

11.2. Biex jeżerçita 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.

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.

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Nru. 206

**MINISTERU GHAT-TRASPORT,
L-INFRASTRUTTURA
U X-XOGĦLIJET PUBBLIĊI**

**Ghotjiet mill-Gvern għax-xiri ta' Vetturi
Aċċessibbli għas-Sigġijiet tar-Roti biex jintużaw
għat-Trasport ta' Passiġġieri b'Kiri jew b'Kumpens**

IL-MINISTERU għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xoghlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed joffri incenċiv f'forma ta' ghotja finanzjarja għal-liċenzjar ta' vetturi ġodda aċċessibbli għas-sigġijiet tar-roti sabiex ikun offrut wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument, sabiex persuni li jaġhmlu użu minn sigġijiet tar-roti jkollhom aċċess faċli u mingħajr bżonn ta' għajjnuna għal dawn is-servizzi ta' trasport.

Permezz ta' din l-iskema persuni li għandhom liċenzja biex joffru wieħed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument jistgħu jirċievu ghotja li tammonta għal għaxart elef ewro (€10,000) meta jillicenzjaw vettura ġdida li tkun aċċessibbli għas-sigġu tar-roti biex tintuża taħt dik il-liċenzja u fl-istess hin inehhu mir-registrazzjoni vettura oħra fil-kategorija M1, jew N1 li jkollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha u li tkun irregistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tneħħija mir-registrazzjoni.

L-iskema hija meqjusa li dahlet fis-seħh fl-1 ta' Jannar 2026 u ser tkun implimentata fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. L-iskema tibqa' miftuħa sal-31 ta'

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. 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.

13th February, 2026

No. 206

**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Government Grant on the purchase of
Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles to be used for
the Transport of Passengers for Hire or Reward**

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is offering an incentive in the form of a financial grant for the licensing of new wheelchair-accessible vehicles to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document, so that persons who make use of wheelchairs may have easy and unaided access to these transport services.

Through this scheme persons and undertakings that hold a licence to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document may receive a grant amounting to ten thousand Euro (€10,000) when licensing a new vehicle which is wheelchair-accessible to be used under that licence, and at the same time de-register another M1, or N1 category vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from its year of manufacture and which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of deregistration.

The scheme is deemed to have come into effect on the 1st of January 2026 and shall be implemented on a first come first served basis. The scheme shall remain open until the

Diċembru 2026, jew sakemm jiġi eżawrit il-baġit allokat għaliha li jammonta għal mija u ħamsin elf ewro (€150,000).

Il-kundizzjonijiet ta' din l-iskema huma bla preġudizzju għall-htigijiet stipulati fir-regolamenti tas-servizzi tat-trasport imsemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument, u dawn il-htigijiet għandhom japplikaw dejjem sakemm ma jkunx speċifikat mod ieħor.

Sidien li rreġistraw vettura aċċessibbli għas-sigġijiet tar-roti biex joffru wiehed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument fl-2025 u li ma bbenefikawx mill-iskema rispettiva ta' dik is-sena jew ta' xi sena preċedenti jistgħu japplikaw għal din l-iskema.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

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

1.1. 'Applikant' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriza li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-ghotja taht din l-iskema u li, apparti li tkun residenti jew stabbilita f'Malta, ikollha liċenzja biex topera wiehed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

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

1.3. 'Awtorità' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita taht id-dispozzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);

1.4. 'Ghotja' tfisser l-ghotja li qiegħda tingħata taht din l-iskema lix-xerrej ta' vettura aċċessibbli għas-sigġu tar-roti sabiex tkun liċenzjata biex toffri wiehed mis-servizzi msemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument;

1.5. 'Impriza stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fondazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

1.6. 'Impriza 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 li tahtar jew li tneħhi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża oħra;

31st of December 2026, or until the allocated budget of one hundred and fifty thousand Euro (€150,000) is exhausted.

The conditions of this scheme are without prejudice to the requirements stipulated in the regulations for the transport services listed in Section 2 of this document; and such requirements shall always apply unless otherwise specified.

