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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1234**

**The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Regulations 2017**

**Amendments to Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009**

**14.**—(1) Article 46 (information to be provided to the Authority where electricity is generated from biomass) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (4)—

- (a) at the end of sub-paragraph (d) omit “and”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (e)(v) for “softwood.” substitute “softwood; and”;
- (c) after sub-paragraph (e) insert—
  - “(f) where the biomass was bioliquid used in a generating station on or after 1st January 2018, its energy content produced from each of the following categories of crop—
    - (i) starch-rich crops;
    - (ii) sugars;
    - (iii) oil crops;
    - (iv) any other crops grown as a main crop primarily for energy purposes on agricultural land.”.

(3) In paragraph (10)—

- (a) at the end of the definition of “protected or threatened species” omit “and”;
- (b) in the definition of “saw log” for “sawmill.” substitute “sawmill; and”;
- (c) after the definition of “saw log” insert—
  - ““starch-rich crops” includes—
    - (a) cereals (regardless of whether only the grains are used or the whole plant (such as in the case of green maize) is used);
    - (b) tubers and root crops (such as potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes, cassava and yams); and
    - (c) corm crops (such as taro and cocoyam).”.