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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes provision for no renewables obligation certificates to be issued under a renewables obligation order in respect of electricity generated after 31st March 2017 unless the electricity is generated in any one or more of the circumstances provided for in the Order.

The circumstances set out in articles 4 and 5 relate to certain electricity generated by stations accredited on or before 31st March 2017.

The circumstances set out in article 6 relate to certain electricity generated by stations accredited on or before 31st March 2018 which experience a delay in their commissioning until after 31st March 2017 due to certain grid works or radar works.

The circumstances set out in article 7 relate to certain electricity generated by stations accredited on or before 31st March 2018 in respect of which an investment contract has been made and subsequently ceased to have effect by reason of certain specified events.

The circumstances set out in articles 8 and 12 relate to certain electricity generated by certain stations accredited on or before 30th September 2018 that have for at least one month generated electricity only using biomass. Article 12 relates to those stations that were certified under the Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance Standard before a particular date, and in respect of which the documents and information specified in article 13 were provided to the Authority on or before 31st October 2014 (or, if later, two months after the Order comes into force).

The circumstances set out in articles 9 and 10 relate to certain electricity generated by certain offshore wind generating stations, where the stations are situated in waters in or adjacent to Scotland or in any part of a Renewable Energy Zone in relation to which Scottish Ministers have functions<sup>(1)</sup>, and where the stations were accredited on or before 30th September 2018.

The circumstances set out in article 11 relate to certain electricity generated by certain offshore wind, gasification or pyrolysis generating stations accredited on or before 31st March 2018, in respect of which the documents and information specified in article 13 are provided to the Authority on or before 31st October 2014 (or, if later, two months after the Order comes into force).

An explanatory memorandum is available alongside this Order on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). An impact assessment has not been produced for this Order.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Renewable Energy Zone has the meaning given in section 84 of the Energy Act 2004 (c.20) as amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The part of the Renewable Energy Zone in relation to which Scottish Ministers have functions has been designated by [S.I. 2005/3153](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).