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**MINISTERU GHAT-TRASPORT,
INFRASTRUTTURA, U XOGHLIJIET PUBBLICI**

Skema ta' Għotjiet tal-Gvern, inkluża Skema tal-Iskrappjar, ghax-xiri ta' Vetturi Elettrici ġoddha fil-Kategorija L, M u N u Pedelecs, għal Persuni, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u Impriżi

IL-MINISTERU għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura, u Xogħlilijet Pubbliċi flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Transport Malta) qed jiġi pubblika skema ta' għotjiet finanzjarji mmirati għal persuni residenti f'Malta, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, u impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta, sabiex tkompli tippromwovi l-użu ta' vetturi elettrici fil-kategorija L, M u N u pedelecs ġoddha. Din l-ghotja tapplika wkoll għal vetturi bi skop specjal.

L-iskema għandha l-ghan li tnaqqas l-ammont ta' vetturi qedma bil-mutur konvenzjonal mit-triq u hi soġġetta għall-kundizzjonijiet stipulati f'dan id-dokument. L-ghotjiet jappoġġjaw ix-xiri ta' vetturi tal-passiggieri, vetturi għall-garr tal-merkanzija, minibuses, kowċis, kwadriċikli, muturi u pedelecs ġoddha.

L-ghotjiet jinkludu skema tal-iskrappjar maħsuba biex tiprovd aktar appoġġ finanzjarju lill-applikanti li, filwaqt li jixtru u jirregistraw vettura elettrika jew pedelec ġidida, inehħu mir-registrazzjoni vettura ta' kwalunkwe kategorija li jkollha aktar minn 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura tagħha.

L-iskema hija meqjusa li dahlet fis-seħħ mill-**1 ta' Jannar 2024** u hija fuq baži ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. Din l-iskema għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-**31 ta' Diċembru 2024** jew sakemm il-fondi bbaġitjati jiġu eżawriti, sakemm ma jiġux modifikati jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

Il-fondi bbaġitjati għal din l-iskema jammontaw għal-ħmistax-il miljun euro (€15,000,000). Din l-ghotja qed tkun iż-żifra permezz tal-Pjan għall-Irkupru u r-Reziljenza ta' Malta.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-fini ta' dawn l-ghotjiet, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtiegx mod ieħor:

‘applikant’ tfisser il-persuna residenti f’Malta, organizzazzjoni volontaria, jew impriżi stabbiliti f’Malta li tapplika għall-ghotja taħt din l-iskema, u li tkun ix-xerrej ta’ vettura elettrika ġidida tal-Kategorija L jew M jew N, jew pedelec kif definiti hawn;

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

Government Grant Scheme, including Scrappage Scheme, for the purchase of new Electric Vehicles in Category L, M and N and Pedelecs for Persons, Voluntary Organisations and Undertakings

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) is publishing a financial grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta, voluntary organisations and undertakings established in Malta, to further promote the use of new electric vehicles in Category L, M and N and pedelecs. This grant is applicable also to special purpose vehicles.

The scheme aims at reducing the number of older conventional motor vehicles from the road and is subject to the conditions stipulated in this document. The grant shall support the purchase of new passenger cars, goods carrying vehicles, minibuses, coaches, quadricycle, motorcycles, and pedelecs.

The grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a new electric vehicle or pedelec, deregister a vehicle of any category which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

The grant is deemed to have come into effect as of the **1st of January 2024** and is on a first come first served basis. This grant shall remain in force until the **31st of December 2024** or until the budgeted funds are exhausted, unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

The budgeted funds for this scheme amount to fifteen million Euro (€15,000,000). This grant scheme is financed through the Recovery and Resilience Plan for Malta.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

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

‘applicant’ means the person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta applying for the grant under this scheme, and is the purchaser of a new Category L or M or N electric vehicle, or a pedelec as defined hereunder;

‘applikazzjoni’ tħisser l-applikazzjoni magħmula għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;

‘bejjiegħ’ tħisser aġġent jew negozjant kif definit taħt din l-iskema;

‘certifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura’ tħisser ic-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jipprovi prova tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura bil-mutur skont l-Att dwar ir-Registrazzjoni u l-Licenzjar ta’ Vetturi bil-Mutur (Kap. 368 tal-Ligijiet ta’ Malta)

‘facilità ta’ trattament awtorizzata’ tħisser facilità awtorizzata biex teqred vetturi u toħrog ċertifikati ta’ distruzzjoni, f’konformità mar-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġjar tal-Iskart (End of Life) - L.S. 549.36;

‘għotja’ tħisser l-għotja li qed tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil-applicant li jissodisfa r-rekwiziti tat-taqṣima 4;

‘impriża f’diffikultà’ tħisser impriża li fir-rigward tagħha sseħħ mill-inqas waħda miċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

a) Fil-każ ta’ kumpanija b’reponsabbiltà limitata (minbarra SME li ilha teżisti għal inqas minn tliet snin), fejn aktar minn nofs il-kapital azzjonarju sottoskritt tagħha sparixxa bħala riżultat ta’ telf akkumulat. Dan huwa l-każ meta t-tnejqis tat-telf akkumulat minn riżervi (u l-elementi l-oħra kollha ġeneralment meqjusa bħala parti mill-fondi propri tal-kumpanija) iwassal għal ammont kumulattiv negattiv li jaqbeż nofs il-kapital azzjonarju sottoskritt. Għall-finijiet ta’ din id-dispozizzjoni, “kumpanija b’reponsabbiltà limitata” tirreferi b’mod partikolari għat-tipi ta’ kumpaniji msemmija fl-Anness I tad-Direttiva 2013/34/EU u “kapital azzjonarju” tinkludi, fejn rilevanti, kwalunkwe primjum ta’ ishma.

b) Fil-każ ta’ kumpanija fejn mill-inqas xi membri tagħha għandhom responsabbiltà illimitata għad-dejn tal-kumpanija (minbarra SME li ilha teżisti għal inqas minn tliet snin), fejn aktar minn nofs il-kapital tagħha kif muri fil-kontijiet tal-kumpanija jkun sparixxa bħala riżultat ta’ telf akkumulat. Għall-finijiet ta’ din id-dispozizzjoni, “kumpanija fejn mill-inqas xi membri tagħha għandhom responsabbiltà illimitata għad-dejn tal-kumpanija” tirreferi b’mod partikolari għat-tipi ta’ kumpanija msemmija fl-Anness II tad-Direttiva 2013/34/EU.

c) Meta l-impriża tkun soġġetta għal proċedimenti kollettivi ta’ insolvenza jew tissodisfa l-kriterji taħt il-ligi domestika tagħha biex titqiegħed fi proċedimenti kollettivi ta’ insolvenza fuq talba tal-kredituri tagħha.

d) Meta l-impriża tkun irċeviet ghajjnuna għas-salvatagħ u tkun għadha ma rrimborsatx is-self jew ma temmitx il-garanzija, jew tkun irċeviet ghajjnuna għar-ristrutturar u tkun għadha soġġetta għal pjani ta’ ristrutturar.

