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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 MANAGED BY IFB

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1st April 2022

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 prospective and already approved applicants for the EMIA Individual participation (EMIA IP) incentive and the Sector Specific Assistance Scheme (SSAS) incentive, managed by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**).
- 1.2 It responds to the cancellation and suspension of international events/exhibition due to the global spread and containment measures for Covid-19 introduced since March 2020, the recent uplifting of international lockdown regulations globally, the opening up of international exhibitions and the official notices on travel restrictions.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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, will be considered under strict conditions and may be reviewed subject to further announcements on Covid-19 or other pandemic travel restrictions. The introduction of support for virtual exhibitions, that do not require international travel, have been approved and application details can be accessed on the dtic website.
Conditions for applications and claims	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Where 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. They are able and capable to attend the event/s applied for, before submitting any application or claim; b. All exporters have been fully briefed on and equipped with relevant health precautions prior, during and after the event and assume full responsibility for their own health and infectious disease exposure and or consequences.



	<p>c. That the dtic will not be responsible for additional expenses that may arise out of the lockdown restrictions that may be imposed by the host country or any relevant authority.</p> <p>d. the the dtic will not be held responsible for any health related expenses, suffered by the travellers.</p> <p>3. The co-ordinator has the responsibility to confirm with all relevant authorities including the World Health Organisation (WHO) alerts on international destination travel 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/excibition:</p> <p>a. Relevant Embassy/High Commission/ the dtic Economic representative;</p> <p>b. Event organiser, freight forwarder, accommodation provider and airline, also confirming their cancellation fee terms and conditions.</p>
Export Marketing and Investment Assistance <i>Individual participation</i> incentives (EMIA IP) for individual exporters	
Current applications	<p>4. Due to the fluid global Covid-19 travel implications and country specific restrictions, new applications for physical international and inbound EMIA IP exhibitions will be considered until further notice. New applications for EMIA IP product and or patent certification applications which have no international travel implications for qualifying exporters, can still be submitted to the dtic. This position will be reviewed subject to further announcements on Covid-19 or other pandemic travel restrictions. Announcements for the support for virtual exhibitions, that do not require international travel, have also been approved and application details can be accessed on the dtic website.</p>
Conditions for applications and claims	<p>5. The individual exporter or agent will have to confirm in writing to the dtic on the day of submitting their applications as well as at claim stages that:</p> <p>a. They are able and capable to attend the event/s applied for, before submitting any application or claim;</p> <p>b. The exporter has sought guidance and is equipped with relevant health precautions prior, during and after the event and assume full responsibility for its own health and infectious disease exposure and or consequences.</p> <p>6. The exporter or agent must also conform with all relevant authorities including the World Health Organisation (WHO) alerts on international destination restrictions in addition to written confirmations not older</p>



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	<p>than 1 week from the following entities, at the time of submitting any application and before payment of travel, accommodation or exhibition bookings that there is no financial risk for proceeding with the event:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Relevant Embassy/High Commission/ the dtic economic representative;Event organiser, freight forwarder, accommodation provider and airline, also confirming their cancellation fee terms and conditions.
General	<ol style="list-style-type: none">On condition that stipulations 2, 3, 5 and 6 above have been met, please note that the dtic will not be held responsible for any costs or consequential losses incurred, due to postponement, delays and or cancellation of approved events, due to Covid-19 or similar infectious diseases.Once applications for international events have been opened up, all applicants and claimants for the above two sets of incentives, 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.

2.2 Please note that this notice may be amended from time to 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 various contacts listed on **the dtic** website, for the relevant incentives.