
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 301

**The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive
Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

PART 4

AUTHORISATION OF METERING ARRANGEMENTS

Authorisation applications

23.—(1) Where the owner of a plant (“plant A”) is required by regulation 17(2)(e) or 42(4) to make an authorisation application, that application must be made in accordance with this regulation.

(2) An authorisation application in respect of plant A must not be made before an accreditation application is made in respect of plant A.

(3) A person who makes an authorisation application to the Department will provide it with -

- (a) details of the metering arrangement;
- (b) if eligible meters are positioned in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) of regulation 15, or paragraph (3) or (4) of regulation 16, evidence from the certified installer who was responsible for, or checked, the installation of the meters explaining why the heat output from plant A cannot be metered separately from the heat output from another plant (“plant B”);
- (c) if eligible meters are positioned in accordance with paragraph (4) of regulation 15, or paragraph (4) of regulation 16, evidence from the certified installer who was responsible for, or checked, the installation of the meters explaining why the heat output from plant B cannot be metered separately from the heat output from plant A;
- (d) if eligible meters are positioned in accordance with paragraph (5) of regulation 16, evidence that plant A is a heat pump which is capable of providing heating as well as cooling; and
- (e) any other information which the Department may request in order to enable it to consider the authorisation application.

Powers of the Department when considering an authorisation application

24. The Department may—

- (a) arrange for a site inspection to be carried out by the Department or its authorised agent;
- (b) request that information about the meters be provided from a certified installer who was responsible for, or checked, the installation of the meters;
- (c) if information is provided by the person making the authorisation application, request evidence that the accuracy of the information is verified by the certified installer who was responsible for, or checked, the installation of the meters.

Authorisation

25.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies, the Department must—

- (a) give authorisation for the metering arrangement; and
- (b) notify the applicant that the authorisation application has been successful.

(2) This paragraph applies if the Department is satisfied that—

- (a) all eligible meters located in accordance with the metering arrangement are positioned in accordance with the relevant paragraph of regulations 15 or 16;
- (b) the requirements set out in paragraph (3) are met; and
- (c) the requirements set out in paragraphs (4) to (6) are met as applicable.

(3) The requirements set out in this paragraph are that the location and type of eligible meters identified in the metering arrangement will or would if the plant (“plant A”) were given accreditation, enable sufficient information to be gathered for the Department to calculate plant A's eligible metered heat in a way that will not result in RHI payments which are materially greater than if eligible meters were installed in accordance with regulation 15(2) (for biomass plants), or 16(2) (for heat pumps).

(4) The requirements set out in this paragraph are that, if eligible meters are positioned in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) of regulation 15, or paragraph (3) or (4) of regulation 16, the heat output from plant A cannot be metered separately from the heat output from another plant (“plant B”).

(5) The requirements set out in this paragraph are that, if eligible meters are installed in accordance with paragraph (4) of regulation 15, or paragraph (4) of regulation 16—

- (a) eligible meters cannot be installed to separately record the heat output from plant B; and
- (b) other measurements recorded by eligible meters can be used to calculate the heat output from plant A.

(6) The requirements set out in this paragraph are that, if eligible meters are installed in accordance with paragraph (5) of regulation 16, plant A is a heat pump which is capable of providing heating as well as cooling.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, PART 4.