

Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme

Agri-Environment Initiatives – Imported Lime Guidelines for Applicants

The **Agri-Environment Initiatives Grants** will be officially launched in April 2021, however, the Department has allowed applications for Imported Lime due to a reduced supply of local lime being produced.

Who can apply?

An individual resident on the Island for tax purposes and carrying out agricultural or horticultural activity on the Island; who meets the Agricultural Development Scheme Active farmer criteria:

https://www.gov.im/media/1348351/active-farmer-gc15_08.pdf

What is eligible?

The Scheme applies to lime imported to the island, both bulk and bagged product.

Lime effectiveness

The availability or effectiveness of lime is very dependent on the particle size of the lime; therefore grant will be awarded on the basis of the Effective Neutralising Value (ENV) of the product. The ENV must be provided on all lime applications, failure to provide ENV information will result in the application being rejected.

Grant rate

The Grant will be calculated based on 25p per tonne per percentage ENV. For a product with an ENV of 57.7% this equals to $25p * 57.7 = \sim£14.43/\text{tonne}$.

The application process

This follows the AFGS process; the Department must have received a completed **Agri-Environment Initiatives** application before work has started i.e. before the lime is ordered.

Information required

The information required includes, basic contact details, tonnes required and neutralising value. For bulk product this information will be available from the supplier and for bagged product this information will be printed on the bag. Especially but not exclusively for bulk material the Department reserves the right to analyse the product for chemical composition and particle size to enable the actual ENV to be calculated.

If you do not provide an ENV with your application, an ENV of 57.7% will be applied to calculate your grant rate.

To make an online application go to our website: <https://www.gov.im/agandfishgrantscheme>

On the website click on the green button and select the **Agri-Environment Initiatives Grants** option. Paper copies of the application form are available from Thie Slieau Whallian, St John's.

Payment

This follows the AFGS process, once the lime has been paid for, a claim for payment can be made.

A copy of the original invoice must be supplied with the lime grant claim form. Payment will be calculated using the ENV stated on this invoice. On receipt of your invoices, if the ENV percentage quoted is lower than 57.7%, grant will be recalculated based on the lower amount.

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