STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 957

ELECTRICITY

The Feed-in Tariffs (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Order 2020

Made - - - - 2nd September 2020
Laid before Parliament 8th September 2020
Coming into force - - 30th September 2020

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 43(3)(a) and 104(2) of the Energy Act 2008(1), makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Feed-in Tariffs (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Order 2020 and comes into force on 30th September 2020.

Amendment to the Feed-in Tariffs Order 2012

2. The Feed-in Tariffs Order 2012(2) is amended in accordance with articles 3 to 6.

Amendment to article 7A (accreditation on or after 1st April 2019)

- **3.**—(1) Article 7A is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2)(b)(ii)(bb), for "on or before 30th September 2020" substitute "within the period of 24 months beginning with the date on which the Authority received the application for pre-registration,".

Amendment to article 8B (the application limit)

- **4.**—(1) Article 8B is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (4)(b)(iii)(bb), for "on or before 30th September 2020" substitute "within the period of 24 months beginning with the date on which the Authority received the application for pre-registration,".

^{(1) 2008} c. 32

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2012/2782 as amended by S.I. 2015/2045, S.I. 2018/1380 and S.I. 2020/375. There are other amendments not relevant to this Order.

Amendment to article 9 (preliminary accreditation)

- **5.**—(1) Article 9 is amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph (8ZA), substitute—
 - "(8ZA) Where under paragraph (8)(b) or (c) preliminary accreditation would otherwise cease to be valid on or after 1st March 2020, preliminary accreditation shall be valid—
 - (a) for wind and anaerobic digestion installations, for 24 months beginning with the date on which the application for preliminary accreditation was treated as received by the Authority; and
 - (b) for hydro generating stations, for 36 months beginning with the date on which the application for preliminary accreditation was treated as received by the Authority.".
- (3) For paragraph (8AA), substitute—
 - "(8AA) Where under paragraph (8A) preliminary accreditation would otherwise cease to be valid on or after 1st March 2020, preliminary accreditation shall be valid—
 - (a) for solar photovoltaic installations, for 24 months beginning with the date on which the application for preliminary accreditation was treated as received by the Authority;
 - (b) for wind and anaerobic digestion installations, for 30 months beginning with the date on which the application for preliminary accreditation was treated as received by the Authority; and
 - (c) for hydro generating stations, for 42 months beginning with the date on which the application for preliminary accreditation was treated as received by the Authority.".

Amendment to article 11 (pre-registration of community energy installations)

- **6.**—(1) Article 11 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (4)(b), for "until 30th September 2020" substitute "for 24 months beginning with the date on which the Authority received the application for pre-registration".

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Growth
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial
Strategy

2nd September 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Feed-in Tariffs Order 2012.

This Order extends the deadlines by which applications for accreditation can be made for certain eligible installations under the Feed-in Tariffs Order 2012.

Microgeneration Certification Scheme scale community energy installations that pre-registered between 1st March 2019 and 31st March 2019 are given an additional twelve months, to commission and apply for accreditation.

ROO-FIT scale installations whose preliminary accreditation validity period would otherwise end on or after 1st March 2020 are given an additional twelve months to commission and apply for accreditation.

An explanatory memorandum is available with this Order on www.legislation.gov.uk.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no adverse impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.