‘application’ means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

‘seller’ means an agent or dealer as defined under this scheme;

‘vehicle registration certificate’ means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act (Cap. 368 of the Laws of Malta);

‘authorised treatment facility’ means a facility authorised to destroy vehicles and issue certificates of destruction, in compliance with the Waste Management (End of Life Regulations) - S.L. 549.36;

‘grant’ means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant that satisfies the requirements of section 4;

‘undertaking in difficulty’ means an undertaking in respect of which at least one of the following circumstances occurs:

a) In the case of a limited liability company (other than an SME that has been in existence for less than three years), where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses. This is the case when deduction of accumulated losses from reserves (and all other elements generally considered as part of the own funds of the company) leads to a negative cumulative amount that exceeds half of the subscribed share capital. For the purposes of this provision, “limited liability company” refers in particular to the types of company mentioned in Annex I of Directive 2013/34/EU and “share capital” includes, where relevant, any share premium.

b) In the case of a company where at least some of its members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company (other than an SME that has been in existence for less than three years), where more than half of its capital as shown in the company accounts has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses. For the purposes of this provision, “a company where at least some of its members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company” refers in particular to the types of company mentioned in Annex II of Directive 2013/34/EU.

c) Where the undertaking is subject to collective insolvency proceedings or fulfils the criteria under its domestic law for being placed in collective insolvency proceedings at the request of its creditors.

d) Where the undertaking has received rescue aid and has not yet reimbursed the loan or terminated the guarantee, or has received restructuring aid and is still subject to a restructuring plan.

e) Fil-każ ta' impiżja li mhijiex SME, meta, għall-aħħar sentejn:

1. id-dejn kontabilistiku għall-proporzjon ta' ekwità tal-intrapriżja jkun akbar minn 7.5 u

2. l-proporzjon ta' imgħax kopert tal-EBITDA tal-impiżja jkun taħt 1.0.

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

'impiżja kbira' tfisser impiżja li mhijiex intrapriżja medja jew żgħira.

'impiżja medja' tfisser impiżja li thaddem inqas minn 250 persuna u li għandha fatturat annwali li ma jaqbizx il-50 miljun ewro, u/jew it-total annwali tal-karta tal-bilanč li ma jaqbizx it-43 miljun ewro, u li mhijiex impiżja żgħira.

'impiżja stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Ligi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva, li ma tkunx kontrollata direttament jew indirettament mill-Gvern ta' Malta jew iffinanzjata permezz ta' fondi pubblici.

'impiżja waħda' tinkludi, għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li għandhom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li gejjin bejniethom:

a) impiżja waħda għandha l-maġgoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'impiżja oħra;

b) impiżja waħda għandha d-dritt li taħtar jew tneħħi maġgoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' impiżja oħra;

c) impiżja waħda għandha d-dritt li teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq impiżja oħra skont kuntratt li jkun sar ma' dik l-impiżja jew skond dispożizzjoni fil-memorandum jew l-artikoli ta' assoċċazzjoni tagħha;

d) impiżja waħda, li hija azzjonista jew membru ta' impiżja oħra, tikkontrolla waħedha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra jew membri ta' dik l-impiżja, maġgoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-impiżja.

Impriżi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti (a) sa (d) hawn fuq permezz ta' impiżja waħda jew aktar għandhom jitqiesu wkoll bħala impiżja waħda.

'impiżja żgħira' tfisser impiżja li thaddem inqas minn 50 persuna u li l-fatturat annwali tagħha u/jew it-total annwali tal-karta tal-bilanč tagħha ma jaqbizx l-10 miljun ewro;

e) In the case of an undertaking that is not an SME, where, for the past two years:

1. the undertaking's book debt to equity ratio has been greater than 7.5 and

2. the undertaking's EBITDA interest coverage ratio has been below 1.0.

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

'large enterprise' means an enterprise which is not a medium or small enterprise.

'medium enterprise' means an enterprise which employs fewer than 250 persons and which has an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million Euro, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million Euro, and which is not a small enterprise.

'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, which is not controlled directly or indirectly by the Government of Malta or funded through public funds.

'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) 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.

'small enterprise' means an enterprise which employs fewer than 50 persons and whose annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet total does not exceed 10 million Euro;

‘l-ewwel regiſtrazzjoni’ għandha tinkludi r-regiſtrazzjoni ta’ vettura għall-ewwel darba f’isem persuna residenti f’Malta jew impriżza stabbilita f’Malta fejn il-vettura kkonċernata kienet irregiſtrata għall-ewwel darba f’Malta;

‘Malta’ tfisser il-gżejjjer Maltin.

‘negożjant’ jew ‘agent’ tfisser persuna jew entità awtorizzata biex timporta, tbigh jew tixtri vetturi bil-mutur

‘organizzazzjoni volontarja’ għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (Kap. 492 tal-Ligijiet ta’ Malta)

‘pedelec’ tfisser cikletta li taħdem bil-pedali u bl-elettriku u li l-mutur tagħha jigi attivat immedjatamente kif is-sewwieq jibda jdawwar il-pedala u jitwaqqaf hekk kif is-sewwieq ma jibqax idawwar il-pedala, u li tista’ tilhaq velocità massima ta’ 25km/h;

‘pedelec tal-merkanzija’ tfisser pedelec li jista’ jgħorr mill-inqas 100kg ta’ merkanzija minbarra s-sewwieq;

‘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-Ligijiet 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;

‘prodotti agrikoli’ tfisser prodotti elenkti fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-ecċeżżjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (KE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill (GU L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1).

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

‘sid reġistrat’ tfisser il-persuna, l-organizzazzjoni volontarja jew l-impriżza li f’isimha tkun irregiſtrata vettura mill-Awtoritāt;

‘SME’ tfisser impriżza żgħira jew ta’ daqs medju;

‘Standard tal-Unjoni’ tfisser:

a) standard tal-Unjoni obbligatorju li jistabbilixxi l-livelli li għandhom jintlaħqu minn impriżzi individwali f’termini ambjentali, eskużi standards jew miri stabbiliti fil-livell tal-Unjoni li jorbtu għall-Istati Membri iżda mhux għal impriżzi individwali; jew

b) lobbligu li jintużaw l-aħjar tekniki disponibbli (BAT), kif definiti fid-Direttiva 2010/75/EU tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill, u li jiġi żgurat li l-livelli tal-emissionijiet ma jaqbżu dawk li jinkisbu meta tigħiġi applikata l-BAT; fejn il-

‘first registration’ shall include the registration of a vehicle for the first time in the name of a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta where the vehicle concerned was registered for the first time in Malta;

‘Malta’ means the Maltese islands.

‘dealer’ or ‘agent’ means a person or entity authorised to import, sell, or buy motor vehicles

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

‘pedelec’ means a pedal electric bicycle whose electric motor is activated as soon as the rider starts pedalling and is deactivated as soon as the rider stops pedalling, and which can reach a maximum speed of 25km/h;

‘cargo pedelec’ means a pedelec which can carry at least 100kg of cargo excluding the driver;

‘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;

‘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);

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

‘registered owner’ means the person, voluntary organisation or undertaking in whose name a vehicle is registered by the Authority;

‘SME’ means a small or medium-sized enterprise;

‘Union standard’ means:

a) a mandatory Union standard setting the levels to be attained in environmental terms by individual undertakings excluding standards or targets set at Union level which are binding for Member States but not for individual undertakings; or

b) the obligation to use the best available techniques (BAT), as defined in Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and to ensure that emission levels do not exceed those that would be achieved when applying BAT;

livelli ta' emissjonijiet assoċjati mal-BAT ikunu ġew definiti f'atti ta' implementazzjoni adottati skont id-Direttiva 2010/75/EU jew taħt direttivi applikabbli oħra, dawk il-livelli jkunu applikabbli għall-finijiet ta' dan ir-Regolament; fejn dawk il-livelli huma espressi bħala firxa, il-limitu li għalih il-BAT intlaħaq l-ewwel għall-impriza kkonċernata jkun applikabbli.

‘tneħħija mir-registrazzjoni’ tfisser, għall-fini ta’ din l-iskema, it-tneħħija permanenti ta’ vettura bil-mutur mir-registrazzjoni tagħha mal-Awtorită għat-Trasport f’Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa’ tīgħi rregistrata biex tintuża fit-triq f’Malta;

‘Transport Malta’ tfisser l-Awtorită għat-Trasport f’Malta mwaqqfa taħt id-dispozizzjoniżiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorită għat-Trasport f’Malta (Kap. 499 tal-Ligijiet ta’ Malta);

‘vettura b’emissjonijiet żero’ għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira li hija assenjata lilha fl-Artikolu 2 (102g) tar-Regolament għall-Exenzjoni Ġenerali Shiha msemmi fit-Taqsima 2.7.3 hawnhekk;

‘vettura bi skop speċjali’ tfisser, għall-finijiet ta’ din l-iskema, vettura tal-kategorija M jew N li għandha karatteristiċi teknici specifici li jippermettulha li twettaq funżjoni li teħtieg arrangamenti jew tagħmir speċjali;

‘vettura elettrika’ tfisser vettura b’emissjonijiet żero li hija mhaddma esklusivament b’mutur jeew muturi elettriċi li jużaw energija elettrika mahżuna f’batteriji li huma cċārgjati minn sors tal-elettriku estern;

‘vettura elettrika jew pedelec ġidida’ tfisser vettura elettrika jew pedelec li qatt ma għiet irregistrata qabel fi kwalunkwe pajjiż.