Owners who registered a wheelchair accessible vehicle to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 in 2025 but did not benefit from the respective grant scheme for that year or any previous year may still apply for this scheme.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1. 'Applicant' means the person or undertaking applying for the grant under this scheme and who, apart from residing or being established in Malta, holds a licence to operate any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

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

1.3. 'Authority' 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);

1.4. 'Grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to the purchaser of a wheelchair-accessible vehicle to be licensed to offer any of the services listed in Section 2 of this document;

1.5. 'Undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation, or a cooperative society;

1.6. '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) 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, illi 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-intrapriži li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmijin fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriża waħda;

1.7. 'Liċenzja' tfisser il-liċenzja taċ-ċirkolazzjoni li tinhareġ fuq vettura bil-mutur biex tkun tista' tinstaq fit-triq u li tkun trid tiġġedded kull sena;

1.8. 'Malta' tfisser il-Gżejjer Maltin;

1.9. 'Persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

1.10. 'Persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu mahruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (KAP 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra mahruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

1.11. 'Sid registrat' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriża li f'isimha vettura tkun giet irregistrata mill-Awtorità;

1.12. 'Tnehhija mir-registrazzjoni' tfisser it-tnehhija permanenti ta' vettura bil-mutur mir-registrazzjoni tagħha mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa' tiġi rregistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f'Malta;

1.13. 'Vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1 li tippermetti aċċess faċli u bla għajjnuna lil persuni li jagħmlu użu minn siġġijiet tar-roti;

1.14. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta' persuni u li tista' ġġorr mhux aktar minn tmien (8) passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

1.15. 'Vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li l-oġġla massa tagħha ma tkunx aktar minn tliet tunnelli u nofs (3.5);

1.16. 'Vettura bil-mutur ġdida' tfisser vettura bil-mutur li qatt ma giet irregistrata qabel f'ebda pajjiż;

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;

1.7. 'Licence' means the circulation licence issued on a motor vehicle to be driven on the road, and which is to be renewed annually;

1.8. 'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;

1.9. 'Person' means a natural person;

1.10. 'Person residing in Malta' means a natural 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 of Foreign Affairs;

1.11. 'Registered Owner' means the person or undertaking in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by the Authority;

1.12. 'De-registration' means the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with the Authority for Transport in Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta;

1.13. 'Wheelchair-accessible vehicle' means an M1 category motor vehicle that allows easy and unaided access to persons who make use of wheelchairs;

1.14. 'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons, and which may carry no more than eight (8) passengers in addition to the driver;

1.15. 'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

1.16. 'New motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle which has never been registered in any country;

1.17. 'Vettura li tnehhiet mir-registrazzjoni' tfisser vettura bil-mutur tal-Kategorija M1, jew N1 li tnehhitilha r-registrazzjoni.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema tapplika għal persuni li jkunu residenti f'Malta u l-imprizi kollha stabbiliti f'Malta, jekk dik il-persuna jew impriza jkollha liċenzja biex toffri wiehed minn dawn is-servizzi:

A. Servizz ta' Taxi skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi tat-Taxi (L.S. 499.59); jew

B. Servizz ta' Trasport skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Servizzi ta' Ġarr ta' Passiġġieri b'Vetturi Żgħar u Servizzi ta' Kiri ta' Vetturi (L.S.499.68).

2.2. Minbarra l-konformità mal-klawsola 2.1, sabiex ikun eliġibbli għal din l-ghotja applikant għandu jkun is-sid registrat ta' vettura bil-mutur tal-kategorija M1, jew N1 li għandha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin mis-sena tal-manifattura, li tkun irregistrata f'isem l-applikant fil-jum tat-tnehhija mir-registrazzjoni, u li titneħħa mir-registrazzjoni.

2.3. Regoli dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' imprizi eliġibbli u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 tat-TFUE, l-assistenza se tingħata skont wiehed mir-Regolamenti de minimis li ġejjin:

(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 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 (ĠU L 51I, 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 ta' għajnuna 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' għajnuna 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-għajnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L, 2024/3118, 13.12.2024);

1.17. 'De-registered vehicle' means a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which has been de-registered.

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme applies to persons residing in Malta and undertakings established in Malta, if that person or undertaking holds a licence to offer any of the following services:

A. Taxi services in accordance with the Taxi Services Regulations (S.L.499.59); or

B. Transport Services in accordance with the Light Passenger Transport Services and Vehicle Hire Services Regulations (S.L.499.68).

2.2. In addition to compliance with clause 2.1, to be eligible for this grant an applicant shall also be the registered owner of a Category M1 or N1 motor vehicle which is at least ten (10) years old from the year of manufacture, which is registered on the applicant's name on the date of de-registration, and which is de-registered.

