

Road haulage companies for hire or reward - Contributions for the renewal of the vehicle fleet - Submission of applications

1 INTRODUCTION

With Ministerial Decree 7.8.2025 no. 203, published in the *Official Gazette* no. 20.10.2025 no. 244 and entered into force on the same day, further incentives have been provided, in the form of contributions, for the renewal of the vehicle fleet of road haulage companies for third parties, through investments in more eco-sustainable vehicles and elimination of the most obsolete ones, with a total allocation of 19 million euros.

By means of the subsequent Ministerial Decree 4.12.2025 no. 470, published in the *Official Gazette* no. 289 of 13.12.2025, the further implementing provisions of the facility have been established, in particular the methods and terms for submitting applications for contributions and reporting on the investment.

2 BENEFICIARIES

Road haulage companies for goods on behalf of third parties can access the contributions in question:

- active on the Italian territory;
- whose main activity is that of road transport of goods, ATECO code 49.41;
- registered in the National Electronic Register (R.E.N.) and in the national register of road hauliers of goods on behalf of third parties.

Corporate structures resulting from the aggregation of the aforementioned companies, established in the form of cooperatives, consortia and consortium companies, can also apply.

3 ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS AND AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

In relation to the acquisition, also through financial lease, of:

- new factory commercial vehicles with alternative CNG, hybrid (diesel/electric) and electric (*full electric*) traction with a total mass at full load equal to or greater than 3.5 tons and up to 7 tons and electric traction vehicles over 7 tons, a contribution of
 - € 4,000.00 for each CNG and hybrid engine vehicle;
 - €14,000.00 for each electric vehicle with a total laden mass equal to or greater than 3.5 tonnes and up to 7 tonnes;
 - €24,000.00 for each electric vehicle with a mass of more than 7 tonnes;
- new factory commercial vehicles with alternative hybrid traction (diesel/electric), CNG methane and LNG liquefied natural gas, with a total laden mass of more than 7 tonnes, a contribution of more than 7 tonnes is envisaged:
 - € 9,000.00 for each vehicle with a total laden mass of more than 7 tons and up to 16 tons;
 - € 24,000.00 for each vehicle with a mass of more than 16 tons;
- devices suitable for the conversion of combustion engine vehicles with a total mass of up to 3.5 tons into electric vehicles for the transport of goods, a contribution equal to 40% of the eligible costs, including the device and the equipment, is envisaged, with a maximum ceiling of 2,000.00 euros.

3.1 SCRAPPING OF PREVIOUS VEHICLES

To companies that, at the same time as the acquisition of an alternative fuel vehicle, also demonstrate that the deregistration for scrapping has taken place:

- for vehicles of a class lower than Euro VI *step* E or Euro 6 E or Euro 6 E-bis, with a mass equivalent to the new vehicle acquired, there is an increase in the contribution of € 1,000.00 for each scrapped vehicle;

- of a vehicle belonging to the Euro IV or Euro 4 class or lower, the increase in the contribution is equal to € 2,500.00 if the scrapped vehicle has a mass equal to or greater than 3.5 tons and up to 7 tons, to € 5,000.00 if the scrapped vehicle has a mass greater than 7 tons and up to 16 tons and to € 10,000.00 if the scrapped vehicle has a mass greater than 16 tons. These increases apply until the overall ceiling of € 380,000.00 is reached, after which the increase of € 1,000.00 is applied for each scrapped vehicle.

Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 7 tonnes

In relation to the deregistration for scrapping of vehicles with a total laden mass exceeding 7 tonnes with the simultaneous acquisition, also through financial lease, of new commercial vehicles, used for the transport of goods with a total laden mass exceeding 7 tonnes, complying with the Euro VI anti-pollution standard *step E*, the contribution is equal to € 7,000.00 for each vehicle with a total laden mass of more than 7 tons and up to 16 tons and € 15,000.00 for each vehicle with a total laden mass of more than 16 tons.

In the event that the scrapped vehicle has Euro IV class or lower, the contribution is equal to € 12,000.00 for each vehicle with a total laden mass of more than 7 tons and up to 16 tons and € 25,000.00 for each vehicle with a total laden mass of more than 16 tons. These contributions are recognized up to the total ceiling of 4 million euros, after which the contribution of 7,000.00 or 15,000.00 euros indicated above is applied.

Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 3.5 to 7 tonnes

In relation to the acquisition of Euro 6 E, Euro 6 E-bis and Euro VI *step E light commercial vehicles*, the contribution is € 3,000.00 for each commercial vehicle with a mass equal to or greater than 3.5 tons and up to 7 tons, with the simultaneous scrapping of vehicles of the same mass.

In the event that the scrapped vehicle has Euro IV or Euro 4 class or lower, the contribution is € 5,500.00 for each commercial vehicle with a mass equal to or greater than 3.5 tons and up to 7 tons, with the simultaneous scrapping of vehicles of the same mass. This contribution applies until the total ceiling of 4 million euros is reached, after which the contribution of 3,000.00 euros indicated above is applied.

Scrapped vehicle availability

The scrapped vehicle, whatever the pollution class, must have been held in ownership or for other reasons for at least one year prior to 20.10.2025 (date of entry into force of Ministerial Decree 7.8.2025 no. 203).

3.2 ACQUISITION OF TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS OR EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIFIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Contributions are also provided in relation to investments concerning:

- acquisitions, including through financial leases, of new trailers and semi-trailers for combined rail and sea transport;
- trailers, semi-trailers or equipment for specific motor vehicles over 7 tonnes fitted out for transport to be carried out in accordance with agreements on the national and international transport of perishable foodstuffs;
- the replacement, in trailers, semi-trailers or specific motor vehicles over 7 tons set up for transport to be carried out in accordance with the agreements on the national and international transport of perishable foodstuffs, of the refrigerated/heating units installed, if they do not comply with the required environmental *standards*.

3.3 ACQUISITION OF INTERMODAL TRANSPORT CONTAINERS

Contributions are also provided in relation to the acquisition of containers for the intermodal transport of hazardous liquids.

3.4 SURCHARGE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES AND BUSINESS NETWORKS

The contributions in question are increased by 10% in the case of acquisitions made by small and medium-sized enterprises, or by companies belonging to a network of companies, where the interested parties expressly request it in the application for admission to the benefit.

The aforementioned increases are cumulative.

3.5 MAXIMUM LIMIT

In any case, the investments eligible for contributions cannot exceed the amount of 550,000.00 euros per single company.

3.6 NON-CUMULATION

The contributions in question may not be combined, for the same types of investments and for the same eligible costs, with other public subsidies, including those granted on a "*de minimis*" basis.

4 SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The submission of applications, aimed at booking the benefit in relation to the resources available for each type of investment, must take place:

- using the application form available on the website of the managing body RAM Logistica, infrastrutture e trasporti S.p.a. (RAM), at the address <http://www.ramspa.it> in the Section dedicated to the incentive "Investments XII edition" (<https://www.ramspa.it/investimenti-xii-edizione>), where information is available for its compilation and an IT support for the guided compilation; the "editable pdf" computer form must be completed and saved without further scanning and signed with a digital signature by the legal representative or attorney of the company;
- attaching the required documentation, for example:
 - copy of the vehicle purchase contract entered into as of 21.10.2025 or, failing that, copy of the purchase estimate signed for acceptance by the legal representative of the company also starting from 21.10.2025;
 - in the case of a financial lease, a copy of the cost estimate accepted by the legal representative of the company starting from 21.10.2025;
- exclusively by certified e-mail of the applicant company and addressed to ram.investimenti2026@legalmail.it;
- starting from 10.00 a.m. on 17.12.2025 and until 4.00 p.m. on 16.1.2026; for the purposes of forming the order of booking the incentive, the date and time of sending the application via PEC will be valid.

The company can submit only one application for access to the incentives, containing all the investments, even for more than one type.

Companies that have not completed the previous request for incentive

Companies that had submitted the request for contribution based on the previous edition of the incentive can also submit the aforementioned application, on the basis of Ministerial Decree 6.8.2024 no. 208 and Ministerial Decree 20.11.2024 no. 537 (applications submitted from 10.00 a.m. on 16.12.2024 and until 4.00 p.m. on 17.1.2025) and which, having not cancelled the same, have not then provided for the necessary reporting phase (which was to take place starting from 10.00 a.m. on 17.2.2025 and by 4.00 p.m. on 19.9.2025).

