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**THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE
SCHEME REGULATIONS 2018**

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- 1. The name and address of the testing laboratory by which...
- 2. The name and signature of the person authorised by the...
- 3. The date of issue of the certificate together with a...
- 4. Where the testing laboratory is accredited to BS EN ISO/IEC...
- 5. The name, model, manufacturer and installation capacity of the plant...
- 6. The date of the testing.
- 7. Confirmation that emissions of NO_x and PM have been tested...
- 8. The requirements of this paragraph are that testing is carried...
- 9. The requirements of this paragraph are that—
- 10. Confirmation that the test was carried out at no less...

11. Confirmation that when tested as specified in paragraphs 7 to...
12. The actual emissions of PM and NO_x measured when the...
13. A list of— (a) the types of fuel used during...
14. The moisture content of the fuel used during testing and...
15. A statement indicating whether or not the plant tested was...
16. A list of plants, other than the plant tested, in...

SCHEDULE 2 — Information required for accreditation or registration

1. (1) This Schedule specifies the information that may be required...

SCHEDULE 3 — Greenhouse gas criteria

1. Solid biomass, biogas or biomethane meets the greenhouse gas criteria...
2. Lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions are to be calculated as follows—...
3. For the purposes of paragraph 2— (a) η_h is the...
4. In this Schedule— “actual value method” means the method set...

SCHEDULE 4 — Land criteria

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1. In this Schedule, material is added to solid biomass for...
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3. For the purposes of this Schedule— (a) solid biomass was...
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4. Solid biomass which is wood or wholly derived from wood...
5. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 4, solid biomass which...
6. Material added to solid biomass for an exempt purpose shall...
7. For the purposes of paragraph 5, “Forest Europe Sustainable Forest...
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8. Solid biomass which is not wood or derived wholly from...
9. Material added to solid biomass for an exempt purpose shall...
10. Solid biomass is obtained from a protected source if it...
11. This paragraph applies if the production of the solid biomass...
12. This paragraph applies if the cultivation and harvesting of the...

SCHEDULE 5 — Information to be provided to the Authority where solid biomass is
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1. This Schedule specifies the information that a participant is required...
2. The information is information identifying— (a) the material from which...
3. The information specified in paragraph 2 must be collated by...

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Explanatory Note