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Introduction

The NOx Fund can provide operating support to companies that use urea or other NOx-reducing reactants in abatement systems to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions. The scheme aims to ensure that installed abatement systems maintain high cleaning efficiency and are actively used over time.

Support is granted retrospectively based on documented urea consumption and purchase, and applications must be made after consumption has taken place. Applications are assessed in accordance with the applicable rules, support rates and documentation requirements at the time of application.

This chapter describes the conditions, support rates and documentation requirements for support for urea consumption on ships and mobile rigs, as well as guidelines for assessing support for urea and other NOx reactants in land-based industry.

Urea on ships and rigs

Operating support is given for urea used in SCR systems on ships and mobile rigs. Support is granted retrospectively following documented purchase of urea and retroactively for up to 3 years from the delivery date. No advance commitment of support is given.

The support rate is:

- NOK 6.00 per kilo of urea with a delivery date from and including 1 November 2023
- NOK 9.00 per kilo of urea with a delivery date from and including 1 May 2023 up to and including 31 October 2023
- NOK 15.00 per kg of urea with a delivery date from and including 1 October 2022 to 30 April 2023
- NOK 7.50 per kg of urea with a delivery date from and including 1 April to 30 September 2022
- NOK 2.50 per kg of urea with a delivery date before 1 April 2022

The maximum support is 60% of the cost for applications received in 2025. From 2026 onwards, the maximum support share is reduced to 50%.

The conditions for receiving support for urea consumption are that:

- The urea is used in NOx-tax-liable operations.
- The vessel is not subject to government-imposed Tier III requirements in the North Sea ECA (such vessels will not receive support for urea consumption within the ECA area). An exception applies to vessels that have received support from the NOx Fund for engine replacement and SCR systems.
- All urea has been consumed before support is applied for.
- The company does not have the costs covered by a customer or any other party.
- Emission measurements and service have been carried out in accordance with the measurement and service requirements applicable to SCR systems.
- Emission measurement shows that the SCR systems maintain the reduction rate they are designed for.
- Emission measurement every 5 years shows that the NH3 value is below 40 ppm. If accredited emission measurements show the requirement is not met, prepare a service report documenting that the NH3 value is under control. A new accredited measurement on the relevant engine and emission parameter also serves as satisfactory documentation.

Urea in land-based industry

Operating support for urea or other NOx reactants used in land-based industry, with NACE codes as referred to in the NOx Agreement (17.1, 19.2, 20, 23.5, 23.9, 24.1 and 24.4), is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

In general, operating support is not given for costs that can be incorporated into the product price.