4.1 CANCELLATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF THE APPLICATION

Possibly:

- cancel the application previously submitted, reporting as the subject of the PEC the wording "request for cancellation of application no.";
- at the same time as the cancellation of the application submitted, submit a new application, reporting as the subject of the PEC the wording "cancellation of application and new submission", but this involves the acquisition of a new position at the end of the ranking; in no case will the second application be taken into consideration without the cancellation of the first.

4.2 AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

On the aforementioned website of the RAM operator it is possible to consult the "counters" of the available sums, updated periodically.

If the IT system detects that financial resources have been exhausted, applications may continue to be submitted, but will be accepted subject to reservation in the event of a subsequent availability of resources.

4.3 PUBLICATION OF THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

Following the submission of the applications and the preliminary investigation carried out by the RAM operator, the list of applications that are regular, according to the order of booking, will be published on the relevant website by 16.3.2026.

This list constitutes the order of priority acquired and remains valid pending the investigation of the subsequent reporting phase and until it is updated following any scrolling.

5 PROOF OF INVESTMENT COMPLETION

In order to complete the request for the facilitation, the subjects who have submitted the request for the reservation of resources (including those accepted with reservations) are required to provide:

- proof of the completion of the investment;
- documentary proof of full payment of the price through the production of the relevant duly receipted invoice;
- proof that the acquired assets possess the required technical characteristics, through the presentation of the appropriate documentation, as detailed in Ministerial Decree 4.12.2025 no. 470.

Acquisition through finance lease

Where the acquisition of the assets is completed through a financial lease contract, it is necessary to produce:

- the *leasing contract*;
- documentation proving payment of the fees due on the closing date of the report.

Proof of payment of the aforementioned fees can be provided alternatively:

- with the invoice issued to the user by the *leasing* company, duly receipted;
- or with a copy of the receipt of bank transfers made by the user in favor of the aforementioned company.

5.1 REPORTING METHODS AND TERMS

The aforementioned reporting activity must be carried out:

- starting from 10.00 a.m. on 18.3.2026 and by 4.00 p.m. on 9.10.2026;
- using the special IT platform that will be published on the website of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (<http://www.mit.gov.it/temi/trasporti/autotrasporto-merci/documentazione>) and on the website of the RAM operator (<http://www.ramspa.it>, in the section dedicated to the "Investments XII edition" incentive).

The credentials for accessing the computer system will be sent to the PEC address of the company that submitted the application.

5.2 RECOGNITION OF THE 10% SURCHARGE

For the purposes of recognition of the 10% increase, if it has been expressly requested in the application, the following must be provided during the reporting:

- for small and medium-sized enterprises, the self-declaration drawn up pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/2000, certifying the number of work units employed (AWU) and the volume of turnover achieved in the last tax year;
- for companies belonging to a network of companies, a copy of the network contract drawn up in the forms referred to in art. 3 paragraph 4-ter of Decree-Law 5/2009.

5.3 WAIVER OF THE APPLICATION

The company that does not intend to make the booked investment is required to cancel the application for the contribution:

- by sending a specific request to the PEC address ram.investimenti2026@legalmail.it;
- by the aforementioned deadline for closing the report (4.00 p.m. on 9.10.2026), in order to allow the correct scrolling of the ranking list to subsequent applicants, based on the order in which the application was submitted.

5.4 APPLICATION REFINEMENT

Only after the completion of the report, the application made by reservation can be considered completed.

5.5 FAILURE TO REPORT

Applications that are not reported within the terms described, even without a request for cancellation, will automatically lapse, thus freeing up resources and determining the scrolling of the ranking.

6 EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS AND GRANTING OF THE CONTRIBUTION

The applications submitted and the related documentation will be examined according to the chronological order of submission.

For the purposes of recognising the contribution actually due to each company, the costs reported and the existence of the requirements for investments by each company will be verified.

The contributions will be granted, on the basis of the order in which the applications are submitted, until the resources available for each type of investment are exhausted.

Transfer of the availability of assets

The contribution will not be disbursed in the event of transfer of the availability of the assets subject to the incentives in the period between the date of submission of the application and the date of payment of the benefit.

7 MAINTENANCE OF THE SUBSIDIZED INVESTMENT

The assets acquired cannot be alienated, leased or leased and must remain at the full disposal of the beneficiary of the contribution until 30.3.2029, under penalty of revocation of the contribution paid.