2.3. State aid Regulations.

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings 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), 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 51I, 22.2.2019), 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) 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 għajjnuna 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-għajjnuna 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-għajjnuna 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 għajjnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' 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-€50,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin;

(b) Għal imprizi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja tal-prodotti 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 taht din l-iskema ta' għajjnuna u kwalunkwe mizura oħra ta' għajjnuna mill-Istat mogħtija taht ir-Regolament de minimis inkluz dik riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom minn kwalunkwe entità għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin skont liema regolament de

(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 years;

(b) For undertakings active in the primary production of fishery and aquaculture products, 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 granted under the de minimis Regulation including that received and/or applied for from any entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years established according to the applicable de minimis Regulation. Any de

Minimis ikun jgħodd. 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 fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni de minimis iffirmata li tindika l-imprizi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriza waħda relatata mal-impriza applikanti, u kwalunkwe għajjnuna de minimis riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom mill-impriza waħda matul il-perjodu applikabbli ta' tliet snin skont ir-Regolament de minimis applikabbli. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awdatur jew accountant bil-warrant.

Mill-1 ta' Jannar 2026, l-informazzjoni dwar l-għajjnuna de minimis mogħtija taħt din l-iskema f'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831, għandha ssir disponibbli għall-pubbliku fir-reġistru ċentrali tal-għajjnuna de minimis.

L-informazzjoni li ġejja għandha ssir pubblika:

- a) l-identifikazzjoni tal-benefiċjarju,
- b) l-ammont tal-għajjnuna,
- c) id-data tal-ghoti,
- d) l-istrument tal-għajjnuna, u
- e) is-settur involut abbażi tal-klassifikazzjoni statistika tal-attivitàjiet ekonomiċi fl-Unjoni ('klassifikazzjoni NACE').

Dan ta' hawn fuq se japplika wkoll mill-1 ta' Jannar 2027 għall-għajjnuna de minimis mogħtija f'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013, kif emendat.

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

3.1. Wara li l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tkun ġiet irreġistrata f'Malta, l-aġent jew l-applikant għandu jissottometti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 053 f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

3.2. Il-lista t'hawn fuq hija mingħajr preġudizzju għal kwalunkwe dokumenti meħtieġa biex tkun irreġistrata l-vettura u biex tkun illiċenzjata taħt is-servizz tat-trasport applikabbli kif imsemmija fit-Taqsima 2 ta' dan id-dokument.

3.3. L-applikazzjonijiet bil-karta taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet u l-hinijiet tax-xogħol

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 all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking, and any de minimis aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year period established according to the applicable de minimis Regulation. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

As of 1 January 2026, information on de minimis aid granted under this scheme in line with Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831, shall be made publicly available in the central de minimis aid register.

The following information shall be made public:

- a) the identification of the beneficiary,
- b) the aid amount,
- c) the granting date,
- d) the aid instrument, and
- e) the sector involved on the basis of the statistical classification of economic activities in the Union ('NACE classification').

The above will also apply as of 1 January 2027 for de minimis aid awarded in line with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013, as amended.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. After the wheelchair-accessible vehicle is registered in Malta, the applicant shall submit application form VEH 053 in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

3.2. The above list is without prejudice to any documents required to register the vehicle and to license it under the applicable transport service as listed in Section 2 of this document.

3.3. Paper applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during the applicable working days and time at one

applikabbli f'wiehed mill-uffiċċji ta' Transport Malta f'Malta u Ghawdex, jew jiġu mibgħuta bil-posta skont l-istruzzjonijiet disponibbli fuq is-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta.

4. Eligibbiltà

4.1. Sabiex ikun eligibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2, u mal-kundizzjonijiet u r-regolamenti kollha relatati mas-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2.

4.2. Biex tikkwalifika għall-ghotja, vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti għandha tkun:

a) vettura bil-mutur ġdida tal-kategorija M1 meħtieġa sabiex toffri s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2; u

b) liċenzjata biex topera s-servizz applikabbli kif imsemmi fit-Taqsima 2 sa mhux aktar tard mill-31 ta' Diċembru tal-2026; u

c) manifatturata b'tali mod sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajjuna, u tkun tista' tingarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur; jew

d) Modifikata lokalmment, hekk kif approvat mill-Unità Teknika tal-Awtorità, sabiex persuna li tuża siġġu tar-roti tkun tista' taċċessa l-vettura faċilment u mingħajr għajjuna, u tkun tista' tingarr fil-vettura b'mod sikur.

