

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which apply to Northern Ireland, amend the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (the “Principal Regulations”). The Principal Regulations established a renewable heat incentive scheme for non-domestic use, under which owners of plants which generate heat from specified renewable sources and meet specified criteria may receive payments at prescribed tariffs for the heat used for eligible purposes. The Principal Regulations confer functions on the Department in connection with matters relating to the general administration of the schemes.

Regulations 5 and 6 amend regulation 36 in the Principal Regulations to introduce a tiered tariff and an annual cap of 400,000kWh for eligible heat payments for installations accredited before 18th November 2015 falling within the small or medium commercial biomass installations in Schedule 3A.

These Regulations will cease to have effect on 31st March 2018 as set out in regulation 1(3).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.