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UPDATED NOTICE ON THE PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES RELATED TO EXPORT MARKETING AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR (EMIA IP) INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION AND FOR SECTOR SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SSAS) INCENTIVES

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1. PURPOSE

This Notice serves to provide guidance on current and future applications for incentive funding in order to safeguard the personal health and potential financial risks to applicants and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic). It is targeted at all prospective applicants for the EMIA Individual participation (EMIA IP) and the Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) incentives, managed by the Industrial Financing Branch (IFB), of the Department.

2. PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES

2.1 The following pre-cautionary measures will be in force until further notice:

Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) for emerging exporters

Current applications

 Due to the fluid global Covid-19 travel implications and country specific restrictions, new applications for physical international SSAS group exhibitions and SSAS project funding, are still not considered untill further notice. This position will be reviewed subject to further announcements on Covid-19 travel restrictions. Anouncements for the introduction of support for virtual exhibitions, that do not require international travel, will however be announced soon.

Export Marketing and Investment Assistance *Individual participation* incentives (EMIA IP) for individual exporters

Current applications

- 2. Due to the fluid global Covid-19 travel implications and country specific restrictions, new applications for physical international and inbound EMIA IP exhibitions are still not considered and until further notice. New applications for EMIA IP product and or patent certification applications which have no international travel implications for qualifying exporters, may however now be submitted to the dtic. This position will be reviewed subject to further announcements on Covid-19 travel restrictions. Anouncements for the introduction of support for virtual exhibitions, that do not require international travel, will however be announced soon.
- 2.3 Queries and clarifications can be directed to the various contacts listed on **the dtic** website for the relevant incentives.

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