4.3. Biex tikkwalifika, vettura bil-mutur li tkun se titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni jeħtieġ:

a) ikollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data meta ssir l-applikazzjoni, bl-età tiġi kkalkulata billi titnaqqas is-sena tal-manifattura tal-vettura murija fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura mis-sena li fiha tkun ġiet sottomessa l-applikazzjoni.

b) tkun liċenzjata f'isem l-applikant fid-data meta titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni, u fid-data meta tiġi rreġistrata l-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu bir-roti l-ġdida, skont kif muri fiċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura jew kif ikkonfermat mill-Awtorità.

c) tkun ġiet mgħoddija go faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata.

d) tkun tneħħiet mir-reġistrazzjoni skont id-dispozzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (L.S. 368.02) mhux qabel l-1 ta' Jannar 2025.

e) Vetturi mneħħija mir-reġistrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispozzjonijiet tal-L.S.65.24 ma jkunux eligibbli għal din l-iskema ta' skrappjar.

of Transport Malta's offices in Malta and Gozo, or mailed according to the instructions available on the website of Transport Malta.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2, and with all conditions and regulations related to the applicable service as listed in Section 2.

4.2. To qualify for the grant, a wheelchair-accessible vehicle shall be:

a) a new M1 category motor vehicle required to offer the applicable service as listed in Section 2; and

b) licensed to operate the applicable services as listed in Section 2 by not later than 31st December 2026; and

c) manufactured in a way so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided, and may be transported in the vehicle safely; or

d) modified locally, as approved by the Authority's Technical Unit, so that a person using a wheelchair may access the vehicle easily and unaided and may be transported in the vehicle safely.

4.3. To qualify, a motor vehicle that shall be de-registered shall:

a) have at least ten (10) years on the date of application, with the age being calculated by deducting the vehicle's year of manufacture shown on the vehicle's registration certificate from the year in which the application is submitted;

b) be licensed in the name of the applicant on the date when the vehicle is to be destructed, and on the date when the new Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle is registered, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate, or as confirmed by the Authority;

c) have been transferred to an authorised treatment facility;

d) have been de-registered in terms of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (S.L.368.02) not earlier than 1st January 2025;

e) Deregistered vehicles which had benefitted from the provisions of S.L.65.24 shall not be eligible for this scrappage scheme.

4.4. L-ghotja li tinghata m'għandhiex titqies bhala dhul għall-finijiet ta' taxxa.

4.5. L-iskema se tkun limitata għal hmistax-il (15) vettura eligibbli fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

5. Hlas tal-ghotja

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

5.2. Il-hlas isir biss jekk l-applikant ma jkunx lahaq il-limiti stabbiliti mir-Regolament de minimis kif stabbilit f'sezzjoni 2.3.

5.3. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu sostnuti b'evidenza li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-hlas huwa miżmum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li tkun ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx imtliet b'mod shih u jkollha magħha d-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timentliex tajjeb u d-dokumenti rilevanti ma jkunux inkluzi, it-talba għall-ghotja ma tiġix proċessata sakemm tinghata l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

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

7. Rifuzjoni tal-ghotja

7.1. Kwalunkwe vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija mill-applikant taht din l-ghotja għandha tibqa' rreġistrata f'isem l-applikant u użata biex toffri l-istess servizz kif elenkat fit-Taqsima 2 għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni.

7.2. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li fuqha tkun inharġet ghotja taht din l-iskema jittrasferixxi l-imsemmija vettura lil terza persuna jew jillicenzja l-vettura għall-użu privat qabel l-iskadenza tal-perjodu msemmi hawn fuq, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-ghotja li rċeviet minghand Transport Malta.

7.3. Ir-rifuzjonijiet imsemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'għandhomx ikunu meħtieġa fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

7.3.1. Meta t-trasferiment imsemmi fih ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terza persuna.

4.4. The grant given shall not be assessed as income for tax purposes.

4.5. The scheme will be limited to fifteen (15) eligible vehicles on a first-come-first-served basis.

5. Payment of Grant

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

5.2. Payment shall be affected only if the applicant would not have reached the limit established in the de minimis Regulation as specified in section 2.3.

5.3. Applications shall be supported by evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

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. Refunding of grant

7.1. Any new wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name and used to offer the same service as listed in Section 2 for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration.

7.2. If the registered owner of a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle to a third party or licences the vehicle for private use before the expiry of the above-mentioned period, then that person shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta.

