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# Plug in Taxi Grant (PITG) Scheme - eligibility criteria

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# Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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## 2. Member State

UK

# 3. Department Responsible

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#### 4. Notification Number

2017/0588/UK - T40T

#### 5. Title

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#### 6. Products Concerned

The PITG will support the uptake of ultra-low emission taxis in the UK by providing funding for the purchase of individual ULEV taxis. A full GBER notification is also being made.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

#### 8. Main Content

The PITG will provide up to £50m of grant funding to support the purchase of individual purpose built ULEV taxis. The eligibility criteria for the PITG are similar to the UK's existing Plug in Car Grant (PICG) which was previously notified to the Commission (SA30741 (2011/N)).

For a ULEV taxi to be eligible to receive PITG support it must meet the specified eligibility criteria (attached).

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The PITG is designed to promote uptake of ultra low emission vehicles in the UK through enabling local taxi fleets to transition from using internal combustion engine vehicles by reducing the cost of purchasing a ULEV taxi, a key barrier to ULEV uptake. New ULEV taxis will to come to market from late 2017. These are substantially more expensive than the existing conventional taxi models (full detail is set out in the PITG GBER notfication). The PITG therefore seeks to address a fundamental barrier to taxi drivers transitioning to the ULEV taxis.

Expansion of the ULEV market is a key area for the UK to meet its green house gas (GHG) aspirations as set out in the UK document '2050 Pathways' and the European Document 'EU Transport GHG Routes to 2050'.

The objective is to enable purpose built ULEV taxis to become a credible alternative to internal combustion engine (ICE) equivalents, particularly diesel vehicles, and in doing so contribute significant environmental benefits, particularly improvements in urban air quality in major conurbations across the UK. This will enable each beneficiary of the scheme to reduce their own carbon and other pollutant outputs thereby contributing to the need to de-carbonise the vehicle fleet and improve air quality

This measure is a de facto technical specification linked to fiscal or financial measures affecting the consumption of products or services by encouraging compliance with those specifications, requirements or rules (point (iii) of point (f) of Article 1 (1) of Directive 2015/1535/EU) and therefore no standstill period is required.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists
11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
12. Grounds for the Emergency -
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures Yes
15. Impact assessment
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT aspect
No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade
SPS aspect
No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade
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