iv) Kellha l-emissjonijiet mit-tailpipe tal-PM u NOx imnaqqa b'mod sostanzjali bħala riżultat tat-tagħmir bl-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR.

(iv) Had its PM and NOx tailpipe emissions substantially reduced as a result of the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Tkun gie mgħammra minn persuna kompetenti.

(iii) Has the retrofitting by a competent person.

2.7. Regolamenti dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

2.7. State Aid Regulations

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet imressqa minn imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU, l-għajnuna tingħata skont wieċed mir-Regolamenti *de minimis* li ġejjin:

In the case of applications submitted by undertakings established in Malta and voluntary organisations carrying 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) Għal imprizi 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 għall-għajnuna *de minimis* fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif emendat

(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), amended by Commission Regulation

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 għall-għajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 511, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 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-għajjnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali tal-għajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu tal-applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fis-settur 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 għall-għajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-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 tal-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) 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-għajjnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali tal-għajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu tal-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 għall-għajjnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali tal-għajjnuna 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-għajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(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) 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);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: 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 €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(b) Għal imprizi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali tal-għajjnuna *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-għajjnuna *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-għajjnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajjnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajjnuna 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 għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imghax, mill-impriza li tirċievi l-għajjnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikata għaliha mill-impriza waħda matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar l-għajjnuna *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-ħsieb 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 sikur fuq vetturi heavy-duty u/jew trailers u kif dik l-installazzjoni tista' tnaqqas il-konsum tal-fjuwil u l-impatt ambjentali tal-vetturi kkonċernati;

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

(b) For undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of *de 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) Id-dettalji tal-persuna jew persuni kompetenti li l-impriza biĥsiebha timpjega jew tingagġa għall-installazzjoni ta' dawn il-pannelli, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal kull tali persuna maħruġa mill-manifattur tal-pannelli fotovoltajċi.

3.1.2. Transport Malta għandha tipproċessa dawn it-talbiet u, fejn applikabbli, toħroġ 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 tali approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

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

3.2.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat tal-vettura li tkun ġiet mġhamra 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 maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

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

3.3. Applikazzjonijiet għall-ghotja għat-tagħmir b'Apparat tad-DPF u Sistemi tal-SCR

3.3.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR għandha ssir mis-sid reġistrat tal-vettura li tkun ġiet mġhamra b'apparat tad-DPF u b'sistema tal-SCR billi jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 052 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

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

(a) kopji taċ-ċertifikati tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip għall-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR li ġew installati, maħruġin minn Awtorità tal-Approvazzjoni tat-Tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea f'isem il-manifatturi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR;

(b) Kopja tal-istruzzjonijiet tal-installazzjoni ppubblikati mill-manifatturi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR;

(c) Dikjarazzjonijiet mill-manifatturi rispettivi tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR li jirrikonoxxu lill-persuna li jkun għammar il-vettura bħala persuna kompetenti;

(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 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 DPF devices and SCR systems

3.3.1. An application for a grant for the installation of a DPF device and SCR system shall be made by the registered owner of the motor vehicle on which the DPF device and SCR system have been installed by submitting application form VEH 052 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

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

(a) Copies of the type approval certificates for the installed DPF device and SCR system issued by a Type-Approval Authority of any European Union Member State on behalf of the manufacturers of the DPF device and the SCR system;

(b) A copy of the installation instructions published by the manufacturers of the DPF device and the SCR system;

(c) Declarations by the respective manufacturers of the DPF device and SCR System recognising the person who retrofitted the vehicle as a competent person;

(d) Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

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

(f) Riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-vettura maħruġ qabel l-installazzjoni tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR (test tal-emissjonijiet ta' qabel l-installazzjoni);

(g) Riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-vettura maħruġ wara l-installazzjoni tal-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR (test tal-emissjonijiet ta' wara l-installazzjoni);

3.3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet jiġu aċċettati biss jekk il-valuri tal-emissjonijiet tal-PM u tal-NOx fit-test tal-emissjonijiet ta' wara l-installazzjoni jkunu t-tnejn inqas mill-valuri tal-emissjonijiet tal-PM u tal-NOx fit-test tal-emissjonijiet ta' qabel l-installazzjoni b'mill-inqas 25%.

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

3.4.1. 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, liema proposta għandha tinkludi l-informazzjoni li ġejja:

(a) dettalji sħaħ tal-vettura u s-sistema ta' propulsjoni oriġinali ICE;

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

(c) dettalji sħaħ 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 sħaħ u prova ta' kompetenza teknika u kompetenza tal-persuna kompetenti, flimkien ma' approvazzjoni bil-miktub għal tali persuna maħruġa 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 tirriżerva d-dritt li tillimita kwalunkwe approvazzjoni għal kategoriji jew mudelli speċifiċi ta' vetturi.