‘vettura li tneħħiet mir-registrazzjoni’ tfisser vettura li tneħħiha r-registrazzjoni;

‘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-approvażżjoni u s-sorveljanza tas-suq ta’ vetturi b’żewġ jew tliet roti u kwadriċikli, kif emendati.

‘vettura tal-Kategorija M’ tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M1, M2 jew M3;

‘vettura tal-Kategorija M1’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta’ persuni u li tista’ ġġorr mhux aktar minn tmien passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

‘vettura tal-Kategorija M2’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta’ persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx il-ħames (5) tunnellati;

‘vettura tal-Kategorija M3’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta’ persuni li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili

where emission levels associated with the BAT have been defined in implementing acts adopted under Directive 2010/75/EU or under other applicable directives, those levels will be applicable for the purposes of this Regulation; where those levels are expressed as a range, the limit for which the BAT is first achieved for the undertaking concerned will be applicable.

‘de-registration’ means, for the purpose of this scheme, the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with Transport Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta

‘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);

‘zero-emissions vehicle’ shall have the same meaning that is assigned to it in Article 2 (102g) of the General Block Exemption Regulation referred to in Section 2.7.3 herein.

‘special purpose vehicle’ means, for the purposes of this scheme, a vehicle of category M or N having specific technical features that enable it to perform a function that requires special arrangements or equipment;

‘electric vehicle’ means a zero-emission vehicle which is powered exclusively by electric motors using electrical energy stored in batteries which are charged from an external electricity source;

‘New electric vehicle or pedelec’ means an electric vehicle or pedelec which has never been registered before in any country.

‘de-registered vehicle’ means a vehicle which has been de-registered

‘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.

‘Category M vehicle’ means a Category M1, M2 or M3 vehicle;

‘Category M1 vehicle’ means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver;

‘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;

‘Category M3 vehicle’ means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats

minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn ħames (5) tunnellati;

‘vettura tal-Kategorija N’ tħisser vettura tal-Kategorija N1, N2 jew N3;

‘vettura tal-Kategorija N1’ tħisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5);

‘vettura tal-Kategorija N2’ tħisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li taqbeżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5) imma ma taqbiżx is-seba’ tunnellati u nofs (7.5);

‘vettura tal-Kategorija N3’ tħisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta’ aktar minn seba’ tunnellati u nofs (7.5);

‘Unjoni Ewropea’ għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea (KAP.460 tal-Liġijiet ta’ Malta), u tinkludi n-Norveġja, l-Islanda u Liechtenstein.

‘xerrej’ tħisser persuna residenti f’Malta, organizazzjoni volontarja, jew impriċa stabbilita f’Malta li jixtri l-vettura minn pajjiż ieħor jew mingħand l-aġent jew negozjant lokali, li jkollu dik il-vettura rregistrata f’ismu u li jkun l-applikant għall-ghotja taħt din l-iskema;

2. Qasam tal-Applikabilità

2.1 L-iskema għal għotja finanzjarja għax-xiri ta’ vetturi elettriċi jew pedelecs ġodda kif definit hawn fuq, tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f’Malta, organizazzjoni volontarja, jew impriċa stabbilita f’Malta.

2.2 L-iskema tippermetti taħlita ta’ xiri ta’ vetturi elettriċi u pedelecs ġodda, u tibdil ta’ vetturi antiki.

2.3 L-ammont totali tal-ghotja maħruġ lill-applikanti għal kwalunkwe waħda minn dawn l-ghotjet m’għandux jaqbeż il-prezz tax-xiri tal-vettura elettrika jew tal-pedelex il-ġidha.

2.4 Fil-każ ta’ applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi bi skop specjalisti, il-kundizzjonijiet applikabbli għandhom jikkorrispondu għal dawk applikabbli għall-vetturi tal-Kategorija N b’massa massima permissibbli simili għal dik tal-vettura bi skop specjalisti kkonċernata.

2.5 Għotja għal Xiri ta’ Vetturi elettriċi Ĝodda tal-Kategorija L jew M jew N

2.5.1 Applikazzjoni għal għotja minn persuni residenti Malta u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li ma jwettqux attivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE

in addition to the driver’s seat and having a maximum mass exceeding five (5) tonnes;

‘Category N vehicle’ means a Category N1, N2 or N3 vehicle;

‘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;

‘Category N2 vehicle’ means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes but not exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

‘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;

‘European Union’ has the same meaning as is assigned to it by article 2 of the European Union Act (CAP 460 of the Laws of Malta), and includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;

‘purchaser’ means a person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta buying the vehicle from another country or from the local agent or dealer, having that vehicle registered in his name and being the applicant for the grant under this scheme.

2. Area of Applicability

1.1. The scheme for a financial grant for the purchase of new electric vehicles and pedelecs as defined above, applies to any person residing in Malta, voluntary organisation, or undertaking established in Malta.

1.2. The scheme allows a mix and match of purchase of new electric vehicles and pedelecs, and replacement of old vehicles.

1.3. The total grant amount issued to applicants for any of these grants shall not exceed the purchase price of the new electric vehicle or pedelec.

1.4. 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.

1.5. Grant for the Purchase of New Category L or M or N electric Vehicles.

1.5.1. Grant application by persons residing in Malta and voluntary organisations that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli f'dawn il-każijiet għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed tiġi rregistrata, kif muri fit-Tabella 1 tal-Anness.

2.5.2 Applikazzjoni għal għotja minn impriżi u organizazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU

a) L-ammonti tal-għotja applikabbli f'dawn il-każijiet ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed tiġi rregistrata, il-kwantità ta' vetturi li jiġu rregistrati, u d-daq u s-settu tal-impriza jew organizzazzjoni li qed tapplika, kif muri fit-Tabelli 1 u 3 tal-Anness.

b) Ir-regoli dwar l-ghajnuna mill-Istat għandhom japplikaw għal għotjet maħruġa taht din it-taqsim, skont il-kategorija u l-kwantità ta' vetturi li jiġu rregistrati. Ir-regoli dwar l-ghajnuna mill-Istat huma spjegati fid-dettall fit-taqsim 2.7 ta' dan id-dokument.

2.6 L-Iskema tal-Iskrappjar

a) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għal għotja li tinvvoli t-tnejħija mir-registrazzjoni ta' vettura eżistenti, l-applikant għandu jneħhi r-registrazzjoni ta' vettura tal-kategorija L, M jew N li għandha mill-inqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura u li tkun irregistrata u ggaraxxjata jew illičenzjata ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant qabel il-qedra tagħha u qabel ir-registrazzjoni tal-vetturi elettrika gdida suġġetta għall-applikazzjoni għall-għotja, u li tkun giet meqruda fl-1 ta' Jannar 2023 jew wara.

b) Sabiex tkun eligibbli għall-iskema tal-Iskrappjar, il-vettura li tkun tnejħiet mir-registrazzjoni trid tkun tal-istess kategorija jew kategorija iż-ġgħar minn dik tal-vettura elettrika gdida li tkun qed tiġi rregistrata. Madanakollu, meta applikant jirregistra vettura tal-kategorija L gdida jkun jista' jneħħi mir-registrazzjoni vettura tal-kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 u xorta jkun eligibbli għall-għotja taht l-iskema tal-Iskrappjar.

c) L-ammonti ta' għotja applikabbli f'dan il-każ għandhom ivarjaw skont il-kategorija tal-vettura li tkun qed titnejha mir-registrazzjoni, kif indikat fit-Tabella 2 tal-Anness.

d) Għotjet għall-Iskrappjar maħruġa taht din it-taqsim il-imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU huma soġġetti għar-regoli tal-ghajnuna mill-Istat skont ir-Regolament De Minimis applikabbli, kif stipulat fit-taqsim 2.7.2 ta' dan id-dokument.

