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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Electricity (Guarantees of Origin of Electricity  
Produced from Renewable Energy Sources)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**Recognition of guarantees of origin**

9.—(1) A competent authority shall recognise a guarantee of origin issued by the Authority under regulation 6(1).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), or if, following a refusal to recognise a guarantee of origin under paragraph (3), it is required to do so by the Commission of the European Communities acting pursuant to Article 5(4) of the Directive, a competent authority shall recognise a guarantee of origin issued pursuant to Article 5(1) of the Directive in another Member State or Great Britain.

(3) A competent authority shall refuse to recognise a guarantee of origin issued in another Member State or Great Britain –

- (a) if it has been requested to refuse such recognition by the non-Northern Ireland authority which issued or supervised the issue of that guarantee of origin; or
- (b) if it is satisfied that such refusal is necessary for the prevention of fraud or that the guarantee of origin was mistakenly issued.

(4) Where a competent authority has recognised a guarantee of origin in accordance with paragraph (2), it shall withdraw that recognition –

- (a) if it has been requested by the non-Northern Ireland authority which issued or supervised the issue of that guarantee of origin to refuse or withdraw such recognition; or
- (b) if it is satisfied that such withdrawal of recognition is necessary for the prevention of fraud or that the guarantee of origin was mistakenly issued.

(5) Paragraphs (2), (3)(b) and (4)(b) impose no obligation on a competent authority to satisfy itself that a guarantee of origin issued in another Member State or Great Britain has been properly issued.

(6) Recognition by a competent authority of a guarantee of origin issued under regulation 6(1) or in another Member State or Great Britain shall be in such form as that competent authority may determine.