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## AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME (APSS) GUIDELINES - INTERPRETATION NOTE 01/2020

**SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION OF PROGRAMME GUIDELINES**

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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Interpretation Note serves to provide clarity on the following provisions of the Agro-Processing Support Scheme (APSS) guidelines as detailed in section 2 below.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Section 5.2: The application must be submitted within the designated application window period, prior to start of processing/beneficiation or undertaking activities being applied for. Any assets bought and taken into commercial use or competitiveness improvements costs incurred before applying for the incentive will be considered as non-qualifying.

Section 5.2 has further been interpreted as follows:

If there is no response from **the dtic** within 30 calendar days after submission of a complete application, such applicant may take into commercial production its qualifying investment assets for commercial use or undertake implementation of competitiveness improvement activities, and such investment assets or competitiveness improvement activities will not be disqualified on the basis of having been in commercial use or being undertaken before approval.