2.7 Regoli dwar l-ghajnuna mill-Istat

2.7.1 Din l-iskema qed tiġi offruta taht żewġ Regolamenti dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat differenti, kif spjegat hawn taħt. Applikanti li ma jistgħux japplikaw taħt ir-Regolamenti de minimis għax mhumiex eligibbli taħt l-istess Regolamenti,

The grant amounts applicable in these cases shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being registered, as shown in Table 1 of the Annex.

2.5.2 Grant application by undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU

a) The grant amounts applicable in these cases shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being registered, the quantity of vehicles being registered and the size and sector of the applying undertaking or organisation, as shown in Tables 1 and 3 of the Annex.

b) State aid rules shall apply for grants issued under this section, depending on the category and quantity of electric vehicles being registered. The State aid rules are explained in detail in section 2.7 of this document.

2.6 Scrappage Scheme

a) In the case of a grant application involving the deregistration of an existing vehicle, the applicant shall deregister a category L or M or N vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture and which is registered and garaged or licensed with Transport Malta on the applicant's name before its destruction and before the registration of the new electric vehicle subject to the grant application, and which has been destructed on or after the 1st of January 2023.

b) In order to be eligible for this scrappage scheme, the deregistered vehicle shall be from the same or lower category as the new Electric Vehicle being registered. However, when an applicant registers a new category L vehicle, the applicant may deregister a vehicle from Category L or M1 or N1 and still be eligible for the scrappage scheme grant.

c) The grant amounts applicable in this case shall vary depending on the category of vehicle being deregistered, as indicated in Table 2 of the Annex.

d) Scrappage grants issued under this section to undertakings established in Malta or voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are subject to State aid rules in line with the applicable de minimis Regulation, as explained in section 2.7.2 of this document.

2.7 State aid rules

2.7.1 This scheme is being offered under two different State aid Regulations, as explained below. Applicants who cannot apply under the de minimis Regulations because they are not eligible under the said Regulations, or due to the

jew minhabba l-limiti applikabbi, jistgħu japplikaw għall-incentiv taħt ir-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni Ġenerali Shiħa.

2.7.2 Regolamenti De Minimis

L-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wieħed mir-Regolamenti de minimis li ġejjin.

a) Għal impriżi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Dicembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal ghajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (GU 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 ghajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (GU L 51I, 22.2.2019) 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 ta' ghajjnuna 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' ghajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriżza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (GU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

b) Għal impriżi 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 għal ghajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura (GU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Dicembru 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 (GU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Dicembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (GU 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-ghajjnuna 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' de minimis ghajjnuna mogħtija lil impriżza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (GU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

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

applicable thresholds, may apply for the incentive under the General Block Exemption Regulation.

2.7.2 De Minimis Regulations

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) 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).

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

a) Għal impriżi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agricolari, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

b) Għal impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

c) Għall-impriżi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' ghajnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament de minimis inkluż dik li tirċievi minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajnej Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin kif applikabbi. Kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu applikabbi stabbilit sejkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attivit ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU għandhom jimleu u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni de minimis iffirmsata li tindika kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriża unika matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbi ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li għandha tiġi pprovduta għandha tinkludi dettalji dwar għajnuna de minimis riċevuta u applikata għaliha mill-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża unika relatata mal-impriża applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmsata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur b'garanzija.

2.7.3 A Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni Ġenerali Shiħa (GBER)

Bl-eċċejżjoni ta' impriżi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura¹, u ta' dawk l-impriżi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attivit ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFEU li jixtru vettura jew vetturi elettriċi tal-Kategorija L jew M1 jew N1 u li jibbenefikaw minn assistenza taħt din l-iskema għal tali xiri skont ir-Regolamenti applikabbi dwar l-ghajnuna mill-Istat de minimis kif stipulat fit-taqṣima 2.7.2, l-ghotja għax-xiri ta' vettura elettriċa jew vetturi elettriċi tal-Kategorija L jew M jew N se tiġi implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 651/2014 tas-

¹Għal impriżi attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, l-ghajnuna tal-Istat tista' tingħata skont ir-Regolament de minimis applikabbi.

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) 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 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 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 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.

2.7.3 General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

With the exception of undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture¹ sector, and those undertakings or voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU that purchase one or more Category L or M or N electric vehicles and that benefit from assistance for such purchase in line with the applicable de minimis State aid Regulations as stipulated in Section 2.7.2, the grant for the purchase of one or more Category L or M or N electric vehicles will be implemented in line with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17

¹For undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, State aid may be granted in line with the applicable de minimis Regulation.

17 ta' Ĝunju 2014 li jiddikjara certi kategoriji ta' għajnuna kompatibbli mas-suq intern fl-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat (GU L 187, 26.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2017/1084 tal-14 ta' Ĝunju 2017 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 651/2014 fir-rigward tal-ghajnuna għall-infrastruttura tal-portijiet u tal-ajruporti, limiti ta' notifika għal għajnuna għall-kultura u l-konservazzjoni tal-wirt u għal għajnuna għall-isport u infrastrutturi rikreattivi multifunzjonali, u skemi ta' għajnuna operattiva reġjonali għar-reġjuni ultraperiferiċi u li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 702/2014 fir-rigward tal-kalkolu tal-ispejjeż eligibbli (GU L 156, 20.06.2017), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/972 tat-2 ta' Lulju 2020 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1407/2013 fir-rigward tal-estensjoni tiegħu u li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 651/2014 fir-rigward tal-estensjoni tiegħu u l-aggustamenti rilevanti (GU L 215, 04/07/2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2021/1237 tat-23 ta' Lulju 2021 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 651/2014 li jiddikjara certi kategoriji ta' għajnuna kompatibbli mas-suq intern fl-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat (GU L 270, 29/07/2021), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/917 tal-4 ta' Mejju 2023 li jikkoreġi l-verżjoni bil-lingwa Pollakka tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 651/2014 li jiddikjara certi kategoriji ta' għajnuna kompatibbli mas-suq fl-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat (GU L 119, 05/05/2023), u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/1315 tat-23 ta' Ĝunju 2023 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 651/2014 li jiddikjara certi kategoriji ta' għajnuna kompatibbli mas-suq intern fl-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat u r-Regolament (UE) 2022/2473 li jiddikjaraw certi kategoriji ta' għajnuna lil impriži attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura kompatibbli mas-suq intern fl-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat (GU L 167, 30/06/2023), hawnhekk imsejjah ir-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni Ġeneral Shiħa.

L-ebda għajnuna mhi se tingħata lil dawk is-setturi espressament eskużi milli jirċievu għajnuna f'konformità mal-Artikolu 1 tar-Regolament tal-Eżenzjoni Ġeneral Shiħa, inklużi impriži attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura. Għajnuna mhix se tingħata lil impriža li hija soġġetta għal ordni ta' rkupru pendent wara deċiżjoni precedenti tal-Kummissjoni li tiddikjara għajnuna mogħtija minn Malta illegali u inkompatibbli mas-suq intern.

