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Annex 2 accompanying the notification to the European Commission under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the draft Ordinance amending the Ordinance (2020:750) on State aid for certain environmental vehicles

Ordinance amending the Ordinance (2024:21) amending the Ordinance (2020:750) on State aid for certain environmental vehicles

The Government hereby lays down¹ that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4a, 6, 7 and 10 of the Ordinance (2020:750) on State aid for certain environmental vehicles shall, instead of the wording in Ordinance (2024:21) amending that Ordinance, read as follows.

Section 1 In order to promote the market introduction of environmental work machines, zero-emission heavy-duty trucks, environmental trucks and gas-powered trucks, and to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the Swedish Energy Agency may provide State aid in the form of grants under this Ordinance for the purchase of such vehicles. State aid in the form of grants under this Ordinance may also be granted for the leasing of zero-emission heavy-duty trucks, environmental trucks or gas-powered trucks.

Grants will be provided if funds are available.

¹ See Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and rules on Information Society services.

The Ordinance is issued by virtue of Chapter 8, Section 11 of the Instrument of Government with respect to Section 19 and Chapter 8, Section 7 of the Instrument of Government with respect to other provisions.

Section 2 For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions apply:

environmental work machine: motorised machinery or a tractor pursuant to the Road Traffic Definitions Act (2001:559), which has a net power of at least 15 kW and is intended to run on electricity or fuels permitted under Article 36 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty;

zero-emission heavy-duty truck: a heavy-duty truck pursuant to the Road Traffic Definitions Act, which is a zero-emission vehicle within the meaning of point (c) of Article 2(102g) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

environmental truck: a heavy-duty truck pursuant to the Road Traffic Definitions Act, which is a clean vehicle within the meaning of point (b) of Article 2(102f) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 and is run partly on electricity or hydrogen;

gas-powered truck: a heavy-duty truck pursuant to the Road Traffic Definitions Act intended to run on biogas;

the Swedish Road Traffic Register: the collection of data referred to in Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Road Traffic Data Act (2019:369);

leasing: the renting of a truck for a fixed rental period of at least 12 months;

lessor: any person renting out a truck for a fixed rental period of at least 12 months; and

lessee: any person leasing a vehicle.

In all other respects, words and expressions in the Ordinance have the same meaning as in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 and 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.

Section 3 Aid may be granted to undertakings, municipalities and regions for the purchase of an environmental work machine, zero-emission heavy-duty truck, environmental truck or gas-powered truck which:

1. is or will be registered in accordance with the Ordinance (2019:383) on Registration and Use of Vehicles;
2. will be placed on the road for use in accordance with the Ordinance on Registration and Use of Vehicles and has not been previously placed on the road for use in accordance with that Ordinance; and
3. has not been previously put into use in Sweden or elsewhere.

Aid may also be granted for the purchase of a green machine for carrying out work that has not been previously put into use in Sweden or elsewhere, and which is not subject to the registration requirements in the Ordinance on Registration and Use of Vehicles, provided that the machine can be identified by means of a unique identification number or other information enabling the machine to be identified.

Aid under the first paragraph may also be granted to an undertaking, a municipality or a region leasing a zero-emission heavy-duty truck, an environmental truck or a gas-powered truck.

Section 4a Aid to undertakings for the purchase or leasing of zero-emission heavy-duty trucks or environmental trucks shall only be granted in accordance with the conditions set out in Chapter I and Article 36b of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

Section 6 No aid shall be granted for the purchase or leasing of trucks or environmental work machines which:

1. must be acquired in order to fulfil an obligation under law or other statute or condition of a permit; or
2. were ordered before the application for aid was submitted to the Swedish Energy Agency.

Section 7 The eligible cost in the event of purchase is the price difference between the environmental work machine, the zero-emission heavy-duty truck, the environmental truck or the gas-powered truck and the nearest comparable vehicle.

Section 10 Applications for aid must be made in writing and submitted electronically to the Swedish Energy Agency in the manner prescribed by the agency. The application shall contain:

1. the name and corporate registration number of the applicant;
2. the number of environmental work machines, zero-emission heavy-duty trucks, environmental trucks or gas-powered trucks to which the application relates;
3. documentation demonstrating that the conditions laid out in Sections 3 to 6 have been fulfilled;
4. information about the eligible costs, and
5. details of any other public aid that has been applied for or granted and which relates to the same eligible costs as the application.

If the applicant is an undertaking, the application shall also include information on the number of employees, annual turnover and balance sheet total.