
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Great Britain, amend the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2011 (“the 2011 Regulations”) to introduce new requirements relating to emissions from plant generating heat from solid biomass, to introduce new metering provisions, and to make various incidental and miscellaneous amendments.

Regulation 4 extends the scheme to cleaning and drying carried on otherwise than in a building.

Regulation 5 introduces a requirement for plants generating heat from solid biomass to have an applicable RHI emission certificate. Similar requirements are imposed on CHP plants by regulation 8.

Regulation 6 introduces requirements for RHI emission certificates.

Regulation 13 introduces new metering requirements for new accreditations.

Regulation 15 introduces a new provision allowing accredited RHI installations to be moved to a new location.

Regulation 17 amends the ongoing obligations in relation to emissions from biomass.

Regulation 22 introduces new provisions for the calculation of periodic support payments for plants to which the new metering requirements apply.

Regulation 23 introduces new provisions relating to disregarding heat loss, or the calculation of heat loss in certain circumstances.

Regulations 25 and 26 amend the 2011 Regulations in relation to enforcement.

Regulation 27 introduces a new Schedule A1 which sets out requirements for RHI emission certificates.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Department of Energy and Climate Change at 3 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2AW and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.