Barra minn hekk, impriži f'diffikultà huma fil-prinċipju eskużi mill-ambitu ta' din l-iskema, sakemm l-impriža ma kinitx f'diffikultà fil-31 ta' Diċembru 2019 iżda saret impriža f'diffikultà fil-perjodu mill-1 ta' Jannar 2020 sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2021. F'dan ir-rigward, l-applikant ikun meħtieg li jissottometti Dikjarazzjoni Finanzjarja tas-Saħħha ppreparata u ffirmat minn awudit bil-warrant li tikkonferma jekk l-impriža għandhiex titqies bħala impriža f'diffikultà jew le, f'konformità mad-definizzjonijiet u l-kundizzjonijiet applikabbli stipulati fir-Regolament tal-Eżenzjoni Ġeneral Shiħa.

June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014) as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1084 of 14 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards aid for port and airport infrastructure, notification thresholds for aid for culture and heritage conservation and for aid for sport and multifunctional recreational infrastructures, and regional operating aid schemes for outermost regions and amending Regulation (EU) No 702/2014 as regards the calculation of eligible costs (OJ L 156, 20.06.2017), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/972 of 2 July 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 as regards its prolongation and amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 as regards its prolongation and relevant adjustments (OJ L 215, 04/07/2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 270, 29/07/2021), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/917 of 4 May 2023 correcting the Polish language version of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 119, 05/05/2023), and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 of 23 June 2023 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty and Regulation (EU) 2022/2473 declaring certain categories of aid to undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 167, 30/06/2023), herein referred to as the General Block Exemption Regulation.

No aid will be granted to those sectors expressly excluded from receiving aid in line with Article 1 of the General Block Exemption Regulation, including undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector. Aid will not be granted in favour of an undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid granted by Malta illegal and incompatible with the internal market.

Furthermore, undertakings in difficulty are in principle excluded from the scope of this scheme, unless the undertaking was not in difficulty on 31 December 2019 but became an undertaking in difficulty in the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021. In this regard, the applicant shall be required to submit a Financial Health Declaration prepared and signed by a warranted auditor confirming whether the undertaking shall be considered as an undertaking in difficulty or not, in line with the applicable definitions and conditions stipulated in the General Block Exemption Regulation.

L-ispejjeż eliġibbli għall-investiment fix-xiri ta' vetturi b'emissionijiet żero għandhom jikkonsitu fl-ispejjeż żejda tax-xiri tal-vettura b'emissionijiet żero. Dawn l-ispejjeż għandhom jiġi kkalkulati bhala d-differenza bejn l-ispejjeż ta' investiment għax-xiri tal-vettura b'emissionijiet żero u l-ispejjeż ta' investiment għax-xiri ta' vettura tal-istess kategorija li tikkonforma mal-istandardi applikabbi tal-Unjoni digħi fis-seħħi u li kienet tkun akkwistata mingħajr l-ġħajnuna.

Ir-regoli dwar l-akkumulazzjoni tal-ġħajnuna se jiġi rispettati.

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

3.1 Applikazzjonijiet sottomessi minn persuni residenti f'Malta jew fl-ambitu tar-Regolamenti de minimis

3.1.1 Applikazzjoni għal għotja sottomessa minn persuna residenti f'Malta jew minn impriża stabbilita f'Malta jew Organizzazzjoni Volontarja skont ir-Regolamenti de minimis għandha ssir bis-sottomissjoni tal-formola tal-applikazzjoni elettronika VEH 057A f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

3.1.2 L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati mid-dokumenti li ġejjin, sakemm ma jkunx speċifikat mod ieħor fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni:

a) Prova li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżimum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

b) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għall-iskema tal-iskrappjar, certifikat ta' distruzzjoni mahruġ minn facilità ta' trattament awtorizzata li jiċċertifika li l-vettura li tkun qed titneħha mir-registrattu qiegħi meqruda fil-facilità ta' trattament awtorizzata fl-2023 jew l-2024;

c) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni preżentata minn impriża stabbilita f'Malta:

i. Ċertifikat tar-registrattu, jew certifikat tal-VAT;
ii. Id-Dikjarazzjoni dwar l-Ġħajnuna mill-Istat VEH 071;
iii. Certifikat li jikkonferma s-Sid Benefiċjarju Aħħari (UBO) tal-impriża mahruġ mill-MBR, jew imniżżeq mis-sit tal-MFSA fil-każ ta' trust; u

d) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni ppreżentata minn organizzazzjoni volontarja, certifikat tar-registrattu qiegħi mahruġ mill-Kunsill Malti għas-Servizz Volontarju, u jekk l-organizzazzjoni tkun twettaq attivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, id-Dikjarazzjoni dwar l-Ġħajnuna mill-Istat VEH 071.

3.2 Applikazzjoni fl-ambitu tar-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni Generali Shiħa

The eligible costs for investment in the purchase of zero-emission vehicles shall consist in the extra costs of purchasing the zero-emission vehicle. These costs shall be calculated as the difference between the investment costs of purchasing the zero-emission vehicle and the investment costs of purchasing a vehicle of the same category that complies with applicable Union standards already in force and would have been acquired without the aid.

The rules on cumulation of aid will be respected.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1. Applications submitted by persons residing in Malta or under the de minimis Regulations

3.1.1. An application for a grant submitted by a person residing in Malta or by an undertaking established in Malta or a Voluntary Organisation in terms of the de minimis Regulations shall be made by submitting the electronic application form VEH 057A in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

3.1.2. Applications shall be accompanied by the following documents, unless otherwise specified in the application form:

a) Evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

b) In the case of an application for the scrappage scheme, a certificate of destruction issued by an authorised treatment facility certifying that the vehicle which is being deregistered has been destroyed in the authorised treatment facility during 2023 or 2024.

c) In the case of an application submitted by an undertaking established in Malta:

i. A registration certificate, or a VAT certificate.
ii. State Aid Declaration form VEH 071;
iii. A certificate confirming the undertaking's Ultimate Beneficiary Owner (UBO) issued by MBR or downloaded from MFSA's website in the case of a trust; and

d) In the case of an application submitted by a voluntary organisation, a registration certificate issued by the Malta Council for Voluntary Service, and if the organisation carries out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, the State Aid Declaration VEH 071.

3.2 Applications submitted under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

3.2.1 Applikazzjoni għal għotja sottomessa minn impriżza stabbilita f'Malta jew Organizzazzjoni Volontarja li tkun twettaq attivită ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, skont ir-Regolament ghall-Eżenzjoni Generali Shiħa għandha ssir mix-xerrej billi jissottommetti l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH 057B skont kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

3.2.3 L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati mid-dokumenti li gejjin, sakemm ma jkunx spċifikat mod ieħor fil-formola tal-applikazzjoni:

a) Kopja tal-irċevuta rilevanti tad-depožitu, ordni jew kuntratt li tikkonferma t-tqegħid ta' ordni għal vettura elettrika ġdida mix-xerrej, u li tindika l-ghamla, il-mudell, il-kategorija tal-UE u t-tip ta' fuwil tal-vettura ordnata;

b) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni għall-iskema tal-iskrappjar, certifikat ta' qerda maħruġ minn facċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata li jiċċertifika li l-vettura li qed titneħħha mir-registrazzjoni għiet meqruda fil-faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata matul l-2023 jew l-2024;

c) certifikat tar-registrazzjoni, jew certifikat tal-VAT; u

d) certifikat li jikkonferma s-Sid Benefiċjarju Aħħari (UBO) tal-impriżza maħruġ minn MBR jew imniżżeż mill-websajt tal-MFSA fil-każ ta' trust.

e) Prova li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżimum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

f) Fil-każ ta' organizzazzjoni volontarja, certifikat tar-registrazzjoni maħruġ mill-Kunsill Malti għas-Servizz Volontarju.

g) Id-Dikjarazzjoni tas-Saħħa Finanzjarja VEH074.

3.2.3 L-applikazzjonijiet sottomessi skont din it-taqṣima għandhom jiġu eżaminati u, jekk applikabbli, approvat minn Transport Malta li għandha tirriżerva l-ammonti tal-ġhotja applikabbli għall-applikant. Il-ħruġ ta' tali ammonti ta' għotja għandu jseħħ wara li l-applikant jirregistra ma' Transport Malta vettura elettrika ġdida li tikkorrispondi mal-ordni jew kuntratt tax-xiri li jkun ġie sottomess mal-applikazzjoni originali.