7.3. The refund mentioned in 7.2. above shall not be required in the following circumstances:

7.3.1. When the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party.

7.3.2. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolve vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taht din l-ghotja li tkun iddikjarata li ma tistax tisewwa wara inċident jew għal kwalunkwe raġuni oħra u tinbidel b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tal-istess mudell jew mudell ekwivalenti, f'dan il-każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li tiehu post dik oriġinali.

7.3.3. Meta t-trasferiment jinvolve vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taht din l-ghotja li tiġi ritornata lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u fejn l-aġent jew negozjant jaċċetta li jibdel l-imsemmija vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti tal-istess mudell jew mudell ekwivalenti, f'dan il-każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti li tiehu post dik oriġinali.

7.3.4. Meta impriza titneħħa minn ġewwa impriza waħda u l-vettura tiġi trasferita għal impriza oħra fi hdan l-istess impriza waħda.

7.4. Meta vettura aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti mixtrija taht din l-ghotja tiġi ritornata lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-aġent jew negozjant ma jibdilhiex b'vettura ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti iżda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz imhallas kollu jew parti minnu mhallas għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, jew jibdilha ma' vettura mhux aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-ghotja riċevuta għall-vettura l-ġdida aċċessibbli għas-siġġu tar-roti skont il-perjodu li għadda mix-xiri tal-vettura u r-ritorn tagħha lill-aġent, kif elenkat hawn taht:

1. Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%.
2. Aktar minn 12-il xahar iżda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%.
3. Aktar minn 24 xahar iżda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25%.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema għandhom jiġu aċċettati sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2026 jew sal-eżawriment tal-fondi bbaġitjati, sakemm ma tiġix modifikata 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-applikazzjonijiet li jaslu fi żmien l-iskadenza stipulata f'8.1 jistgħu jiġu pproċessati, approvati u mhallas sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2027.

8.3. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif jidhirlu li jkun meħtieġ mill-Ministru permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

7.3.2. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is declared to be unrepairable following an accident or for any other reason and is replaced by a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.3. When the transfer involves a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant which is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and where the agent or dealer accepts to replace the said wheelchair-accessible vehicle with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle of the same or equivalent model, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the wheelchair-accessible vehicle replacing the original one.

7.3.4. When an undertaking is struck off from within a single undertaking and the vehicle is transferred to another undertaking within the same single undertaking.

7.4. When a wheelchair-accessible vehicle purchased under this grant is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and the agent or dealer does not replace it with a new wheelchair-accessible vehicle but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle, or replaces it with a non-wheelchair-accessible vehicle, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the new wheelchair-accessible vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the vehicle and its return to the agent, as listed below:

1. Less than 12 months: 75%.
2. More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%.
3. More than 24 months but less than 36 months: 25%.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. Applications under this scheme shall be accepted until the 31st of December 2026 or until the exhaustion of allocated 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. Applications received within the deadline stipulated in 8.1 may be processed, approved, and paid out until 31st December 2027.

8.3. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Emendi lill-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emendi lil din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Meta tinqala' 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' hlażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mhallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

10.2. Transport Malta tirriserva d-dritt li tagħmel il-kontrolli u tiegħu l-azzjonijiet kollha meħtieġa bbażati fuq l-informazzjoni pprovduta fir-rigward tas-Sid Benefiċjarju Aħħari (UBO) sabiex tikkonferma l-konformità mar-regolamenti kollha rilevanti.

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 tletin (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 iehor 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.

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-għotja. Dan il-bord għandu jirrevedi t-talba tal-applikant, id-deċiżjoni originali tal-Awtorità, l-applikazzjoni originali u kwalunkwe dokument u informazzjoni rilevanti oħra u għandu jiddeċiedi jekk id-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità għandhiex tinżamm jew tinbidel. Il-bord għandu jippreżenta d-deċiżjonijiet tiegħu lill-Kap Eżekuttiv, jew lill-uffiċċju delegat mill-Kap Eżekuttiv, li mbagħad għandu jikkomunika d-deċiżjoni finali lill-applikant.

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9. Amendments to the scheme

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

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. 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 that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

10.2. Transport Malta reserves the right to carry out any necessary checks and actions based on the information provided in respect of the Ultimate Beneficiary Owner (UBO) to confirm compliance with all relevant regulations.

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 delegated 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. 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 upheld 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.

13th February, 2026