

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Order makes provision for no new renewables obligation certificates (ROCs) to be issued under a renewables obligation order in respect of electricity generated by a large onshore wind generating station after 31st March 2016 unless the electricity is generated in any one of the circumstances provided for in this Order.

Article 2 defines a large onshore wind generating station as an onshore wind generating station where the total installed capacity of the station is more than 5 megawatts.

Article 3 prevents ROCs from being issued for electricity generated by a large onshore wind station after 31st March 2016. A number of exemptions to this restriction on the issue of ROCs are set out in Articles 4 to 12.

Article 5 sets out exceptions for large onshore wind stations accredited or additional capacity added between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017.

Article 6 sets out exceptions for large onshore wind stations accredited or additional capacity added on or before 31st March 2017 where the approved development condition is met.

Article 7 sets out exceptions for large onshore wind stations accredited or additional capacity added between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 where the approved development condition and the grid or radar delay condition are met.

Article 8 sets out exceptions for large onshore wind stations accredited or additional capacity added between 1st April 2017 and 31st December 2017 where the approved development condition and the investment freezing condition are met.

Article 9 sets out exceptions for large onshore wind stations accredited or additional capacity added between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2018 where the approved development condition, the investment freezing condition and the grid or radar delay condition are met.

Article 10 specifies the grid or radar delay condition documents that must be provided to the Authority by a large onshore wind station with the application for accreditation of the station.

Article 11 specifies the approved development condition documents that must be provided to the Authority by a large onshore wind station with the application for accreditation of the station.

Article 12 specifies the investment freezing condition documents that must be provided to the authority by a large onshore wind station with the application for accreditation of the station.

An explanatory memorandum is available alongside this Order on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).