3.3 Is-Sid Benefiċjarju Aħħari (UBO) tax-xerrej tal-vettura għandu jitqies bħala l-applikant aħħari skont din l-iskema.

3.4 L-applikazzjonijiet b'mod elettroniku taħt din l-iskema, fejn ikun applikabbli, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi permezz tal-e-form aċċessibbli mill-paġna tal-informazzjoni dwar din l-iskema fit-taqṣima tat-Trasport fuq l-Art tas-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta;

3.2.1 An application for a grant submitted by an undertaking established in Malta or a Voluntary Organisation that carries out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, in terms of the General Block Exemption Regulation, shall be made by the purchaser by submitting application form VEH057B in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

3.2.3 Applications shall be accompanied by the following documents, unless otherwise specified in the application form:

a) A copy of the relevant receipt of deposit, order or contract confirming the placing of an order for a new electric vehicle by the purchaser, and indicating the make, model, EU category and fuel type of the ordered vehicle.

b) In the case of an application for the scrappage scheme, a certificate of destruction issued by an authorised treatment facility certifying that the vehicle which is being deregistered has been destroyed in the authorised treatment facility during 2023 or 2024.

c) a registration certificate, or a VAT certificate; and

d) a certificate confirming the undertaking's Ultimate Beneficiary Owner (UBO) issued by MBR or downloaded from MFSA's website in the case of a trust.

e) Evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

a) In the case of a voluntary organisation, a registration certificate issued by the Malta Council for Voluntary Service.

b) The Financial Strength Declaration VEH074.

3.2.3 Applications submitted in compliance with this section shall be vetted and, if applicable, approved by Transport Malta which shall reserve the applicable grant amounts for the applicant. The disbursement of such grant amounts shall occur after the applicant registers with Transport Malta a new electric vehicle corresponding to the purchase contract or order submitted with the original application.

3.3 The Ultimate Beneficiary Owner (UBO) of the purchaser of the vehicle shall be considered as the ultimate applicant in terms of this scheme.

3.4 Electronic applications under this scheme, where applicable, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted through the e-form accessible from the information page about this scheme in the Land Transport section of Transport Malta's website;

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

- a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212;
- b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Hal Lija LJA2021; jew
- c) Direttorat tal-Licenzji u Testijiet, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

3.6 Negozjant licenzjat/negozjant interim jew agent tal-karozzi li jixtri xi waħda minn dawn il-vetturi għal skopijiet ta' showroom u bejgħ għandu l-għażla li japplika ghall-ġhotja iż-żgħid meta jerġa' jbigħ dik il-vettura, ix-xerrej ma jkunx jista' jerġa' japplika ghall-ġhotja, inkluża għal għotja tal-vettura użata.

4. Eligibilità

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

4.2 Biex tikkwalifika ghall-ġħotjet, il-Vettura tal-Kategorija L, M jew N jew pedelec li tkun qed tiġi rregestrata għandha:

- a) tkun ġdida;
- b) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet sottomessi minn persuni residenti f'Malta jew fl-ambitu tar-Regolamenti de minimis tkun ġiet irregestrata f'Malta wara l-1 ta' Jannar 2023;
- c) Fil-każ ta' applikazzjoni fl-ambitu tar-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni Ġeneral Shiħa, tkun ġiet ordnata wara l-1 ta' Jannar 2023 bl-intenzjoni li tkun eventwalment irregestrata f'Malta;
- d) tkun illiċenzjata, jew se tkun illiċenzjata, għal użu privat jew użata b'rabta mal-provvista ta' servizzi volontarji jew l-attività ta' negozju.

4.3 Biex tikkwalifika ghall-iskema tal-iskrappjar, il-vettura bil-mutur li titneħħha mir-registrazzjoni għandha:

a) Ikollha mill-inqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, l-età tal-vettura tiġi ddeterminata bhala s-sena kalendarja fid-data tal-applikazzjoni nieqes is-sena tal-manifattura kif iċċertifikat fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura;

b) tkun illiċenzjata ma' Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-applikazzjoni, kif muri fuq iċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura jew kif ikkonfermat minn Transport Malta;

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

- a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212;
- b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Hal Lija LJA2021; or
- c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate , St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

3.6 A licensed dealer/interim dealer or car agent purchasing any of these vehicles for showroom and sales purposes has the option to apply for the grant himself but on re-selling such vehicle, the buyer cannot re-apply for the grant, including for a used vehicle grant.

4. Eligibility

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

4.2. To qualify for the grants, the Category L, M or N Vehicle or pedelec being registered shall:

- a) be new;
- b) In case of applications submitted by persons residing in Malta or under the de minimis Regulations, have been registered in Malta after the 1st of January 2023;
- c) In case of application submitted under the General Block Exemption Regulation, has been ordered after the 1st of January 2023 with the intention to be eventually registered in Malta;
- d) be licensed or used in connection with the provision of voluntary services or the activity of a business.

4.3 To qualify for the scrappage scheme, the motor vehicle to be de-registered shall:

- a) be at least ten (10) years old on the date of application, with the age of the vehicle being determined as the calendar year on the date of application less the year of manufacture as certified on the vehicle's registration certificate;
- b) be licensed with Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of application, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by Transport Malta;

c) ladarba titneħħha mir-registrazzjoni, tigi meqruda skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Registrazzjoni u l-Licenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (LS368.02). Għandu jiġi pprovdut ic-ċertifikat ta' distruzzjoni.

d) Vetturi mnejħija mir-registrazzjoni li jkunu bbenefikaw mid-dispożizzjonijiet tal-L.S.65.24 ma jkunux eligibbli għal din l-iskema tal-iskrappjar.

5. Has tal-Ġhotja

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

5.2 L-ġhotja mogħtija lix-xerrej ma għandhiex tigi assessjata bħala dhul għall-finjiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dħul.

5.3 Impriżi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu aktivită̄ ekonomika li japplikaw għall-ġhotja xorta jistgħu jibbenfikaw minn incenċivi fis-seħħ fir-rigward tax-xir ta' vetturi elettriċi u pedelecs godda għal skopijiet ta' taxxa.

5.4 Vettura hija eligibbli għal ġhotja waħda biss, u jekk is-sid originali (il-benefiċjarju) ibiġi il-vettura fis-suq tal-vetturi użati wara li jghaddi l-perjodu msemmi fit-Taqsima 7, is-sid il-ġdid tal-istess vettura jew pedelec ma jkunx intitolat li japplika għal xi ġhotja relatata ma' dik il-vettura, fil-każi li dik l-ġhotja tkun għadha disponibbli.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1 Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod shiħ u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inkluži, it-talba għall-ġhotja m'għandhiex tigi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.

6.2 L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbi għal xi telf ta' ġhotjet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

7. Rifużjoni tal-Ġhotja

7.1 Kwalunkwe vettura elettrika jew pedelec tal-Kategorija L, M jew N gdida mixtri ja mill-applikant taħbi din l-ġhotja għandha tibqa' registrata f'isem l-applikant għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel registrazzjoni.

7.2 Jekk is-sid registrat ta' vettura elettrika jew pedelec gdida li fuqha tkun inhāġet ġhotja taħbi din l-iskema jittraferixxi l-imsemmija vettura qabel ma jiskadi l-perjodu msemmi hawn fuq, allura dik il-persuna għandha tirrifondi l-ġhotja li tkun irċeviet mingħand Transport Malta.

7.3 Ir-rifużjoni msemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'għandhiex tkun meħtieġa fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

c) once de-registered, be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL368.02). Certificate of Destruction shall be provided.

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

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 purchaser shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

5.3. Undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity applying for the grant can still benefit from incentives in place with respect to the purchase of new electric vehicles and pedelecs for tax purposes.

