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I, EAMON RYAN, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), and for the purpose of giving further effect to Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018¹ and Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014² as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 of the 23 June 2023³, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Renewable Energy) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations –

“Principal Regulations” means the European Union (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 365 of 2020).

Amendment to Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations

3. (1) Regulation 2(1) of the Principal Regulations is amended by: -

(a) the insertion of the following definition after the definition of biomass:

“Commission Regulation” means Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 of 23 June 2023.”

(b) substituting the definition of “small scale installations” for the following:

“small scale installations” means -

(i) projects for electricity generation or storage from renewable energy sources with installed capacity below or equal to 1 MW,

(ii) for renewable energy communities projects, 100 % SME-owned projects and demonstration projects – projects from

¹ OJ No. L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82

² OJ No. L 187, 26.6.2014, p.1

³ OJ No. L 167, 30.6.2023, p.1

renewable energy sources below or equal to 6 MW installed capacity or maximum demand, and

- (iii) for renewable energy communities projects and projects 100 % owned by micro or small enterprises – projects for wind generation only below or equal to 18 MW of installed capacity;

(2) The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Regulation 2(2) the following:

“(2) A word or expression that is used in these Regulations and is also used in the Directive or the Commission Regulation has, unless the context otherwise requires the same meaning in these Regulations as it has in the Directive, or as the case may be the Commission Regulation.”

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
19 December, 2024.

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EAMON RYAN,
Minister for the Environment,
Climate and Communications.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations amend and expand the definition of “small scale installations” as set out in S.I. No. 365/2020 to bring it up to date with Article 43 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 “GBER”. These Regulations provide for projects operating at the capacities targeted in the Small-Scale Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (SRESS).

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