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Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS) – Claims deadlines are approaching

The TBESS was introduced to support businesses with increases in their electricity or natural gas (energy) costs during the winter months. TBESS provides qualifying businesses with up to 40% of the increase in electricity or gas bills up to €10,000 per month. It is administered by Revenue, backdated to September, and will run until at least February 2023.

Businesses should be aware that the window for September claims will close at the end of January. Claims from October onwards can be made after this point within the monthly deadlines.

More: [Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme \(TBESS\) - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Applications open for a new round of tariff suspension/quota schemes

The Government has announced a new round of the tariff suspension/quota schemes and is calling for applications from manufacturers in the industrial, agricultural, and related sectors.

The tariff suspension scheme offers the possibility for companies to import raw materials, components or intermediate products from outside the European Union free from tariff duty if the item cannot be sourced in the EU/Turkey.

The suspension of duties on these applications, if they are successful, will come into effect on 1 January 2024.

Deadline for applications is 5.30pm on Tuesday, 31 January 2023. Applications should be sent by email to tariffschemas@enterprise.gov.ie and posted to Hillery Brosnan, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment at 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 TD30.

More: [Minister Calleary announces new round of tariff suspension/quota schemes - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Consultation on the proposed EU AI Liability Directive

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is seeking views from stakeholders on the proposal for a Directive on adapting non-contractual civil liability rules to artificial intelligence (AI).

Submissions should be marked 'Consultation on the AI Liability Directive' and emailed to digitaleconomy@enterprise.gov.ie.

The deadline for receipt of submissions is close of business on 20 January 2023.

Have your say: [Public consultation on the proposed EU AI Liability Directive - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Webinar - Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

The EU has published the new [Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive](#) and the [mandatory reporting standards](#) on environmental, social and governance matters which many Irish based companies will have to meet from 1 January 2024.

To explain the new Directive and standards in more detail, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment will hold a webinar on Thursday 26 January 2022 between 10am - 12pm.

Register for the webinar: [Webinar on new rules for EU non-financial reporting - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Changes to employment permit system

The Government has announced changes to the employment permits system for workers from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to address skills shortages in Ireland's Dairy, Transport and Home Care sectors.

Employers will be eligible to apply for the employment permits once they have run the required advertisements for 28 days. Current processing time for employment permits is between four and eight business days.

More: [Minister English announces measures to address skill shortages in agriculture, transport and home care sectors - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Up to €13.3 million approved for three DTIF projects

Three innovative projects have been approved funding of up to €13.3 million in the second tranche of awards under the fourth round of the Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF) by the Government. The winning projects include:

- A preclinically validated solution to enable treatment of greater than 90% of patients with leaking heart valves.
- BioVas Microvascular vessel wall Intervention for vein closure in Venous Leg Ulceration DTIF.
- Closed-loop, whole-cycle approach to reducing the carbon footprint of livestock.

This brings the total allocation of DTIF funding to over €288 million, with over €165 million (57%) of the funding awarded to project partners outside of Dublin.

More: [Tánaiste announces funding of up to €13.3 million for three innovative projects - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)