5.4. A vehicle is only eligible for one grant, and if the original owner (the beneficiary) sells the vehicle on the used market after the period referred to in Section 7 elapses, the new owner of the same vehicle will not be entitled to apply for any grant related to that vehicle, in the case such a grant would still be available.

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 Category L, M or N electric vehicle or pedelec purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name 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 electric vehicle or pedelec on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle 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 Meta t-trasferiment imsemmi hemmhekk ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terz jew trasferiment inter vivos favur il-miżżeġin, axxidenti, u kollaterali diretti.

7.3.2 Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura elettrika mixtrija taħt din l-ghotja li tīgħi ddikjarata li ma tistax tisseqwa wara incident jew għal xi raġuni oħra u tīgħi sostitwita b'vettura elettrika ġidha, f'liema kaž il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-vettura elettrika li tieħu post dik originali. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin għandha tapplika mid-data tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura elettrika ġidha originali.

7.3.3 Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi vettura elettrika mixtrija taħt din l-ghotja li tīgħi rritornata lill-argent jew negozjant originali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u fejn l-argent jew negozjant jaċċetta li jibdel l-imsemmija vettura elettrika b'vettura elettrika ġidha, f'liema kaž il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-vettura elettrika li tieħu post dik originali. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin għandha tapplika mid-data tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura elettrika ġidha originali.

7.3.3.1 Jekk il-vettura elettrika rritornata msemmija fil-paragrafu preċedenti tīgħi msewwija u mibjugħha mill-ġdid mill-istess agent jew negozjant, ix-xerrej ta' dik il-vettura għandu jkun intitolat għall-incentivi finanzjarji għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati jekk l-iskema tkun disponibbli fiż-żmien tat-trasferiment.

7.3.4 Meta impriża titneħħha minn ġewwa impriża waħda u l-vettura tīgħi trasferita lil impriża oħra fi ħdan l-istess impriża waħda, minn impriża għal oħra li jkollha direttur wieħed jew trasferita minn impriża għal wieħed mid-diretturi f'ismu.

7.4 Meta vettura elettrika mixtrija taħt din l-ghotja tīgħi rritornata lill-argent jew negozjant originali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-argent jew negozjant ma jibdilhiex b'vettura elettrika ġidha iż-żda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz kollu jew parżjali mhallas għall-vettura elettrika ġidha, jew jibdil ma' vettura mgħammra b'magna ta' kombustjoni interna, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-ġhotja riċevuta għall-vettura elettrika ġidha skont il-perjodu li ghaddha mix-xiri tal-vettura u r-ritorn tagħha lill-argent, kif elenkat hawn taħt:

- a) Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%;
- b) Aktar minn 12-il xahar iż-żda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%;
- c) Aktar minn 24 xahar iż-żda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25%.

7.4.1 Jekk il-vettura elettrika rritornata msemmija fil-paragrafu preċedenti tīgħi msewwija u mibjugħha mill-ġdid mill-istess agent jew negozjant, ix-xerrej ta' dik il-vettura għandu jkun intitolat għall-incentivi finanzjarji għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi użati jekk l-iskema tkun disponibbli fiż-żmien tat-trasferiment.

7.3.1. When the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party or transfer inter vivos in favour of spouses, ascendants, and direct collaterals.

7.3.2. When the transfer involves an electric 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 electric vehicle, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the electric vehicle replacing the original one. The three years restriction shall apply from the date of registration of the original new electric vehicle.

7.3.3. When the transfer involves an electric 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 electric vehicle with a new electric vehicle, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the electric vehicle replacing the original one. The three years restriction shall apply from the date of registration of the original new electric vehicle.

7.3.3.1. If the returned electric vehicle mentioned in the previous paragraph is repaired and sold again by the same agent or dealer, the purchaser of that vehicle shall be entitled for the financial incentives for the purchase of used electric vehicles if the scheme is available at time of transfer.

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, from one undertaking to another having one common director or transferred from an undertaking to one of the directors in his name.

7.4. When an electric 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 electric vehicle but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the new electric vehicle, or replaces it with a vehicle equipped with an internal combustion engine, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the new electric vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the vehicle and its return to the agent, as listed below:

- a) Less than 12 months: 75%;
- b) More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%;
- c) More than 24 months but less than 36 months: 25%.

7.4.1 If the returned electric vehicle mentioned in the previous paragraph is repaired and sold again by the same agent or dealer, the purchaser of that vehicle shall be entitled for the financial incentives for the purchase of used electric vehicles if the scheme is available at time of transfer.

7.5 Il-perjodu ta' zmien imsemmi f'7.1 ma japplikax għal importaturi u aġenti tal-karozzi licenzjati li jużaw il-vetturi mixtriha għal skopijiet ta' dimostrazzjoni. F'dawn il-każijiet, l-importaturi jistgħu jerġgħu jbigħu dawn il-vetturi mingħajr ma jirrifondu lura l-ghotja li nghataw taħt din l-iskema anki jekk il-bejgħ isehħ fil-perjodu ta' 36 xahar wara r-registrazzjoni. F'każijiet bħal dawn, ix-xerrejja tal-vetturi kkōncernati ma jkunux eligibbli għal xi ġhotja u l-bejjiegħ għandu jiżgura li dan jiġi kkunsidrat fil-prezz tal-bejgħ tal-vettura.

8. Tul tal-iskema

8.1 Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema għandhom jiġu acċettati sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024 jew sal-eżawriment tal-fondi bbagħitjati, sakemm ma tigħix modifikata jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe ħin billi jagħti avviż minn qabel.

8.2 L-applikazzjonijiet li jaslu fi zmien l-iskadenza stipulata f'8.1 jistgħu jiġi pproċessati, approvati u mħallsa sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2025.

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

9. Emendi għall-iskema

9.1 Il-Ministru responsabbi għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħliljet Pubblici għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel xi emendi għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1 Meta tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħliljet Pubblici għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbi għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mhallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u organizazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attivitā ekonomika, specjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzonijiet 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 tieħu l-azzjonijiet kollha meħtieġa bbażati fuq l-informazzjoni pprovduta fir-rigward tas-Sid Benefiċjarju Aħħari (UBO) sabiex tikkonferma l-konformità mar-regolamenti kollha relevanti.

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7.5 The time frame mentioned in 7.1 does not apply for licensed car importers and agents using the bought vehicles for demonstration purposes. In such cases, the importers may re-sell such vehicles without refunding back the grant availed of under this scheme even if the sale occurs within the 36 months period after registration. In such cases, the buyers of the vehicles concerned will not be eligible for any grant and the seller should ensure that this is factored in the sale price of the vehicle.

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. Applications received within the deadline stipulated in 8.1 may be processed, approved and paid out until 31st December 2025.

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

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister responsible for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have 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 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.

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.

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Anness: L-ammonti tal-ghotja applikabbi għax-xiri ta' vetturi elettriċi tal-kategorija L, jew M jew N, jew pedelecs ġoċċa.

