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UPDATED NOTICE ON THE PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES RELATED TO SECTOR SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SSAS) FOR EMERGING EXPORTER GROUP INCENTIVE AND PROJECT FUNDING

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 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. It is targeted at all qualifying applicants for the Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) incentives, managed by the Industrial Finance Branch (IFB) at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**).
- 1.2 It responds to the cancellation of many international export events due to the global spread and containment measures for the Covid-19 virus introduced since March 2020, the official notices on travel restrictions and bans and the national lockdown restrictions, issued by National Government and the Presidency.

2. PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES

- 2.1 The following pre-cautionary measures will be implemented from 1 September 2021:

Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) for emerging exporters	
SSAS activities for events and projects not requiring international travelling	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The support for virtual exhibitions and SSAS project funding, that do not require international travel, will be considered from 01 September 2021, in accordance with the newly published guidelines available on the dtic website.2. Applications and required supporting documents should be submitted by email to ssasapps@thedtic.gov.za3. Claims and required supporting documents should be submitted by email to ssasclaims@thedtic.gov.za
SSAS activities that require international travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Due to the fluid global Covid-19 travel implications and country specific restrictions, new applications for physical international SSAS group exhibitions, are still not considered until further notice. This position will be reviewed subject to further announcements on Covid-19 travel restrictions and prevailing health requirements.5. When the international exhibition travel restrictions are lifted, the event co-ordinator and exporters will have to confirm in writing to the dtic on the day of submitting their applications as well as at claim stages that:

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	<p>5.1 They are able to comply with relevant health safeguards and country specific travel regulations to attend the event/s applied for;</p> <p>5.2 All emerging exporters have been fully briefed on and comply with relevant health precautions prior, during and after the event and will assume full responsibility for their own health and infectious disease exposure and or consequences.</p> <p>5.3 The co-ordinator conforming with all relevant authorities including the World Health Organisation (WHO) and international destination specific restrictions in addition to written confirmations not older than 1 week from the following entities, at the time of submitting any application or claim, that there is no financial risk for proceeding with the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Relevant Embassy/High Commission;b. Event organiser, freight forwarder, accommodation provider and airline, also confirming their cancellation fee terms and conditions.
General	<p>6. Please note that the dtic will not be held responsible for any costs or consequential losses incurred, due to postponement and or cancellation of approved events, due to Covid-19 or similar infectious diseases.</p> <p>7. Once applications for physical international events have been opened up, all applicants and claimants for the above incentive, are encouraged to Consult alerts published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) at https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports, The Department of Health and host country disease control agencies and Embassies, prior to planning and or applying for these events.</p>

2.2 Please note that this notice may be amended at any time subject to prevailing health or geo political risks and will be made available on **the dtic** website under “EMIA incentives”.

2.3 Queries and clarifications can be directed to the following email address:

ssasapps@thedtic.gov.za