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New Greenhouse Gas reporting regulations

New regulations to implement the GHG reporting elements of the Fuel Quality Directive were laid in Parliament on 6 December. They will come into force on 1 January 2013 and introduce new reporting requirements for fossil fuel suppliers including the energy content, amount and carbon intensity of fossil fuels.

RTFO Guidance Year 6 - Consultation

The Department launched its annual consultation on RTFO guidance for suppliers and verifiers for the 2012/13 obligation period. Amongst the changes are:

- A compliance policy setting out the process the Administrator will follow in requesting additional evidence in support of RTFC applications.
- How suppliers should comply with new greenhouse gas emissions reporting regulations and the expansion of the RTFO to include liquid fuels used in non-road mobile machinery (NRMM).

The Department is also publishing an independent report on the current animal fat (tallow) market, to assess the effect of double counting biodiesel produced from Category 1 tallow.

The consultation period begins today, 17 December and closes on 27 January. The final guidance should be available ahead of the next obligation year which begins on 15 April.

Copies of the consultation document and the report on tallow are available on the [Department's website](#).

UK Green Investment Bank

The first UK bank dedicated to greening the environment had its official opening on 28 November 2012. The bank will primarily be providing financial solutions to accelerate private

sector investment in the green economy. Further details are available on the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) [website](#).

NUTS2 report update

The NUTS2 Expert Steering Group met for the second time on 28th November to review a revised report. We expect to send the final report to the Commission for consideration very shortly. Use of the new data is subject to Commission approval of the report. In the meanwhile, suppliers should continue to use the [existing report](#).

Presentations from the NUTS2 workshops are available on the [Department's website](#).

Suppliers and verifiers meeting 9 January

The RTFO unit will be holding a meeting for suppliers and verifiers to discuss the year 6 guidance consultation. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes and provide feedback.

There will also be a separate meeting on 7 Feb at 2pm in GMH, London for stakeholders who will be affected by the new regulations which apply to the use of Non Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM). If you are interested in attending please email rtfo-compliance@dft.gsi.gov.uk