Tabella 1: Inċentivi li jitħallsu wara li tiġi reġistrata vettura jew pedelec elettrika ġidha

Tip ta' vettura	Ammont tal-Għotja skont it-tip ta' Applikant u r-Regoli tal-Ġħajnejna mill-Istat.			
	Persuni naturali residenti f'Malta (eskluużi dawl li jaħdmu għal rashom); Organizzazzjoni jet Volontarji li ma jwettqux aktivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE.	Imprizzi stabiliti f'Malta (inkluu dawk li jaħdmu għal rashom); Organizzazzjoni jet voluntarji li jwettqqu attivitā ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE.	Regoli tal-Ġħajnejna mill-Istat De Minimis*	Regolament għall-Eżenjoni Generali Shiħa (GBER) **
Pedelecs	€500 kull vettura.	€500 kull vettura.	€500 kull vettura.	
Pedelecs tal-merkanzija L1e-A - Čikli mħaddema L1e-B - Mopeds b'żewġ roti				
L3e-A1 - Muturi ta' prestazzjoni baxxa. L4e-A1 - Muturi b'żewġ roti ta' prestazzjoni baxxa b'side-car.	€2,000 kull vettura, imma mhux aktar aktar minn 80% tal-prezz tal-beiġħ.	€2,000 kull vettura, imma mhux aktar aktar minn 80% tal-prezz tal-beiġħ.		Għalli-ammont tal-ghotja rreferi għat-Tabella 3.
L3e-A2 - Muturi ta' prestazzjoni medja; L4e-A2 - Muturi b'żewġ roti ta' prestazzjoni medja b'side-car.				
L2e - Mopeds bi tħlet roti; L3e-A3 - Muturi ta' prestazzjoni għolja; L4e-A3 - Muturi b'żewġ roti ta' prestazzjoni għolja b'side-car.				
L5e - Tricikli mħaddhma. L6e - Kwadriċikli hifief jew kwadri-mobiles. L7e - Kwadriċikli tqal jew kwadri-mobiles	25% taċ-ClF, sa massimu ta' €6,000 kull €6,000 kull vettura, minimu ta' €2,000	25% taċ-ClF, sa massimu ta' €6,000 kull vettura, minimu ta' €2,000		
M1 - Karozzi N1 - Vannijiet	€11,000 kull vettura.	€11,000 kull vettura.	€11,000 kull vettura.	Għalli-ammont tal-ghotja rreferi għat-Tabella 3.
M2 - Minibuses N2 - Trakkijiet żgħar	40% tal-prezz tal-beiġħ, sa massimu ta' €70,000 kull vettura.	40% tal-prezz tal-beiġħ, b'limitu massimu ta' €70,000 għal kull vettura suggett li l-limitu de minimis applikabbli ma jinqabiz.		Għalli-ammont tal-ghotja rreferi għat-Tabella 3.

M3 - Kowċis	40% tal-prezz tal-bejgħ, sa massimu ta' €400,000 kull vettura.	Mhux applikabbli.	Għall-ammont tal-ghotja r-referi għat-Tabella 3.
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NOTA: Il-valur taċ-ClF irreferi għall-valur tal-prezz, l-assigurazzjoni u t-trasport, kif indikat fil-fattura jew irċevuta rispettiva.

**** Japplikaw ir-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni ġenerali Shiħa, ħlief għal impriżi attivi fis-settur tas-sajid u tal-akkwakultura f'liema każ għandu jaapplika r-Regolament de minimis applikabbli.**

Tabella 2: L-ammonti tal-ġhotja li jittallsu meta vettura tiġi skrappiata flimkien ma' kwalunkwe għotja oħra għax-xir ta' vettura elettrika.

Kategorija Skrappiata	tal-Vettura	Post tar-Registrazzjoni tal-Vettura Skrappiata Malta	Għawdex*
1 L (Muturi)		€500	€500
2 M1 (Korozza) (Vann)	jew N1	€1,000	€2,000
3 M2 (Minibus)		€30,000	€31,000
4 N2 (Trakk żgħir)		€15,000	€16,000
5 M3 (Kowċi)		€50,000	€51,000
6 N3 (Trakk)		€25,000	€26,000

*Il-vettura trid tkun ġiet irregistretta, iggaraxxjata jew ill-icenziata f'Għawdex qabel il-11 ta' Ottubru 2021.

NOTA: Ir-Regolament de minimis applikabbli u l-limiti de minimis rispettivi għandhom jaapplikaw meta jinhāru għotjet li imprezzi stabbiliti f'Malta jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu xi aktività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE.

Tabella 3: Kalkolu tal-Incentivi skont ir-Regolament għall-Eżenzjoni ġenerali Shiħa (GBER) [mhux applikabbli għal impriżi attivi fis-setturi tas-sajid u tal-akkwakultura]

Daqs tal-Impriza	żgħira	Medja	Kbira
Inċentiv bażiku bħala persentagg tal-investiment (L-ispejjeż ta' investiment huma d-differenza bejn l-ispia ta-l-vettura elettrika l-ġidha u dik ta' vettura ekwivalenti b'magna konvenzjonal ta' kombusjoni interna)	60%	50%	30%

NOTA - GENERALI: L-incentivi applikabbli għal vetturi bi skop specjalji (SP1) għandhom jiġu stabbiliti abbażi tal-massa massima permissibbi tal-vettura u l-limiti korrispondenti għal vetturi tal-Kategorija N.

Annex: Grant amounts applicable for the purchase of new category L or M or N electric vehicles, or pedelecs.

Table 1: Incentives to be paid after the registration a new electric vehicle or pedelec.

Type of vehicle	De Minimis State Aid Rules*	General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) Rules**
Pedelecs	€500 per vehicle.	€500 per vehicle.
Cargo Pedelecs		
L1e-A - Powered cycles		
L1e-B - Two-wheel mopeds		
L3e-A1 - Low performance motorcycles		
L4e-A1 - Low-performance two-wheel motorcycles with side-car	€2,000 per vehicle, but not more than 80% of the selling price.	€2,000 per vehicle, but not more than 80% of the selling price.
L3e-A2 - Medium performance motorcycles;		
L4e-A2 - Medium-performance two-wheel motorcycles with side-car.		
L2e - Three-wheel mopeds;		
L3e-A3 - High-performance motorcycles;		
L4e-A3 - High-performance two-wheel motorcycles with side-car.	25% of CIF, capped at €6,000 per vehicle; minimum €2,000	25% of CIF, capped at €6,000 per vehicle; minimum €2,000
L5e - Powered Tricycles.		
L6e - Light quadricycles or quadri-mobility		
L7e - Heavy quadricycles or quadri-mobility		
M1 - Cars	€11,000 per vehicle.	€11,000 per vehicle.
N1 - Vans		
M2 - Minibuses	40% of the selling price, capped at €70,000 per vehicle subject that the applicable DeMinimis threshold is not exceeded.	40% of the selling price, capped at €70,000 per vehicle subject that the applicable DeMinimis threshold is not exceeded.
N2 - Small Trucks		
M3 - Coaches	40% of the selling price, capped at €400,000 per vehicle.	Not applicable.
N3 - Trucks		

Refer to Table 3 for grant amount.

NOTE: CIF value refers to the Cost, Insurance and Freight Value, as indicated in the respective invoice or receipt.

* De Minimis Regulations including the thresholds established therein apply.

** The General Block Exemption Regulation shall apply, except for those undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, in which case, the applicable de minimis Regulation shall apply.

Table 2: Incentives to be paid when a vehicle is scrapped in conjunction with any other grant for the purchase of an electric vehicle.

<i>Category of Scrapped Vehicle</i>	<i>Place of Registration of Scrapped Vehicle</i>	<i>Gozo*</i>
<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Malta</i>	
1 L (Motorcycles)	€500	€500
2 M1 (Car) or N1 (Van)	€1,000	€2,000
3 M2 (Minibus)	€30,000	€31,000
4 N2 (Small Truck)	€15,000	€16,000
5 M3 (Coach)	€50,000	€51,000
6 N3 (Truck)	€25,000	€26,000

* Vehicle must have been registered, garaged, or licensed in Gozo prior to the 11th of October 2021.

NOTE: Incentives for vehicles scrapped by undertakings established in Malta or voluntary organisations which carry out any economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be granted in line with the applicable *de minimis* Regulation, and the respective *de minimis* thresholds shall apply.

Table 3: Calculation of Incentives according to the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) [Not applicable to undertakings active in the fishery and aquaculture sector]

<i>Size of Single Undertaking</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Large</i>
Basic Incentive as Percentage of Investment Cost (Investment costs are the difference between the cost of the new electric vehicle and that of an equivalent vehicle with a conventional internal combustion engine)	60%	50%	30%

GENERAL NOTE: Incentives applicable for special purpose vehicles (SP1) shall be established based on the vehicle's maximum permissible mass and the corresponding limits for Category N vehicles.