

***Finexpo general provisions governing the allocation and the  
use of interest subsidies and additional grants on loans  
expressed in euro***

**1. Both the interest subsidy and the grant** are awarded in order to reduce the financing cost for the benefit of the exporter, who is represented by a banking institution (the credit provider). They are calculated on a case-by-case basis by the secretariat of Finexpo in accordance with the relevant international provisions.

**2. On conclusion of the contract**, the exporter shall deliver the following documents to Finexpo:

- a) a copy of the financing convention mentioning the amount of the grant, signed by both parties;
- b) a bank certificate mentioning the refinancing rate, i.e. the eur CIRR rate established by the OECD, which is in force on the signing date of the financing convention and on the basis of which the subsidy rate will be determined, taking into account the 0.75% bank commission.
- c) a theoretical scheme of the drawdown, grace and repayment periods, with specification of the date of the first repayment;
  - Once the drawdown period is over, the definitive spending plan must be forwarded to the Finexpo department.
- d) a letter in which the bank agrees to the general terms.

3. The aforementioned drawdown and repayment periods must not overlap under any circumstances. In accordance with the financing convention signed by the parties, the repayment period cannot start until all the scheduled drawdowns have been made.

The bank must previously inform the Finexpo secretariat of any change in the length of the drawdown (and/or grace) and/or repayment period or in the day on which the aforementioned periods start running. Each application for altering the drawdown/grace/repayment schedule will be examined on a case-by-case basis and could result in a change in the guaranteed interest rate.

#### **4. Payment of the interest subsidy**

4.1 The credit provider will file the applications for payment of the interest subsidy with Finexpo under the name “interest subsidy Finexpo”, followed by the file identification number.

These applications must be filed as soon as possible. They refer to periods not exceeding six months and mention per semester the amount as well as the date of expiry of the interest subsidy awarded by the Minister for Foreign Trade.

The applications also specify whether the subject of the application is a drawdown, an extension or a repayment.

4.2 The credit provider is responsible for fixing the precise amount of the interest subsidy, which is calculated on the basis of the same amount and over the same period as the one the debtor must pay interest on.

The amount of the interest subsidy is calculated by means of the following guidelines:

- the period is determined by taking into account the real number of days, at a pro rata of 360 days per year,
- the period includes the date of expiry, whereas the discounting date is not included;
- when the day of payment of either principal or interest is not a working day, the payment will be postponed until the next working day, provided it does not fall in the following calendar month. In such case, the payment will take place on the last working day of the current month and will be taken into account for the calculation of the interest.

4.3 The credit provider must pass on the interest subsidy benefit to the consumer.

4.4 The interest subsidy will be awarded till the initially fixed day of payment of the principal. The postponement of the date of expiry will not give rise to an extension.

The payment of the interest subsidy will end as soon as the debtor has paid off his interest debt, except in case of refinancing.

## **5. Payment of the grant**

5.1 The credit provider will request Finexpo to pay the additional grant on the account that has been opened under the name “additional grant to the interest subsidy”, followed by the file identification number.

5.2 The additional grant will be paid according to the following procedures:

- if it amounts to 15% or less of the amount laid down in the financing convention: one payment on presentation of the deposit invoice;
- if it amounts to 25% or less of the amount laid down in the financing convention: two payments of 15% each on

presentation of the deposit invoice and payment of the remaining amount halfway through the performance period;

- if it amounts from 25% to 35% of the amount laid down in the financing convention: three payments of 15 % each on presentation of the deposit invoice; a payment of 10% halfway through the performance period and payment of the remaining amount at the end of that specific performance period.

5.3 The additional grant as well as the interest subsidy will be paid into the account of the credit provider.

5.4 The credit provider commits to transfer the total additional grant to the exporter. This commitment has been laid down in the financing convention.

5.5 In case of non execution of the contract, the grant will no longer be available.