(d) A copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

(e) A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

(f) a VRT emissions test result issued before the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system (pre-installation emissions test);

(g) a VRT emissions test result issued after the retrofitting of the DPF device and the SCR system (post-installation emissions test);

3.3.3. Applications will be accepted only if the PM and NOx emission values in the post-installation emissions test are both lower than the PM and NOx emission values in the pre-installation emissions test by at least 25%.

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

3.4.1. 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.

3.4.2. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għat-tagħmir b'sistema ta' propulsjoni elettrika tal-batteriji approvat skont il-klawsola 3.4.1 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 078 f'konformità mal-kundizzjonijiet kollha stipulati fiha.

3.4.3. L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ffirmata mill-applikant u kontrofirmata u ttimbrata mill-persuna kompetenti, u għandhom jiġu pprezentati 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, iffirmit u ttimbrat mill-persuna kompetenti u l-inġiniera mekkaniċi u elettrici bil-warrant li pproponew ir-retrofitting;

(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);

3.5. Applikazzjonijiet sottomessi minn Imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji li jwettqu Attività Ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artiklu 107 TFEU

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

3.6. Sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema

L-applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. 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, Ħal Lija LJA2021; jew

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

3.4.2. 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 078 in compliance with all conditions stipulated therein.

3.4.3. 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).

3.5. 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 include also the State Aid Declaration form VEH 71, signed by applicant and counter signed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

3.6. 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 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

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

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

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

4. Eligibbiltà

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

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura:

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

(b) għandha tkun mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-emissjonijiet eligibbli installat minn persuna kompetenti.

4.3. Transport Malta tirrizerva d-dritt li tispezzjona vetturi wara li jkunu ġew mgħammra 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) ghotjiet taht din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vetturi b'pannelli fotovoltajċi approvati; u

(b) żewġ (2) ghotjiet taht din l-iskema għat-tagħmir ta' vetturi b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR; u

(c) ghotja waħda (1) taht 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 irregistrat ta' vettura li tkun ġiet mgħammra b'apparat li jnaqqas l-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 giet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inkluzi, it-talba għall-ghotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

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

4. Eligibility

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

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) two (2) grants under this scheme for the retrofit of DPF devices and SCR systems; and

(c) 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. Rifuzjoni tal-ghotja jekk it-tagħmir jitneħħa jew jiġi dizattivat

Sid irregistrat ta' vettura li fuqha tkun inħarġet ghotja taht din l-iskema għandu jkun obligat li jirrifondi din l-ghotja lill-Awtorit  ta' 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 fotovoltaj i; jew

(b) ikun ippruvat li dan l-apparat jew ikun tneħħa, jew ikun  ie dizattivat bi kwalunkwe mod, jew ma kienx qed jintuza kif xieraq.

8. Tul ta' zmiens tal-iskema

8.1. Applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema għandhom jiġu a ettati sal-31 ta' Di embru 2024 jew sal-ezawriment tal-fondi bbaġitjati, sakemm ma jiġux modifikati jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avvi  fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jagħti avvi  minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġgedded kif jitqies mehtieġ mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xoġlijiet Pubbli i permezz ta' Avvi  fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xoġlijiet Pubbli i jista' jagħmel kull emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avvi  fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xoġlijiet Pubbli i għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew pro eduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hlas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi zball. Dan japplika wkoll għal imprizi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attivit  ekonomika, spe jalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

Annex I

1. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'Pannelli Fotovoltaj i Approvati

L-ammont tal-ghotja għall-installazzjoni ta' pannelli fotovoltaj i approvati għandu jkun ugwali għal 15% tal-ispejjez tal-investment mehtieġa, izda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taht:

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) 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 2024 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.

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.

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 15% of the investment costs required, but not exceeding the limits shown in table below:

Kategorija tal-Vettura	Ammont Massimu tal-Ghotja
M2 – Minibuses	
N2 – Trakkijiet żgħar	€450
O3 –Trailers żgħar	
M3 – Xarabanks u kowċis	
N3 – Trakkijiet	€900
O4 – Trailers	

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

2. Ghotja għat-tagħmir b'apparat tad-DPF u sistema tal-SCR

Għandha tithallas ghotja ta' għaxart elef ewro (€10,000) lis-sidien reġistrati ta' vetturi bil-mutur heavy-duty li jiġu mgħammra bl-apparat tad-DPF u s-sistema tal-SCR.

3. 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-investment meħtieġa, iżda ma jaqbiżx il-limiti murija fit-tabella t'hawn taħt:

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

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

Vehicle Category	Maximum Grant Amount
M2 – Minibuses	
N2 – Small Trucks	€450
O3 – Small Trailers	
M3 – Buses and Coaches	
N3 – Trucks	€900
O4 – Trailers	

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

2. Grant for the retrofitting of DPFs and SCR

A grant of ten thousand Euro (€10,000) will be paid to the registered owners of heavy-duty motor vehicles which are retrofitted with a DPF device and an SCR system.

3. 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	€20,000
N1 – Vans	
M2 – Minibuses	€40,000
N2 – Small Trucks	
M3 – Coaches and buses	€80,000
N3 – Trucks	

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