
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive
Scheme and Renewable Heat Incentive
Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

PART 3

Amendment of the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2018

CHAPTER 9

Amendment of Schedules

Amendment of Schedule 2 (information required for accreditation or registration)

- 37.** In Schedule 2 (information required for accreditation or registration)—
- (a) in the heading, after “for” insert “modification of installation capacity, extension applications,”;
 - (b) in the Schedule reference—
 - (i) after “Regulations” insert “3B”;
 - (ii) after “34” insert “, 52A”;
 - (c) in paragraph 1(2)(z)(v)(bb), omit “22 or”.

Insertion of Schedule 2A

- 38.** After Schedule 2 (information required for accreditation or registration)—

“Schedule 2A

Regulation 3B

Evidence to support extension application

Evidence requirements

1.—(1) This Schedule specifies the evidence that an applicant must provide to the Authority to support an extension application.

(2) One item of primary evidence will be considered sufficient evidence to satisfy the Authority that significant capital or significant human or material resource has been invested in project development.

(3) Where primary evidence cannot be provided to support an extension application, the following secondary evidence will be considered sufficient—

- (a) two items of Category A evidence; or
- (b) one item of Category A evidence and one item of Category B evidence.

- (4) Two items of Category B evidence will not be considered sufficient.
- (5) All evidence must be dated on or before 17th August 2020.
- (6) Evidence which must be both signed and dated must be signed and dated on or before 17th August 2020.

Primary evidence

- 2. For the purposes of paragraph 1(2), the items of primary evidence are—
 - (a) signed and dated contract held between two parties for the construction of the plant;
 - (b) dated evidence of funding secured for the plant, such as a signed loan, funding agreement or similar;
 - (c) dated evidence that signed heat supply agreements are in place with heat consumers on a heat network;
 - (d) signed and dated fuel supply contract for the plant;
 - (e) dated acceptance of an offer to connect with the local network operator;
 - (f) dated invoices for construction works relating to the plant;
 - (g) dated invoices for the purchase and installation of equipment relating to the plant;
 - (h) dated invoices for the commissioning of pre-build development work relating to the plant;
 - (i) dated grant of, or application for, planning permission from the relevant planning authority;
 - (j) dated evidence from the relevant planning authority that planning permission is not required.

Secondary evidence (Category A)

- 3. For the purposes of paragraph 1(3)(a), the items of Category A evidence are—
 - (a) dated correspondence to the relevant planning authority seeking confirmation that the plant does not require planning permission;
 - (b) a dated enquiry to the local network operator about the grid connection of the plant;
 - (c) detailed, dated evidence (which can be from within the applicant's organisation) that the applicant has allocated funding for the development of the plant;
 - (d) dated evidence that an estimated cost of works has been provided to the applicant.

Secondary evidence (Category B)

- 4. For the purposes of paragraph 1(3)(b), the items of Category B evidence are—
 - (a) dated feasibility studies;
 - (b) detailed, dated architectural drawings of the site showing the location of the plant;
 - (c) detailed dated system schematics or technical drawings of the plant;
 - (d) dated evidence of a room-by-room heat loss assessment;
 - (e) dated evidence of intended heat use.

Estimated cost of works

5.—(1) For the purpose of paragraph 3(d), an estimated cost of works must contain the information required by this paragraph.

(2) The information does not need to be contained in a single document but may be contained in multiple documents.

(3) An estimated cost of works must contain—

- (a) the legal identity and address of the person providing the estimated cost of works;
- (b) the project name; and
- (c) the proposed location of the plant.

(4) In addition, an estimated cost of works must contain at least 7 of the following pieces of information—

- (a) the source of energy, technology and proposed installation capacity (in kWth) of the plant;
- (b) key contract terms;
- (c) itemised list of goods to be supplied and itemised list of costs for these goods;
- (d) itemised list of services (including survey, design and installation) and itemised list of costs for these services;
- (e) a statement of the items and services that are not included;
- (f) a statement of the site conditions or special circumstances which may result in extra chargeable work;
- (g) timetable for supplying goods and carrying out work at the site;
- (h) business terms, including the payment method and timetable, and how long the quote will be valid for;
- (i) completion dates for the plant;
- (j) performance estimate in line with product standards;
- (k) explanation of VAT specific to the plant;
- (l) carbon intensity comparisons specific to the plant;
- (m) illustrations of expected rates of return specific to the plant;
- (n) warranty statements.”.

Insertion of Schedule 4A

39. After Schedule 4 (land criteria) insert—

“SCHEDULE 4A

Regulation 47

Solid biomass which is wood: Criteria for woodfuel quality

1. This Schedule applies to solid biomass (excluding solid biomass contained in waste) which—

- (a) is woodfuel; and
- (b) is used to generate heat in an accredited RHI installation.

2. All wood pellets must meet the ENplus A1 standard⁽¹⁾ or an equivalent standard.

(1) Accessible through the ENplus website (<https://www.enplus-pellets.eu/en-in/>).

3. All other woodfuel must meet fuel quality standard EN 15234-1: 2011(2), ISO 9001: 2015(3) or EN ISO 17225-4: 2014(4) or an equivalent standard.

4. All woodfuel must be certified by the Woodsure Certification Scheme(5) or an equivalent certification scheme as meeting the standard in paragraph 2 or 3.

5. The certification scheme must provide assurance of the supply chain of the woodfuel.

6. In this Schedule, “woodfuel” means—

- (a) woodchip;
- (b) logs;
- (c) wood pellets; and
- (d) wood briquettes,

regardless of whether the wood will undergo any other process before burning.”

(2) Available at <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/cen/18307fb9-4548-40e6-8352-b7f0c462768e/en-15234-1-2011> .

(3) Available at <https://www.iso.org/standard/62085.html>.

(4) Available at <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/cen/aca5637-0946-4570-8613-eac7a6be6b27/en-iso-17225-1-2014> .

(5) Accessible through the Woodsure website (<https://woodsurre.co.uk/about-woodsurre/>).